

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on February 4, 2008. Chairman Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Muarlean Edwards, John Hayes, Lamar Hudgins, Chuck Lingle, Art Searles, and Jack Stone. Also present were Richard Crowdis, County Administrator; Thomas Thomas, Assistant County Administrator; Spencer Lee, County Attorney; Barbara Engram, County Clerk, and Nancy Hillsman, Administrative Secretary. Representatives of the media were present.

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

The Chairman called for approval of the January 14 Work Session, January 14 Special Called Meeting, and January 23, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized County Extension Director Anthony Jones who introduced new Agricultural Agent, Rad Wager.

The Chairman recognized Chuck Fields, Labor Department, who discussed the Southwest Georgia Work Investment Act. This Act, which was enacted in 2000, is designed to increase the employment, retention and earnings of people in the Southwest Georgia area.

The Chairman recognized Tim Martin, Executive Director, and Andrea Schruijer, Vice President of the Albany Dougherty Economic Development Commission. In her quarterly update, Ms. Schruijer touched on the topics of Market Street Services, the Albany-Dougherty Industrial Site, Networking, as well as other events and projects.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for the Albany/Dougherty Zoning Ordinance. There being no support for or opposition to the Ordinance, the Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of the purchase of three (3) 2008 Impalas for County Police from low bidder, Wallace Chevrolet, in the amount of \$16,645.18 each, for a total of \$49,935.54. Five (5) vendors responded ranging to a high of \$18,497.32. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$165,000 for six (6) vehicles.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one (1) 2008 Impala for Emergency Medical Services from low bidder, Wallace Chevrolet, in the amount of \$16,645.18. Five (5) vendors responded ranging to a high of \$18,497.32. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$27,000.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one cab & chassis for the Landfill from low bidder, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$17,420.34. Four (4) vendors responded ranging to a high of \$21,140.33. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$60,000 for a Service Truck

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one (1) Ford F250 Extended Cab Pickup Truck for Public Works from low bidder, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,843.10. Five vendors responded ranging to a high of \$24,884.36. This is budgeted in SPLOST III Storm Drainage Equipment in the amount of \$75,000 for three vehicles.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the following appointments:

One appointment to the Joint Gas Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2008. The applicant should be a professional engineer or Master gas fitter. There were no applicants.

One appointment to the Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2010. The incumbent, Henry Fields, desires reappointment. Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously.

One appointment to the Joint Plumbing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2008. There was one applicant, William Barfield. Commissioner Lingle moved to appoint Mr. Barfield. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously.

One appointment to the Albany Area Community Service Board to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2010. There were five new applicants: Chester Floyd III, Princella Stegall, Dawn Benson, Marvin Laster and Washington Long. Commissioner Lingle nominated Dawn Benson. Commissioner Edwards nominated Princella Stegall. The Chairman called the question on the first nomination which passed with four yeas and three nays by Commissioners Edwards Hayes and Searles.

One appointment to the Dougherty County Development Authority for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2010. Jack Stone, Commissioner District 6, moved to nominate Shirley Armstrong. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a resolution establishing state cable and video service franchise fees to be filed with the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-004 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION REQUIRING COLLECTION OF FRANCHISE FEES
AT THE RATE OF FIVE PERCENT OF ANNUAL GROSS REVENUES
GENERATED BY ANY CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER
PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY PURSUANT TO A STATE
FRANCHISE OR THE MAXIMUM THAT MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED
BY LAW; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a resolution accepting a Sanitary Sewer Easement from Highland Properties, Ltd.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Stone, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-005 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE
OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM
HIGHLAND LAND COMPANY, LLC;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution authorizing a five-year Mutual Aid Agreement between the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany and Emergency Medical Services.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-006 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
FIVE-YEAR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE AND EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK