

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on June 2, 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 12 Work Session, May 19 Regular Meeting, and May 19, 2008 Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman presented a Proclamation proclaiming June 10-16, 2008 as "Men's Health Week" in Dougherty County. The Proclamation reads as follows:

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** American men are living longer today than ever before. Since 1990, there has been a 24 percent increase in Georgia men age 65 and older. Though public health advances have helped increase the life span of Americans, men continue to live an average of seven years less than women; and

**WHEREAS:** National Men's Health Week aims to heighten the awareness of treatment of diseases among men and boys, to improve our citizen's health, and our overall economic well-being;

**WHEREAS:** National Men's Health Week seeks to focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart diseases, diabetes, unintentional injuries, prostate, testicular and colon cancers: and

**WHEREAS:** Appropriate use of test such as Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) exams and blood pressure and cholesterol screens in conjunction with annual medical examinations can result in the detection of many of these problems and increase survival rates; and

**WHEREAS:** Recent scientific studies have revealed that a healthy lifestyle consists of regular exercise, good dietary habits and routine medical care. Educating men, and their families and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems can help save the lives of many Americans: NOW

**THEREFORE:** I, Jeff "Bodine" Sinyard in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of June 10-16, 2008 as

**MEN'S HEALTH WEEK**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the County of Dougherty on this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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Jeff "Bodine" Sinyard, Chairman

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

Darrell Sabbs and Sanford Hillsman of the 100 Black Men of Albany, Georgia, Inc. received the proclamation and invited the Commission to the Annual Men's Health Conference on June 14, 2008 at Phoebe Healthworks.

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 Hudgins referenced a letter received from the applicant just this morning and made a motion to postpone the vote until all information can be processed.

Upon a second by commissioner Lingle, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of software program/application, Oracle XML Publisher, from our software contractor, AMX International, in the amount of \$55,200. Funds are budgeted in SPLOST V – Computer System Migration Project.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the award of contract to Doherty, Duggan and Rouse in the lowest bid amount of \$561,728 for various property and liability insurance coverages.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the application for Alcohol Beverage License by Toufiz Sojib, Sharly Petroleum Inc., d/b/a County Corner, 3100 Leary Road. The County Police recommend approval based on a clear background check.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a Grant Application to Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Away From Home Recycling Program. KADB Executive Director Judy Bowles stated the only cost to the county will be a license plate for the trailer.

County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated that the FY 2008-2009 Budgets are being finalized and will be presented at a Public Hearing on June 16, 2008 Regular Meeting.

The Chairman called for consideration of a recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending and potential litigation, and then to adjourn.

Commissioner Lingle 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 10:25 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK