

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 14, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on July 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jeff Sinyard called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were John Hayes, Lamar Hudgins, Chuck Lingle and Art Searles. Also present were Richard Crowdis, County Administrator; Spencer Lee, County Attorney; Barbara Engram, County Clerk, and Nancy Hillsman, Administrative Secretary. Representatives of the media were present.

The Chairman recognized Senior Planner Rosanne Braswell who was present to review a proposed application to host the Historic Preservation Commission's Spring 2009 Training on April 17, 18, 2009. The City approved the application on July 1, 2008 with \$1500 to defray expenses. She asked the County for \$1500 in support if Albany is selected as the host city.

Chairman Sinyard recognized Tax Director Denver Hooten, who was present to discuss the 2008 proposed milage rate. This year the digest is essentially the same as 2007; however, overall net M&O increased \$1.9 million. Due to the reassessment, a rollback of .003 mils from 11,897 to 11,894 is required.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the June 30 Work Session, June 30 Special Called Meeting, and July 7, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chamber of Commerce for use of the temporary parking lot at the southeast corner of Broad Avenue and Jackson Street for the Annual Albany International Festival 2008 on October 4, 2008. County administrator Richard Crowdis added that this is the second year for the request.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed resolution amending the Public Employees Group Health Plan. County Attorney Spencer Lee stated he has worked with City Attorney Nathan Davis to keep us in the plan for any future benefits we might derive. The City is placing the same resolution on its next agenda.

Chairman Sinyard called for discussion of a proposed NACo Prescription Discount Card Program for Dougherty County. Insurance Consultant Kirk Rouse stated this program provides benefits for the uninsured or the underinsured and averages a discount of around 20%. There are no enrollment fees, age, or income requirements.

The Chairman called for discussion of a request from Albany Heat Basketball Club for \$5,000 to defray expenses for the National Tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas. Commissioner John Hayes, Recreation Committee Chairman, stated that the Recreation Committee voted to deny the request in a meeting on July 7, 2008.

The Chairman thanked the Commission for attending the Lower Flint-Ochlockonee Water Region Summit on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Eleven of the fourteen counties in our Basin were represented. He asked for a show of support for Commissioner Lingle's nomination to the statewide committee.

The Chairman discussed two letters from MediaCom raising rates and adding a \$5.00 charge for agent assisted calls. Also, they have applied for a state franchise. A discussion ensued regarding lack of customer service and value for dollars spent.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK