

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 12, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on May 12, 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 Economic Development Commission Andrea Schruijer, Vice President Economic Development Commission, who was present to give her Quarterly Report.

The Chairman recognized EMS Director Bobby Tripp who was present to give his Annual Report. The Chairman and Commission commended our EMS staff for its professionalism and efficiency.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the May 5, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Sinyard called for discussion of Lisa Council Phillips & Council Farms, Inc., applicant's request to rezone property located at 3918 and 3928 Fleming Road from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Chairman called for discussion of the purchase of one (1) Auto Crane Service Body for Solid Waste from lowest bidder meeting specifications, Transport Equipment Co., for \$25,947.00. This was budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$60,000 for the service body and cab and chassis. Four vendors were solicited and three responded ranging to a high of \$30,220.00.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation from the County Administrator on the priority listing and funding of Railroad Crossing Improvements in the unincorporated area. Public Works Director Larry Cook stated that the new materials will last much longer than the previous materials. There are a total of 18 railroad crossings on the list, with seven (7) in the Level 1 (worst) category or high priority.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation from the County Administrator/County Attorney of the lease agreement for the Bridge House with the

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce solely for the purpose of conducting the operation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. County Administrator Crowdis stated that this lease will be effective as of June 1 and will stipulate ten (10) one-year renewals for a nominal fee of \$10.00 per year. Because it is in RiverFront Park, the County will maintain the structure and grounds.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 10:55 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK