

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 2, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson, and Anthony Jones. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, other staff and representatives of the media.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the January 27th Regular Meeting and February 10th Work Session minutes.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Dr. Charles Ruis, District Health Director Southwest Health District 8-2 to provide an update on the coronavirus also known as COVID-19. Hank Wilson Director of Emergency Preparedness also was in attendance. Dr. Ruis shared facts and encouraged individuals to take the flu shot to reduce the epidemic because the virus is spread via respiratory contact. The most common symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Cab Tractor with 7' Rotary Mower for the Public Works Department from the state contract vendor Flint AG & Turf Division (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$68,623.92. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI – Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Flex Wing 15' Rotary Mower for the Public Works Department from the state contract vendor Flint AG & Turf Division (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$20,311.06. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI – Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of two 2020 F-150 4x2 Super Crew Cab Trucks for the Public Works Department from Sunbelt Ford Town (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$62,820.40. The purchase will be “piggy-backed” from the City of Albany’s December 2019 award. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI – Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to complete Phase II of the Radium Springs Trailhead Project from the lowest most responsive and responsible vendor, HTS Construction of Albany, GA in the amount of \$284,544.69 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-010 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
ACCEPTANCE OF A BID FROM HTS CONSTRUCTION OF
ALBANY, GEORGIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,544.69 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMPLETING PHASE II OF THE RADIUM SPRINGS
TRAILHEAD PROJECT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposal for the Risk Management Program's Property/Liability & Workers Compensation Claims Third Party Administration from Underwriters Safety & Claims (Savannah, GA) for a three year contract with two one year options. The annual cost is \$69,045 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding will be budgeted in the Risk Management Fund.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-011 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE
OF A BID FROM UNDERWRITERS SAFETY & CLAIMS (SAVANNAH,
GEORGIA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,045.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
HANDLING THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT
PROGRAMS PROPERTY/LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION
CLAIMS THROUGH THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of two construction and permanent easements to the City of Albany for the purpose of allowing the City to plant trees and provide irrigation on property owned by Dougherty County in front of the National Guard Armory Building and Eleventh Avenue Park on North Monroe Street.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-012 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF
TWO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FROM DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO THE CITY OF ALBANY CONVEYING EASEMENTS ALONG
NORTH MONROE STREET BETWEEN 11TH AVENUE AND 8TH AVENUE;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution declaring the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction or disposal by appropriate means

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-013 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES;
PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME ON
VIA AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointment. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for Lisa Harrell, Dean of Academic Affairs, Albany Technical College, was accepted to replace Dr. Michara Delaney to the Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful (KADB) Board for a fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution supporting the requests of the Chehaw Park Authority for local legislation revising the former Act creating such Authority.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gaines. Resolution 20-014 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE CHEHAW PARK
AUTHORITY THAT THE ACT CREATING SUCH AUTHORITY
(GA. L. 1979,p. 4514) BE REVISED; THAT THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPPORTS THE
REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE ACT OTHER THAN THE REQUEST TO
REVISE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM NINE TO SEVEN;
THAT REQUEST FOR THE SAME SUPPORT BE SOUGHT FROM THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA;
REQUEST THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION INTRODUCE
A NEW ACT AT THE 2020 GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE SESSION; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Gray provided a friendly reminder about early voting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK