

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on January 7, 2008 immediately following the Work Session. Vice Chairman Stone called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Muarlean Edwards, John Hayes, Lamar Hudgins, Chuck Lingle, and Art Searles. Also present were Richard Crowdis, County Administrator; Thomas Thomas, Assistant County Administrator; Spencer Lee, County Attorney; and Barbara Engram, County Clerk. Representatives of the media were present.

The Vice Chairman gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Vice Chairman called for approval of the January 7 Work Session and January 7, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lingle moved to approve the minutes. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the minutes were passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of a resolution setting speed limits in Dougherty County to comply with the Department of Transportation regulations in order to obtain an updated radar permit for the County.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-001 is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF MAXIMUM VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS ON
CERTAIN ROADS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA; REPEALING
PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of a resolution setting Qualifying Fees for the 2008 Election.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Hayes, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-002 is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING
FEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICES IN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR THE 2008 ELECTION;
REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of an application for a one-day alcohol license for Phil Cannon, Downtown Merchants Association, Inc., for the Hospitality Area at Riverfront Park for the Snickers Marathon Finish Line on March 1, 2008.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of an application for a one-day alcohol license for Lakisha Bryant, Girls, Inc., for a fundraiser at Stonebridge Golf and Country Club on March 8, 2008.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion which passed with 5 yeas and one nay by Commissioner Edwards.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of a resolution declaring a list of vehicles and equipment surplus and authorizing sale of the same on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-003 is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES;
PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAME ON GOVDEALS.COM;
REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of a recommendation by KADB Board to appoint Eric O’Cain for a three-year term ending December 31, 2010. Incumbents Chris Hatcher and Lamar Hudgins desire reappointment. There were no new applicants.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Hayes, the motion passed with five yeas. Commissioner Hudgins abstained.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of the addition of a third ex-officio appointment to the Albany Tomorrow, Inc. Board.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve John Hayes for the position. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed with five yeas. Commissioner Hayes abstained.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of the renewal of the annual employment agreement for County Administrator Richard Crowdis. The proposed new contract expires January 21, 2009 and is the same language as the current agreement except for revised dates, salary and a \$675 vehicle allowance.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval including the \$675 vehicle allowance. Upon a second by Commissioner Hudgins, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of the renewal of the annual employment agreement for County Police Chief Don Cheek. The proposed new contract expires January 21, 2009 and is the same language as the current agreement except for revised dates and salary.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of reallocations in SPLOST III Downtown Improvements. Since ATI has defaulted on a grant for the Oxford Trailhead, balances of completed projects are being reallocated to complete that project.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of reallocations in SPLOST IV Animal Shelter. A \$2,395 expenditure over budget is being paid for by a reallocation from contingency funds.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for consideration of reallocations in SPLOST Project Budgets for County Road Improvements and Public Works Facility. The Department of Corrections has advised that they can start the project in late summer or early fall of 2008. In order to meet this schedule, funds budgeted for Road Resurfacing in 2010 and 2011 will be moved into the 2008 Public Works budget.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Stone called for approval to sponsor one table for the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic and Social Justice on January 25, 2008 in the amount of \$250.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Hayes, the motion passed with four yeas and two nays by Commissioners Hudgins and Lingle.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK