

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on June 17, 2019. Vice Chairman Anthony Jones presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray and Lamar Hudgins. Chairman Christopher Cohilas and Commissioner Clinton Johnson were absent. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and representatives of the media.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Vice Chairman called for approval of the May 20 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Vice Chairman recognized Henry Thomas on behalf of the Georgia Music Association to share that they were hosting a casting call for the upcoming musical production.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration the purchase of one 2019 F-150 4x2 Pickup Truck with a trailer tow package for Public Works from the GSA contract vendor Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$24,867. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- Storm Drainage Equipment.

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

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid to perform the roof replacement for the Riverfront Resource Center (aka the “Candy Room” 125 Pine Ave) from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Richter Contracting Company, Inc. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$221,790 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. The award includes the base bid, alternates and contingency pricing. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – Riverfront Resource Center.

Commissioner Edwards moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No.19-030 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A
PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY
AND RICHTER CONTRACTING CO. INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF

PERFORMING ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE RIVERFRONT RESOURCE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,790.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid to install/repair traffic signs in Dougherty County from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, AWP, Inc. (North Canton, Ohio) in the amount of \$50,259.20 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in Risk Management.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-031 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY AND AREA WIDE PROTECTIVE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC SIGN REPAIR AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT DOUGHERTY COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,259.20; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution authorizing Georgia Fund I to accept funding for the T-SPLOST account.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-032 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A GEORGIA FUND I RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY FUNDS IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the transfer of \$49,254.19 from the Fund Balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Special Services District Fund for the purpose of paying an invoice from Ceres.

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

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the payment of one invoice from Ceres in the amount of \$49,254.19. The services rendered were for debris removal.

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

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointments. The following board appointments were made:

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, applicant Ronald Frederick Smith was unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of a (joint) appointment to the Joint Board of Adjustments & Appeals for an unexpired three-year term ending October 1, 2021 with four ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gray. The nomination for Arwena Jones made by Commissioner Gray failed by receiving only one vote by the nominator.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, applicant Charles “Bruce” Capps was unanimously appointed to the Dougherty County Development Authority for an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2021.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation for Public Works staff to work with the Ga DOT to seek approval to plant additional crepe myrtles in the median on Highway 82. If approved, a memorandum of understanding and request for funding will be needed by the Board.

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

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) Probation Services Agreement on behalf of the State Court. The five year agreement is effective (retroactive) January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023. The last agreement approved for State Court was in the February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting on behalf of Judge Victoria Darrisaw. This agreement will be on behalf of Judge John Stephenson. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. He stated that this was a new agreement because of a new judge for the County.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-033 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A
PROBATION SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN JUDICIAL ALTERNATIVES OF
GEORGIA, INC. AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND THE STATE
COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Vice Chairman called for consideration the funding request from the Sheriff’s Office for two new fulltime positions at the Jail (Human Resources Specialist I and Pre-Trial Services Deputy). Prior to a motion, Commissioner Edwards spoke in opposition of the HR Specialist position

because of the duplication of service. Mr. McCoy clarified that when the request was presented to the Finance Committee, the positions were denied and the recommendation is still the same.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for denial. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously to deny the funding request for both positions.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the continued discussion and presentations for the proposed FY 2020 Budgets. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Finance Director Martha Hendley addressed. Mr. McCoy presented changes which resulted in a decreased amount of \$10,929 for the General Fund FY 2020 budget of \$52,516,746. If Ga DOT approved, this would include \$12,000 for planting crepe myrtles. For the Special Services District, the proposed increased is \$95,105 for a budget of \$7,778,671. If approved, this would include funding for a carryover of radios for the Dougherty County Police Department, a blight and complaint driven mowing program in the unincorporated areas for \$15,000 on Ga DOT rights of way. Public Works Director Larry Cook shared that the initial presentation was for specific areas and if expanded to the entire County, additional funds for the rights of way would need to be provided. Commissioner Jones suggested that a cap be provided to prevent overspending of allocated dollars. Commissioner Gaines asked for clarification of items in the budget to which Mrs. Hendley, Mr. McCoy and Mrs. Nickerson addressed.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK