REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 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. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Minutes.

    a. Consider for action the Minutes of the June 15th Regular Meeting, June 22nd Public Hearing, June 29th Work Session and June 29th Special Called Meeting. **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. Dr. Deatrice Harris, HR Director, is present to introduce the 2026 Summer Interns to the Commission.

    b. Citizen Lovye Williamson Cochran is present to accept the Proclamation recognizing her 100th Birthday.

    c. Dougherty County Board of Assessors are present to update the Board on the 2026 revaluation.

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. Mary Alice Thomas, applicant and owner (26-044) requests to rezone 0.42 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMHS (Mobile Home Single-Family District). The rezoning would allow installation of a manufactured home for single-family residency. The property is at 507 Engram Court. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address.

8. Purchases.

   a. Consider for action the recommendation to rescind the April 6, 2026 award for Public Works to purchase two (2) 2026 Ford F150 Pickup Trucks from Albany Ford in the amount $90,358.72. Funding was available in SPLOST VII. The vendor is no longer able to produce the trucks ordered. County Administrator Deron King and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the recommendation from Public Works to purchase two (2) 2026 Ford F150 Pickup Trucks for $45,878 each for a total expenditure of $91,756 from Griffin Ford (Tifton, Ga). Funding is available in SPLOST VII. This purchase will replace the award made on April 6, 2026. **ACTION:**

   c. Consider for action the recommendation from the Sheriff's Office to accept the quotes to replace an air handler at the Jail from Mechanical Services Inc. (Fort Gaines, Ga) and obtain a temporary rental unit from Portable Air and Power (Byron, Ga) to provide cooling until the permanent replacement can be completed. The unit is failing and this is deemed an emergency request. The air handler replacement cost with installation and fan boxes is $236,489 and a rental is $24,000 up front and $3,800 per month. The projected rental time frame is six months and projected rental amount is $46,800. The projected cost for the unit and rental is $283,289. Funding for the equipment replacement will be provided by SPLOST VIII. Funding for the equipment rental will be provided by the General Fund. County Administrator Deron King and Col. Pamela Coley will address. **ACTION:**

9. Additional Business.

   a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the retroactive acceptance and execution of the GEMA Medical Transportation Vendor Agreement. The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) Medical Transportation Vendor Agreement is a voluntary agreement that allows an EMS agency to become a pre-approved ambulance transportation vendor for the State of Georgia during a Governor-declared State of Emergency. The County Administrator executed the agreement to meet the July 1, 2026 deadline. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of Amendment #1 to the Contract with Accenture for grants management services in the amount of $65,000, bringing the new total contract amount to $415,000. Accenture currently provides oversight of the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Funding will be provided by ARPA. **ACTION:**

c. Consider for action the recommendation to apply for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) FY 2027 Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Grant in the amount of $100,000. There is no local match required. The request is a reimbursement grant provided by the CJCC and will be used for Family Functional Therapy. The deadline for application is July 22, 2022. County Administrator Deron King and Juvenile Court Judge Valerie Brown-Williams will address. **ACTION:**

d. Consider for action the Resolution initiating a county-wide review of large-scale data center development and directing the County Attorney and Planning Department to prepare proposed zoning regulations governing the same. **ACTION:**

e. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of Mary Alice Thomas, applicant and owner (26-044) requests to rezone 0.42 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMHS (Mobile Home Single-Family District). The rezoning would allow installation of a manufactured home for single-family residency. The property is at 507 Engram Court. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

10. Updates from the County Administrator.

a. **REMINDER-** There will be a Public Works Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 10 am in Room 120.

b. **REMINDER** - A reception for the interns will follow the Regular Meeting.

11. Updates from the County Attorney.

12. Updates from the County Commission.

13. Executive Session.

14. 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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