

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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April 13, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met via a video conferencing platform to be in compliance with the joint City of Albany/Dougherty County Executive Order to Shelter in Place on April 13, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners participating were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson, and Anthony Jones. Also participating were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the March 16th Regular Meeting and March 30th Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized Cornerstone Principals, Camila Knowles and Louie Perry to provide an update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Due to technical difficulties, it was proposed that the information be provided to the Chairman for distribution and discussion.

The Chairman recognized Elections Supervisor Ginger Nickerson to provide an update on the Absentee Ballot Applications and provide the new proposed election date. She shared that the Secretary of State changed the date of the Presidential Primary to June 9th and that there was a mass mailout of absentee ballots to active voters. Additional date changes and key information were provided.

The Chairman called for consideration of the ratification of a repair for the main water line in the Judicial Building from single source vendor MetroPower Plumbing (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$80,700. The cost includes complete replacement of the main water line to the Judicial Building and restoration of the sidewalk above the line. Funding will be provided from SPLOST VII – Judicial Building Improvements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was available. Mr. Addison stated that the line could no longer be repaired and needed to be replaced.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the replacement of the cooling tower fill and basin for the Department of Human Services (DHS) from RHC Heating and Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$66,903. Four vendors were contacted with two vendors submitting bids; the highest being \$118,972.45. Funding will be provided from the DHS Capital Fund Budget. Assistant

County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for an EMS Trauma Related Equipment reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$12,085.78 for use to purchase EMS Trauma Related Equipment. This is a 100% grant with no local match. EMS Director Sam Allen addressed.

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

Mr. McCoy announced that the County received a Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant in the amount of \$300,000.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK