

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 10, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on March 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jeff 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 recognized Captain Tim Hanington who was present to discuss a proposed Memorial to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Funding for this project is already in place. County Administrator Crowdis requested a rendering. The Commission gave its full support to move ahead with this project. Chief Cheek stated that the general criteria has been set by the State of Georgia, and there are similar displays in Forsythe and the District of Columbia.

The Chairman recognized Assistant City Manager James Taylor, present to update the Commission on the City's TAD project. The City established Ordinance 08-110 on January 22 establishing TAD District 1, and identified ADICA as the redevelopment agent. (TAD District 2 being associated with Wal-Mart.) The next step will be to design a redevelopment plan, and conduct public hearings. Once the plan is approved, it will go to both City and County commissions and then to Atlanta for certification.

The Chairman recognized Fire Chief James Carswell who was present to update the Commission on the Code Red (Reverse 911) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application with FEMA. He stated that he recommends foregoing the grant and going with the Reverse 911 system which will be tied to the National Weather Service. The cost is \$37,500 per year versus \$25,000 per year. The Basic Plan will be operational when the funds are received, and the weather service portion within 30-60 days thereafter.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the minutes of the February 25 Work Session, and March 3, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of proposed amendments to the Albany Dougherty Subdivision Regulations affecting minimum standards for Dougherty County street design and driveway design on listed thoroughfares in Dougherty County. The Planning Commission recommends approval. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a minimum of 175' between driveways is required.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Office from Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$19,588. This vehicle is to replace a 2007 Ford explorer recently wrecked and the vendor has agreed to the amount the County received from the insurance company. The list price is \$27,060. Assistant County Administrator stated this is a piggyback on a State contract.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor for the Jail from low bidder meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,757.20. Three bids were received ranging to a high of \$22,739. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$25,000. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated this will replace the current vehicle which is six years old.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Econoline Van for the Jail from low bidder meeting specs, Ford Town of Albany, in the amount of \$20,048.25. Four bids were received ranging to a high of \$22,988.20. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$25,000. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated the current vehicle is six years old.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK