

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met for its Regular Meeting in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on October 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Lamar Hudgins, 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.

The Chairman called for approval of the September 29 Work Session and October 6, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized, Matt Trice, VP of Economic Development, Albany Technical College, who was present to give Betty McKinney, Public Works Administrative Secretary, the Certified Customer Service Specialist Certification.

The Chairman recognized EMS Director Bobby Tripp, who was present to introduce Paramedic of the Year Greg Hughley and new Assistant EMS Director Greg Rowe.

The Chairman recognized Palmyra Hospital CEO Bud Wethington and Regional Vice President Franke Elliott, Managed Care, HCA, Inc. who were present to ask that the County to offer its employees a choice of healthcare options.

The Chairman recognized Assistant City Manager James Taylor, present to give a presentation on the Albany Riverfront and Gateway Tax Allocation Redevelopment Plan. In summary, the key challenges are antiquated historic structures, small parcels with diverse ownership; lack of housing options downtown; older, deteriorating housing; security; and lack of pedestrian friendly infrastructure. Some of the benefits which will be realized are the attraction of new private capital investment, expansion of our job base, increased personal income, and increased revenue from taxes, etc.

The Chairman called for consideration of Willie Mathis, owner's application to rezone 710 Spurlock Road, 10.652 acres, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Stone, the motion unanimously passed. 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:	WILLIE MATHIS, JR. & SHERON MATHIS
LOCATION:	710 SPURLOCK ROAD

Commence at a concrete monument located at the southeastern corner of Land Lot 37 in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and run thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 2,694.02 feet to an iron pin set and the Point of Beginning; from said Point of Beginning run South 89 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 400.00 feet to an iron pin located on the Eastern right of way of Spurlock Street (60' R/W); run thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 1160.00 feet to a metal stake; run thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 400.00 feet to an iron pin set; run thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 1160.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 10.652 acres and is shown as Tract 1 on that certain Plat of Survey for Willie C. Mathis, Jr. by William H. Spires, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2527, dated February 28, 2007 and revised September 9, 2008.

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:

CLERK

APPROVED:

County Administrator Richard Crowdis reminded the Commission that Thursday, October 23rd is the date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Aviary at Flint RiverQuarium.

Chairman Sinyard appointed Commissioner Hayes to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee created by the death of Commissioner Art Searles.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK