

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on May 19, 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 May 5, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 18-24, 2008 as "Public Works Week" in Dougherty County. Chuck Mathis, Assistant Public Works Director, received the Proclamation which reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials on a 24/7 basis; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff Public Works departments are materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia do hereby proclaim the week of **May 18 - 24, 2008** as

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
Public Works: The Future is NOW

in the County of Dougherty, and we call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

Given under my hand and seal of Dougherty County this 19th day of May, 2008.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Jeff "Bodine" Sinyard, Chairman

Attest:

Barbara Ingram, County Clerk

The Chairman called for consideration of the zoning application of Lisa Council Phillips and Council Farms, Inc., owner's request to rezone 3918 and 3928 Fleming Road (13.26 acres) from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Commissioner Stone moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Searles, the motion passed unanimously. The Zoning Resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING
REGULATIONS AND MAP OF THE
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION No. 212, AS
AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS
OF THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER
DESCRIBED.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM: AG (AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT)
 TO: R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)

OWNER/APPLICANT: LISA COUNCIL PHILLIPS & COUNCIL FARMS, INC.

LOCATION: 3918 & 3928 FLEMING ROAD

All that tract or parcel of land lying in or being in Land Lot 31 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

To find the POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at an iron pin marking the intersection of the East line of said Land Lot 31 and the South right of way of Fleming Road (a 140' wide right of way); thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 561.00 feet along the south right of way of Fleming Road to an iron pin located at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described tract:

THENCE South 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 550.11 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds west for a distance of 653.15 feet to an iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 304.82 feet to an iron pin; THENCE North 49 degrees 26 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 395.63 feet to an iron pin; THENCE North 00 degrees 08 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 597.04 feet to an iron pin located on the south right of way of Fleming Road; THENCE North 89 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds East for a distance of 955.39 feet along the south right of way of Fleming Road to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record said property contains 13.263 acres more or less.

That otherwise than as herein specifically stated, the said Zoning Regulations and Map shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

The Chairman called for consideration of the zoning application of 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 at 1303 Williamsburg Rd. (C-8) Commercial Recreation District). The Planning Commission advises that the applicant has amended his request to include the following conditions:

- 1) Days of operation will be Friday and Saturday with the exception of holidays and the day before a holiday.
- 2) Friday night activities to include rental vehicles to the general public (stock cars, go carts, motorcycles, 4 wheelers and bicycles).
- 3) Saturday night activities to include classic racing with various classes of stock cars and trucks.
- 4) Cars will not be permitted on the track after 11:00 p.m. unless there is a rain delay (not to exceed three times a calendar year).
- 5) Mufflers will be installed on all motorized vehicles.
- 6) A dirt berm, 100 feet in length, 10 feet high, will be constructed on the north side of the property.
- 7) Greenery 6 feet in height, spaced 8 feet apart and extending 200 feet in length will be planted on the west side of the property. Greenery will be maintained to insure a continued growth to exceed 6 feet.
- 8) Dixie Pipeline property will be clear of dirt and greenery at all times.
- 9) Off-duty police officers, EMS personnel and firemen will be present at all events.

Commissioner Stone moved to table the application until more information is received from the applicant regarding mufflers and their affect on noise levels. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one (1) auto crane service body for Solid Waste from the lowest bid meeting specifications, Transport Equipment Company, in the amount of \$25,947.00. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$60,000 for a service body and cab and chassis. Four vendors were solicited and three responded ranging to a high of \$30,220.00.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommended priority list of Railroad Crossing Improvements in the unincorporated area with funding from SPLOST I and SPLOST IV County Road Improvements. Approval includes initiating action on priority #1 – Holly Drive at Hollis Drive in the amount of \$48,232.19, and priority #2 – Antioch Road at Stagecoach Road in the amount of \$48,232.19.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution approving and authorizing a Lease Agreement for the Bridge House with the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce solely for the purpose of conducting the operation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau to be effective June 1, 2008.

Commissioner Searles moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 08-017 is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
THE ALBANY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR THE BUILDING KNOWN AS
THE BRIDGE HOUSE
ON FRONT STREET REPEALING RESOLUTIONS
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

County Administrator Richard Crowdis pointed out that next Monday is the Memorial Day Holiday; therefore, the next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

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

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK