

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on February 18, 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 28 Work Session, February 4 Regular Meeting and February 4, 2008 Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for Excel Pecan Co., LLC, owner's request to rezone 2425 Ozell Williams Road (2 acres) from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Department recommends approval.

There being no support for or opposition to the zoning application, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for Coley Musgrove, LLP, owner's request to rezone 14.02 acres at the northwest corner of Old Pretoria Road and Camden Lane from R-G (Single Family Residential District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Department recommends approval.

Commissioner Jack Stone expressed concern with the previous use of nitrogen, and a local citizen, Carlton Christian, requested information on type of structure and size of lots. Mary Teter stated that she will bring that data to the Work Session next week.

There being no support for or opposition to the zoning application, the Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of the purchase of two (2) 2008 Ford F350 ambulances for Emergency Medical Services from Peach State Ambulance, Inc. in the amount of \$94,459 each for a total of \$188,918. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$175,000 and is a piggyback purchase from a Lee County EMS bid awarded January 22, 2008 in which Peach State has agreed to honor this price meeting Dougherty County's specifications.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of three (3) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptors for County Police from low bid meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,757.20 each for a total of \$62,271.16. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$75,000. Six vendors were solicited and three responded ranging to a high of \$22,739.

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

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a resolution authorizing the granting of a twenty foot easement on County property paralleling property under development by Vantage Development for accessing and maintaining a road serving new housing adjacent to Ebony Lane.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-008 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION BY
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA OF A TWENTY FOOT
EASEMENT TO VANTAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR
ACCESSING AND MAINTAINING A ROAD
SERVING NEW HOUSING ADJACENT
TO EBONY LANE; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a resolution authorizing and declaring as surplus and to place for sale 0.708 acres of County property lying in the City of Albany and in Land Lot 336 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-009 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION
DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND PLACING FOR SALE THAT CERTAIN 0.708
ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 336 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed and Easement Agreement for Hidden Lakes Subdivision, Inc.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-010 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED
AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT FROM HIDDEN LAKES SUBDIVISION INC.
TRANSFERRING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF WAYS AND EASEMENTS IN HIDDEN
LAKES SUBDIVISION, SECTION SIX, TO DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a request from Tifton/Tift County to temporarily accept their liquid waste haulers for five (5) months at the Dougherty County Landfill.

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

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a resolution authorizing execution of a contract with Yielding, Wakeford & McGee Architects for design services for the SPLOST V Project – New Public Works Office Facility in the amount of \$45,500.

Commissioner Stone moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-011 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION
OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
YIELDING, WAKEFORD, AND MCGEE ARCHITECTS
FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SPLOST V PROJECT – NEW

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,500.00;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of the application for alcohol beverage consumption license by James E. Epler, Jr., Egg's Billiards, 4505 Sylvester Road. Dougherty County Police recommend denial.

Commissioner Lingle moved to deny the application. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the application was denied.

County Administrator Richard Crowdis reminded the Commission of the tour of the RiverQuarium after the meeting.

Chairman Sinyard called for consideration of a recommendation of the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and potential litigation.

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

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK