

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Central Square Government Center on September 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Muarlean Edwards, John Hayes, Chuck Lingle, 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 opened the meeting and gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman called for approval of the August 25 Work Session and September 3, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized Bill Ashberry, Chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors, who was present to update the Commission on the 2007 Property Tax Digest. He stated that the Tax Digest has been approved by the State as submitted. Dougherty County was fined \$66,000 for falling below the allowable ratio. Out of 34,500 notices mailed out, there were 5,466 appeals filed with 135 cases currently in Superior Court. In response to Commissioner Stone, he replied that one plaintiff owned 45 properties.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on the Special Approval application for temporary mobile home permit for medical hardship variance for James and Elizabeth Elliott at 2633 Leary Road. The Planning Staff recommends approval. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed the details. Mr. Elliott added that his son has spina bifida and while not totally disabled, this will make it easier to care for him. There being no further support for or opposition to the application, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of four (4) Dodge Enforcer Pursuit Vehicles for County Police from State contract holder, Carl Gregory Dodge, in the amount of \$26,928 each, for a total of \$107,711. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$170,000 for six vehicles.

Commissioner Lingle moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Stone, the motion unanimously carried.

The Chairman called for consideration of a contract for resurfacing of roads to low bidder, Reeves Construction Company, in the amount of \$393,952. This is budgeted in SPLOST IV – Resurfacing 07/08 in the amount of \$400,000.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of an Architectural Agreement with SRJ Architects to provide architectural services for the SPLOST V-New EMS Facility.

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

County Administrator Richard Crowdis reminded the Commission that there will be no meeting next week as there are five Mondays in the month of September.

Commissioner Lingle advised the Commission that the ACCG is in need of volunteers to work on several important committees.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK