WORK SESSION

February 09, 2026
10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center
222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

AGENDA

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.

2. Roll Call.

3. Invocation.

4. Minutes.

   a. Minutes of the January 26th Regular Meeting and January 26th Work Session.

5. Delegations *(The Commission will hear comments on those items pertaining to Dougherty County for which a public hearing has not been held or scheduled. Please be brief, to the point, and considerate of time for others).*

   a. Citizen J.D. Armstrong is present to discuss homeless concerns in our community.

   b. Tax Director Shonna Josey is present to update the Commission on the 2025 Tax Collection.

6. Zoning.

   a. Buford Jenkins, applicant, and Weatherspoon Inc., owner (26-001) request to rezone a 9.20-acre parcel from AG (Agricultural District) to C-3 (Commercial Business District). The property is located on Liberty Expressway, south of Williamsburg Road. The rezoning would allow the property to be used for commercial purposes. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

7. Additional Business.

   a. Recommendation from the City of Albany Board of Commissioners to add two new members to the Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank Board of Directors. The new positions would be for an elected representative of each government. The Intergovernmental Agreement that created the Land Bank would have to be amended to allow this change and would require the approval of both governments. The City of Albany approved the recommendation to increase membership in their January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting. Land Bank Director Paul Forgey will address.

   b. Recommendation from the Sheriff's Office for the Board of Commissioners to issue a resolution authorizing the utilization of a Traffic Safety Camera Program to assist with the enforcement of speed limits in school zones within the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. County Administrator Deron King and Chief John Ostrander will address.

   c. Recommendation to accept Amendment #2 to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Dougherty County Employees to add County Commissioners as Eligible Employees, effective as of January 1, 2027, and to provide for each such Participant an Employer Basic Contribution equal to twelve percent (12%) of his or her compensation. County Administrator Deron King, Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address.

   d. Recommendation from EMS for a budget amendment in the amount of $250,000 to address overtime budgeting needs of the department. Funding will be provided from the General Fund Balance. County Administrator Deron King, EMS Director James Gibney, and Interim Finance Director Amy Westenfeld will address. *Discussion on the item is contingent upon the recommendation from the February 9th Finance Committee Meeting.*

   e. Recommendation from Administration to approve a budget amendment for the salary and benefits in the amount of $100,000 to be placed within the FY 26 budget for the purpose of recruiting a Chief Financial Officer for the County. Funding will be provided by General Fund Contingency. An annualized amount of approximately $200,000 for salary and benefits will be budgeted for future years. County Administrator Deron King and Interim Finance Director Amy Westenfeld will address. *Discussion on the item is contingent upon the recommendation from the February 9th Finance Committee Meeting.*

   f. Recommendation from Administration to accept the proposal to engage Developmental Associates LLC (Chapel Hill, NC) to conduct the Executive Search for a Chief Financial Officer for Dougherty County in the proposed amount of $25,500. Funding will be provided by General Fund Contingency. County Administrator Deron King will address. *Discussion on the item is contingent upon the recommendation from the February 9th Finance Committee Meeting.*

   g. Recommendation to consider the Resolution providing for execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Dougherty County and the City of Albany for a Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). County Administrator Deron King and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. ***Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.***

h. Recommendation to consider the acceptance of the Resolution authorizing the implementation of a County Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) and requesting that the Albany/Dougherty County Board of Registration and Elections call an election of the voters to approve the imposition of such sales tax. County Administrator Deron King and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. *Acceptance of the Resolution will be done in a Special Called Meeting later in the week contingent upon the action by the City of Albany pertaining to the FLOST IGA.*

8. Board Appointments. County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address.

a. Department Of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Regional 4 Board- One (1) appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2027.

Electrical Board -Four (4) appointments: one (1) County appointment for a Master Electrician, two (2) joint appointments for an Electrical Supplier, and one (1) joint appointment for a Professional Engineer, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Fire Code of Appeals Board – One (1) appointment with a three-year term ending December 31, 2028.

Flood Plain Management Review Board – One (1) appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2027.

Voter Registration and Elections Board - One (1) appointment with a two-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.

9. Updates from the County Administrator.

a. REMINDER - There will be a Special Called Meeting following the Work Session.

10. Updates from the County Attorney.

11. Updates from the County Commission.

12. Adjourn.

Dougherty County's Vision Statement

Dougherty County will be a committed leader in sustaining a high quality of life by partnering with citizens, businesses, and other government agencies to make this a community of choice for living, working, and leisure activities.

Dougherty County's Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life for all our citizens by being accessible and good stewards of our resources while delivering cost-effective, responsive, services with integrity, fairness, and friendliness.

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