REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 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 Vice Chairman Ed Newsome.

2. Roll Call.

3. Invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Minutes.

   a. Consider for action the Minutes of the April 20th Regular Meeting and April 27th 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).*

   a. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 17- 23, 2026 as Public Works Week in Dougherty County.

   b. EMS Director James Gibney present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as Emergency Management Services Week in Dougherty County.

7. Zoning Public Hearing. ***(Those wishing to speak for or against this item should sign the Sign Up sheet located on the table in the rear of the Chamber).***

   a. Albany-Dougherty Payroll Development Authority, applicant and owner (26-028) requests to rezone a 358.21-acre parcel from R-2 (Single-Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) parcel number 00204/00001/012 (Oakhaven Drive). The rezoning would allow for the property to be used for Light Industrial purposes. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address.

8. Additional Business.

   a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the FY 2027 Contract between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the UGA Cooperative Extension Service and Dougherty County Board of Commissioners. The contract is for the salary, retirement, Social Security and Medicare costs for five County Extension Agents for the fiscal year. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposal from Mauldin & Jenkins (Atlanta, GA), CPAs and Advisors, for a Strategic Assessment of the Solid Waste (SW) Department in an amount up to $75,000 subject to execution by the County Administrator. Funding will be provided in FY26 (in the amount of $5,000) and the remainder will be provided in FY27 Professional Fees. **ACTION:**

   c. Consider for action the recommendation from the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office, EMS, and Aspire Behavioral Health to accept the quote from Cardiac Solutions (Birmingham, AL) to add Opioid Response Kits, Narcan, and Zoll AED's to vehicles and buildings in the amount of $210,696. Funding is provided from the Opioid Settlement Fund. **ACTION:**

   d. Consider for action the recommendation from the Sheriff's Office and Aspire Behavioral Health for the approval and funding of an Addictions Counselor and a Case Manager/Forensic Peer Specialist within the Dougherty County Jail to provide comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) services, case management services and integration back to the community. The request for one-time funding in the amount of $133,187 will be provided from the Opioid Settlement Fund. **ACTION:**

   e. Consider for action the recommendation from Public Works to apply for the 2026 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of $9,210,800. This is a joint City and County application and requires a 20 percent match of $1,842,160 and the County's portion of the local match is $796,080 and will be funded from T-SPLOST (2023) if the grant is approved. The County's portion of the project will be for shoulder improvements along Eight Mile Road and Tarver Road. The application deadline is May 26, 2026. **ACTION:**

   f. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of the Albany-Dougherty Payroll Development Authority, applicant and owner (26-028) request to rezone a 358.21-acre parcel from R-2 (Single-Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) parcel number 00204/00001/012 (Oakhaven Drive). The rezoning would allow for the property to be used for Light Industrial purposes. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

9. Updates from the County Administrator.

   a. REMINDER - There will be a Recreation Committee meeting following the Regular Meeting in Room 120.

   b. REMINDER - In observance of the Memorial Day Holiday, there will be no Commission meeting held on Monday, May 25th. The next meetings will be a Work Session followed by a Regular Meeting on June 1, 2026.

10. Updates from the County Attorney.

11. Updates from the County Commission.

12. Executive Session.

    a. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and real estate. **ACTION:**

    b. Consider the Resolution providing for the investigation, inspection and enforcement pursuant to the Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution 02-034 relative to certain real property located in the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. **ACTION:**

13. 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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