

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 30, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on June 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jeff Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Muarlean Edwards, John Hayes, Lamar Hudgins, 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 Coach Wright and President Ricky Walker of the Albany Heat Basketball Club, Inc., present to request \$10,000 for expenses for an upcoming AAU National Tournament to be held July 7-12, 2008 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Walker stated that Albany Heat is in its fourth year of playing and plans to add two girls' teams next year.

Chairman Sinyard recognized Citizens Greenspace Advisory Committee Chairman Woody Hicks, who was present to request the adoption of a proposed Greenspace logo.

The Chairman recognized Captain Tim Hanington, Sheriff's Department, who was present to restate his department's budget requests for five vehicles due to high mileage on current vehicles, and \$140,000 in the bailiff budget.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the June 9 Work Session, June 9 Special Called Meeting, and June 16, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning application of Dennis Champion, owner's request to rezone 2530 Kirksey Road from AG (Agricultural District) to R-G (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning application of the Estate of Mary Deane Hall, owner; Keith T. Dorough, applicant's request to rezone 631 South County Line Road from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning application of Ella McCollum White and Scott McCollum, owners; Blaze Recycling & Metals, applicant's request to rezone 695 McCollum Lane from C-3 (Commercial District) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial District). The Planning Commission recommends rezoning with one condition.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed purchase of a fuel truck for the Public Works Department. The low bid meeting specifications for the body is Transport Equipment Company in the amount of \$65,640. Eight vendors responded ranging to a high of \$67,495. The cab and chassis cost is estimated at \$7,715. An existing 2004 Peterbilt truck can be modified for this purpose. This is budgeted in CIP in the amount of \$95,000. Assistant County Administrator Thomas Thomas stated the current vehicle is nine years old.

The Chairman recognized Tommy Gregors, Executive Director of Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, who was present to request \$20,000 in SPLOST III funds to connect the Riverwalk Trail System through Thronateeska property to Roosevelt Avenue. County Administrator Richard Crowdis recommends using a \$12,936 balance in the SPLOST III – Downtown Improvements account and to reallocate \$7,064 from SPLOST III Contingency.

The Chairman called for discussion of the proposed renewal of our annual lease agreement with the Albany Area Community Service Board for Mental Health Facility property at 601 West 11th Street in the amount of \$38,000.

Chairman Sinyard called for discussion of the proposed list of roads for resurfacing (listed below) under SPLOST IV – 2008 Resurfacing Program. The estimated cost is \$378,000.

- Pendleton from cul de sac to cul de sac
- Nichols from LaJuana to McKenzie
- Lily Pond from Blue Springs to Perriwinkle
- Sweetwater from Blue Springs to Dead End
- Twin Flower from MKL to Nandina
- Parr from Ramsey to Patriot
- Pine Glen from Hill to Dead End
- Banks from Pine Bluff to Dead End
- Live Oak from Pine Glen to Pine Glen

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed Joint Resolution approving and authorizing Joint Application for Fiscal Year 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$22,925. The grant deadline is July 8, 2008. As in the past, the grant will be split 80% City and 20% County (\$4,585). County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated the County's portion will go to the Sheriff's Department.

The Chairman called for discussion of proposed changes to the Public Employees Group Health Plan (PEGHP). Plan Consultant Kirk Rouse shared the details which include a 15% increase in health insurance premiums; a provision stating if an employee has a working spouse whose employer offers medical insurance coverage and pays a portion of the premium, that the spouse must take that coverage; and a contract utilizing Phoebe Health Partners as 100% in-network.

The Chairman called for a discussion of recommended FY 2008-09 Budgets. No changes have been made since the previous review.

The County Administrator stated that the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force is conducting a study on homelessness and needs an additional committee member to begin the process. He added that the Department of Family and Children Services board is in need of two members following the resignations of Chairman Mac Wilcox and William Gregory.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 12:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK