

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 11, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on February 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jeff Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Lamar Hudgins, Chuck Lingle, Art Searles, and Jack Stone. Also present were Richard Crowdis, County Administrator; Spencer Lee, County Attorney; Barbara Engram, County Clerk; and Nancy Hillsman, Administrative Secretary. Representatives of the media were present.

The Chairman recognized Chief Don Cheek, present for PRIDE (Parents Reducing Incidents of Driver Error) presentation and recognition of Lt. Tom Jackson and Georgia State Patrol TFC Anthony McKenzie by the University of Georgia.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the minutes of the January 26 Work Session, February 4 Special Called Meeting, and February 4, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of two (2) 2008 Ford F350 ambulances for Emergency Medical Services from Peach State Ambulance, Inc. in the amount of \$94,459 each for a total of \$188,918. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$175,000. This is a piggyback purchase from a Lee County EMS bid awarded January 22, 2008 in which Peach State has agreed to honor this price meeting Dougherty County's specifications. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated the current vehicles are five years old.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of three 2008 Ford Crown Victoria interceptors for County Police from low bid meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,757.20 each for a total of \$62,271.16. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$75,000. Six vendors were solicited and three responded ranging to a high of \$22,739. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated that the current vehicle is six years old.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to grant a 20 foot easement on County property paralleling property under development by Vantage development for accessing and maintenance of a road serving new housing adjacent to Ebony Lane. County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated it may be wise to declare this as surplus and place for sale 0.708 acres lying in the City of Albany and in Land Lot 336 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed resolution authorizing acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed and Easement Agreement for Hidden Lakes Subdivision, Inc.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to approve the request from Tifton/Tift County to temporarily accept their liquid waste haulers at the Dougherty County Landfill. Solid Waste Director Mike McCoy stated this is due to Tifton's mixing pad being out of operation.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to approve a contract with Yielding, Wakeford & McGee Architects for design services for the SPLOST V Project – New Public Works Office Facility in the amount of \$45,500.

The Chairman called for discussion of the alcohol beverage consumption license by James E. Epler, Jr., Egg's Billiards, 4505 Sylvester Road. Dougherty County Police Chief Don Cheek stated the denial is due to criminal issues.

The Chairman recognized Citizens Greenspace Advisory Committee Chairman Woody Hicks and member Bill Swan who were present to recommend approval of modifications to the original contract with Radium Country Club, Inc. which was approved on December 3, 2007. Mr. Hicks stated that 10 acres with the club house and swimming pool have been removed from the contract and the amount of the contract has been adjusted. A decision should be reached by the end of April.

The County Administrator reminded the Commission of the February 18, 2008 tour of the Riverquarium.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK