

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 9, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on June 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jeff Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Muarlean Edwards, John Hayes, Lamar Hudgins, and Art Searles. Also present were Richard Crowdis, County Administrator; Thomas Thomas, Assistant County Administrator; Spencer Lee, County Attorney; and Nancy Hillsman, Administrative Secretary. Representatives of the media were present.

The Chairman recognized the Dougherty County Relay for Life Team Co-Captains Wayne Shaw, Tommy Lamar, and Nancy Hillsman and other team members who earned the Second Place Award for Most Money Raised by an Organization. The Team also won Second Place in the Car Race.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the May 28 Work Session, June 2 Regular Meeting, and June 4, 2008 Special Called Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed rescinding of contract with McGough Landscaping for non-performance of landscaping services at Riverfront Park and awarding contract to second lowest bidder, With Perfection, in the amount of \$64,860 from April 2007 bids. With Perfection is willing to honor its bid given at that time. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated that performance objectives were not met.

The Chairman called for discussion of a review of proposed changes to the Historic Preservation Committee Joint Resolution. The City Commission approved the revisions on May 27, 2008.

The Chairman called for discussion of the application for FY 2009 Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant in the amount of \$39,300 (20% match of \$9,800 in County Police Budget) from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Police Chief Don Cheek and Lt. Tommy Jackson stated this is the third application for renewal. Results have been excellent as reflected in the decreased number of DUI's and a reduction in fatalities.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed application for FY 2009 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for Victim Witness Assistance in the amount of \$106,190 (in kind match of \$26,547). Assistant District Attorney Greg Edwards stated Dougherty County has received this grant for thirteen years.

Chairman Sinyard called for discussion of the recommendation to declare as surplus a 1994 Dump Truck, Serial No. 2FZHAZAN0IAH99207, and to authorize an intergovernmental agreement for the sale of the vehicle to Baker County for \$18,000.

The Chairman called for discussion of an update on the status of the Public Employees Group Health Plan. County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated that changes are underway and will be discussed in detail at the next Work Session. This will affect the budget because funding a three month run-out will be necessary.

The Chairman called for a discussion of recommended FY 2008-09 Budget changes. County Administrator Crowdis reviewed the following:

General Fund:

-21,000 increase in five departments (due to gas price increases)

-17,000 increase in Riverfront Park maintenance

Solid Waste:

-100,000 increase in Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (diesel price increase).

The above increases will all be offset by a re-appropriation of the Fund Balance. For the record, it was noted that gasoline is selling for \$4.74 per gallon today. The proposed budget will be presented at a Public Hearing on June 16, 2008 and adopted June 30, 2008.

The Chairman called for discussion of a \$20,000 request for funding for the James H. Gray Golden Retreat Senior Center. County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated that previous requests have been granted through a Memorandum of Agreement with the City.

The Chairman called on Commissioner John Hayes who is coordinating the GCAPS Program (Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students). Commissioner Hayes recognized several students who were in the audience. These students will attend a mandatory training program following the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lingle reminded the Commission of the ACCG meeting on this Thursday from 2:30 pm-5:30 pm in our Commission Chamber.

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

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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