REGULAR MEETING

February 03, 2025
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. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Minutes.

    a. Consider for action the Minutes of the January 6th Work Session, January 6 Regular Meeting and January 13th Work Session. **ACTION:**

6. 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).*

7. Purchases.

    a. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase new tax collection computer software from single source vendor Manatron Inc. (dba Aumentum Technologies) for the total expenditure of $24,716. This quote includes the tax collection software upgrade from VCSTax to VCSTax Web and staff training. The software upgrade will improve the tax collection and accounting process. Funding is available in the CIP Fund Balance. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Tax Director Shonna Josey will address. **ACTION:**

b. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase thirty (30) OptiPlex towers and thirty-five (35) Dell Monitors from Dell Technologies via the City of Albany TAC Department for a total expenditure of $26,400. The computers are needed to be compatible with the new tax collection software. Funding is available in the CIP Fund Balance. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Tax Director Shonna Josey will address. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.

a. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointment. **Appointments are made by nominations.** *See the Board Packet for additional details.*

Air Conditioning, Heating, & Ventilation Board – One (1) joint appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. One new applicant: Larry Harris. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. **ACTION:**

b. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of Lanier Engineering, applicant and Emory Keith Griffis, Sr, owner (24-081) request to rezone a 4.095-acre portion of a 59.05-acree parcel from AG (Agricultural District) to C-R (Community Residential Multiple Dwelling District). The rezoning aims to operate a recovery residence for women. The property is at 1021 Cordele Road. The motion of the Planning Commission failed and was denied due to a 3 (yes)-2(no)-2(abstain) vote, yielding no majority vote. **ACTION:**

c. Consider for action the Special Approval consideration of Lanier Engineering, applicant and Emory Keith Griffis, Sr, owner (24-080) request to operate a Recovery Residence for Women on a 4.095-acre portion of a 59.05-acree parcel, if rezoned to C-R (Community Residential Multiple Dwelling District). The property is at 1021 Cordele Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: a buffer must be installed, and screening must be put in place to separate adjacent properties. **ACTION:**

9. Updates from the County Administrator.

a. **REMINDER** - The Dougherty County Commission annual retreat will be held February 5-6, 2025 at the Northwest Library Event Center.

10. Updates from the County Attorney.

11. Updates from the County Commission.

12. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and then to adjourn. **ACTION:**

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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