REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2024
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 October 21st Regular Meeting, October 28th Work Session, and October 28th 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. Jana Dyke, President & CEO, Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission (EDC), present to provide the quarterly update.

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. Karen Shchuka, applicant, and C A Tucker Properties, owner (24-063), request to rezone a 0.812-acre portion of the 5.43-acre parcel form C-8c (Commercial Recreation District with Conditions) to M-1 (Restricted Industrial District). This rezoning would align this portion of the parcel with the rest of the parcel which is zoned M-1. In addition, this consideration would remove the non-conforming use and allow for permitted parking. The property address is 1218 Liberty Expressway. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address.

8. Purchases.

   a. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote from single source vendor, Albany Elevator Service (Leesburg, GA), in the amount of $41,480 to upgrade and add mechanical components and door lock monitoring to four elevators. Facilities Management will need to upgrade and add mechanical components and door lock monitoring for the two elevators located in the West Parking Deck, 124 West Jackson St., and the two elevators located in the Central Square Building located at 240 Pine Ave. Funding is available in SPLOST VIII. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase seven (7) tasers for DCP from the single source vendor Axon (Scottsdale, AZ) for a total expenditure of $27,620. This quote includes training, tasers, taser cartridges, replacement cartridges, and maintenance/warranty. Funding is budgeted in the Special Services District Fund. **ACTION:**

   c. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote for Public Works from Acre Maker Tree & Land Service (Meigs, GA) in the amount of $21,500 to create and maintain an adequate buffer along the north side of Southgate Subdivision. Funding is available in the Special Services District Fund. **ACTION:**

9. Additional Business.

   a. Consider for action the recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from MC's Bar and Grill LLC, Christopher Dale Holland, licensee, dba MC's Bar and Grill, at 411 Philema Rd. for Consumption- Liquor, Beer, and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract with The Levee Studios to provide public information officer (PIO), social media management, creative design, video and photography services and support in the amount of $41,100, paid in installments of $6,850 per month. The proposal is for six months. **ACTION:**

   c. Discussion of the proposed Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and Fort Valley State University (FVSU) Cooperative Extension Service and Dougherty County for placement of a new county agent from FVSU. County Administrator Deron King will address.

   d. Discussion of the proposed Resolution approving the Agreement for representation between GeorgiaLink Public Affairs Group, LLC, and Dougherty County for government relations services in the total amount of $300,000, to be paid in monthly installments of $25,000 per month. The proposed agreement term is for one year. County Administrator Deron King and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address.

   e. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of Karen Shchuka, applicant, and C A Tucker Properties, owner (24-063), request to rezone a 0.812-acre portion of the 5.43-acre parcel form C-8c (Commercial Recreation District with Conditions) to M-1 (Restricted Industrial District). This rezoning would align this portion of the parcel with the rest of the parcel which is zoned M-1. In addition, this consideration would remove the non-conforming use and allow for permitted parking. The property address is 1218 Liberty Expressway. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

10. Additional Business.

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

Joint Board of Adjustments & Appeals – Two joint (2) appointments with a three-year term ending on October 1, 2027. Incumbents Stephen Dew and Ronald Smith desire reappointment. No new applicants. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See board packet page #44. **ACTION:**

Air Conditioning, Heating, & Ventilation Board – Four (4) appointments: one (1) County, two (2) joint, and one (1) rotational, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbents Quianna Lavant (County), Clint Newsome (joint) and Clifford Tolbert (rotational) desire reappointment. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for one vacancy. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See board packet page #46. **ACTION:**

Electrical Board – Five (5) appointments: one (1) County appointment for a Master Electrician, two (2) joint appointments for an Electrical Supplier, one (1) joint appointment for a Professional Engineer, and one (1) appointment for a joint citizen member, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Sanford Hillsman (joint citizen member) desires reappointment. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for four vacancies. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See board packet page #48. **ACTION:**

Fire Code Board of Appeals – Three (3) County appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. One new applicant: Ronald Smith. Will re-advertise for two vacancies. See board packet page #50. **ACTION:**

Flood Plain Management Review Board – Three (3) County appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbents Perry Ford, Jr. and Tod Lanier desire reappointment. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for one vacancy. See board packet page #52. **ACTION:**

Gas Board – Three (3) appointments: one (1) County, one (1) joint, and one (1) rotational with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbents Sanford Hillsman (County) and Rhett Parker (joint) desire reappointment. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for one vacancy. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See board packet page #54. **ACTION:**

Golden Triangle RC & D Council- Two (2) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2026. Incumbents Julian Marcus and Doug Wilson desire reappointment. Two new applicants: Thelma Johnson and King Randall. See board packet page #56. **ACTION:**

Historical Preservation Commission- Four (4) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2026. Incumbents Will Davis, Angelia Jones, and Quianna Lavant desire reappointment. Incumbent Kenneth Loudenbarger does not desire reappointment. One new applicant: King Randall. See board packet page #65. **ACTION:**

Albany Dougherty Hospital Authority– One (1) appointment with a five-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Joel Wright resigned. One new applicant: Chris Hatcher. See board packet page #69. **ACTION:**

Library Board –Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027, one appointment must be a Commissioner. Incumbents Dr. James Hill and Commissioner Anthony Jones desire reappointment. One new applicant: King Randall. See board packet page #73. **ACTION:**

Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Regional 4 – Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbents Gail Davenport and Debra Richardson served the maximum of two consecutive terms. Two new applicants: Cynthia Bradshaw and Angela Patterson. See board packet page #77. **ACTION:**

Payroll Development Authority – One (1) appointment with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbent Roderick Garner desires reappointment. Payroll Development Authority recommends the reappointment of Mr. Garner. See board packet page #90. **ACTION:**

Planning Commission- Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbents William Geer and Sanford Hillsman desire reappointment. Two new applicants: Casey Beane and King Randall. See board packet page #92. **ACTION:**

Plumbing Board - Three (3) appointments with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Two (2) County appointments must be a Master Plumber and one (1) appointment represents a citizen member. Incumbents Lee Eppley (County, Master Plumber), Glenn Tyler Harris (Citizen Member) and Rhett Parker (County Master Plumber) desire reappointment. No new applicants. See board packet page #98. **ACTION:**

Retirement Fund Committee – Three (3) appointments with a four-year term ending December 31, 2028, one must be a citizen appointee, one appointee must be a Commissioner, and one must be an active employee representative. Incumbents Pamela Coley (employee representative), Charlie Kelly (citizen) and Commissioner Ed Newsome desire reappointment. One new applicant: Muarlean Edwards. The Commission Chairman makes all appointments. See board packet page #100. **ACTION:**

Southwest Georgia Community Action Council - One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Glenn Tyler Harris desires reappointment. Three new applicants: Martez Favis, Thelma Johnson, and King Randall: See board packet page #106. **ACTION:**

Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force - One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Lawrence Knighton does not desire reappointment. One new applicant: King Randall. See board packet page #117. **ACTION:**

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission - Three (3) appointments: one (1) County, one (1) Chairman designee (appointee must be a Commissioner) and one (1) joint with a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbents Raymond Breaux (County), Commissioner Anthony Jones (Chairman designee) and Demetrius Love (joint) desire reappointment. Four new applicants: Casey Beane, Ryshari Burley, King Randall, and Nathan Woods. The Chairman will appoint his designee. All appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See board packet page #120. **ACTION:**

Tax Assessors Board - Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbents George Anderson and Wayne Shaw desire reappointment. One new applicant: Casey Beane: See board packet page #142. **ACTION:**

Voter Registration and Elections - One (1) appointment with a two-year term ending December 31, 2026. Incumbent Frederick Williams desires reappointment. Three new applicants: Muarlean Edwards, King Randall, and Ronald Smith. See board packet page #146. **ACTION:**

11. Updates from the County Administrator.

    a. REMINDER - The Finance Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20th, in Room 540 of the Albany Dougherty Government Center.

12. Updates from the County Attorney.

13. Updates from the County Commission.

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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