

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on March 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. 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 February 25 Work Session and March 3, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on Harold Farnsworth, owner's request for Special Approval to allow racing of stock cars and trucks, go-carts, 4-wheeler bikes, motorized and non-motorized bicycles, and legends race cars at the Albany Motor Speedway Racetrack, 1303 Williamsburg Road (C-8 Commercial Recreation District). The Planning Commission recommends approval with two conditions: 100 foot buffer at the east and north property lines, and a 10 foot wide landscape buffer with evergreens along the west property lines to achieve a height of six feet within three years of planting. These two conditions must be met within 45 days pending approval by the Commission. These conditions were not met ten years ago due to financial issues.

Mr. Tim Pafford, who has a lease-purchase agreement with the owner, stated he is seeking no change in vehicles, just seeking legal compliance.

Ms. Nancy Barklay, Secretary of the Radium Springs Neighborhood Association, read a statement opposing the track. She cited the ten year history of failure to meet conditions, and costs of \$7500 for a study on noise which determined a \$500,000 berm would be needed to alleviate the noise. Several other citizens who live in the area also spoke against the proposal.

There being no further comments for or against the matter, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Chairman called for consideration of proposed amendments to the Albany Dougherty Subdivision Regulations affecting minimum standards for Dougherty County street design and driveway design on listed thoroughfares in Dougherty County. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-012 is entitled as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PASSAGE
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ALBANY-DOUGHERTY
SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AFFECTING
MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STREET DESIGN AND DRIVEWAY DESIGN
ON CERTAIN LISTED THOROUGHFARES
IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Office from Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$19,588. This vehicle is to replace a 2007 Ford Explorer recently wrecked and the vendor has agreed to the amount the County received from the insurance company. The list price is \$27,060.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor for the Jail from low bidder meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,757.20. Three bids were received ranging to a high of \$22,739. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$25,000.

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 (1) 2008 Ford Econoline Van for the Jail from low bidder meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,048.25. Four bids were received ranging to a high of \$22,988.20. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$25,000.

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

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK