

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 14, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on April 14, 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 RiverQuarium Director Scott Loehr, who was present to give his Quarterly Update. Mr. Loehr advised that attendance has increased by 2% compared to last year and over the past two months, visitors on record came from sixteen states and Canada. Expenses are down slightly; however, the RiverQuarium will most likely remain dependent on support from the City and County until Fiscal Year 2010/2011. RiverQuarium has achieved permanent not-for-profit status. The Aviary is slightly behind schedule, and should be completed in approximately thirty days.

The Chairman recognized Dougherty County employees who worked at the County's Water Station during the March 1, 2008 Snickers Marathon. Volunteers included Barbara Engram, Nancy Hillsman, Karen Goff, Lataria Candidate, Tameka Alfred, Carolyn Hatcher, Mike McCoy, Adonis Pope, Leigh Tipler, Kathy Hudgins, Donell Mathis, Chuck Mathis, as well as Richard Crowdis and Commissioners Edwards and Lingle.

The Chairman recognized the Solid Waste Department employees for another perfect score of 100 by the Department of Natural Resources for the Dougherty County Landfill Compliance Inspection. This is the third time the Landfill has achieved a perfect score.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the minutes of the March 31 Work Session, March 31 Special Called Session and April 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of the purchase of one (1) ambulance cab and chassis and module remount for Emergency Medical Services from low bidder, Peach State Ambulance, in the amount of \$62,625. Two bids were received ranging to a high of \$68,961. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$65,000.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to declare surplus the following Public Works Mosquito Spraying equipment: (1) 1996 F-150 Pickup Truck with over 110,000 miles and (2) 2003ULV Mosquito Sprayer.

The Chairman called for discussion of the request from the Worth County Commission to purchase our surplus 1996 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck with over 110,000 miles and the four year old ULV Mosquito Sprayer attached for the following fair market prices: Pickup Truck - \$2,000 and the ULV Sprayer - \$500. Worth County will utilize this equipment to replace older equipment in their mosquito spraying program.

County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated that helping a sister county always takes priority over the standard procedure of selling equipment on govdeals.com

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed resolution declaring equipment on the attached list as surplus and authorizing sale of the same on govdeals.com.

The County Administrator reminded the Commission of the Relay for Life event on April 18, 2008 at Darton College and the Stash-the-Trash for City and County employees at 9:00 a.m. also on Friday, April 18, 2008.

Chairman Sinyard informed the Commission that after much thought and deliberation, he has decided not to run for the State Senate Seat for District 12.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK