

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 28, 2008

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Central Square Government Center on July 28, 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 County Police Chief Don Cheek who was present to update the Commission on the activities for “National Night Out”, on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. This program, conducted by County Police, Dougherty County School Police, the Sheriff’s Department, EMS, City Police, Leesburg Police and Albany Fire Department, will include displays and information on items such as proper child car seat installation, protection against child internet crimes, as well as food, games and prizes.

Chairman Sinyard recognized Public Works Director Larry Cook who was present to provide information about a recent change to a 4/10 work schedule. He stated that the goal of this new schedule is to save \$30,000 in fuel costs.

Chairman Sinyard recognized Human Resources Director Alice Goseer Jenkins, HR Project Manager Jawahn Ware, and Health Department Director Cheryl Henley who were present to inform the Commission about a partnership with the Health Department to promote a Worksite Wellness Program called “Hooked on Health.” This program offers a variety of services to assist employees in maintaining or improving their health, and was made possible by a grant from the Health Department.

Chairman Sinyard called for review of the July 14 Work Session and July 21, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed award of contract for unleaded gasoline from the lowest and most responsive bidder, Jim Hinton Oil Company, in the amount of \$490,834.82 based on last year’s usage and current OPIS posting for June 10, 2008. Twelve vendors were solicited with four responding. It is budgeted in department budgets and is a piggyback on a City bid dated June 5, 2008.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed award of contract for #2 Diesel Fuel from the lowest and most responsive bidder, Jim Hinton Oil Company, in the amount of \$312,705.87 (based on last year’s usage) and current OPIS posting for June 10, 2008.

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Chairman Sinyard called for discussion of board appointments which have been advertised for 30 days in The Albany Herald, Te Southwest Georgian, The Albany Journal, and on the City/County website as well as the access channel:

1. One appointment to the Historic Preservation Committee to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Arthur Berry ending December 31, 2008. There is one applicant, Scott W. Loehr.
2. One appointment to the Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful board to fill the unexpired term of retiring Base Sgt. Major Randall Kennedy ending December 31, 2010. KADB recommends the appointment of Base Sgt. Major Scott Mykoo.
3. The DFACS Board openings will be discussed at the next Work Session.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed Contract for Services with the Georgia & Florida Railway, Inc. for the upgrade of the railway grade crossings on Holly Drive and Antioch Road with the cost per crossing improvement not to exceed \$48,232. This is budgeted in SPLOST I – Railroad Crossing Improvements.

The Chairman called for discussion of a resolution providing for the execution of an easement in favor of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Public Works Project Manager Bill Bradley stated that this is for improvements to their system.

The Chairman called for discussion of a proposed resolution accepting a Right of Way Warranty Deed from 19 South Association, Inc. conveying the rights of way and easements in College Park Subdivision, Section 8.

County Administrator Richard Crowdis stated that the staff of the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau has moved into the Bridge House which is now ready for touring. The Commission agreed to tour next Monday after the Regular Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK