REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 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 December 15th Regular Meeting, December 16th Public Hearing (10 am), December 16th Public Hearing (6pm), and December 23rd 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).*

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. Joe Clark, applicant, and George Suarez, owner (25-057) request Special Approval to operate office spaces for business operations. The 1.52-acre parcel is zoned C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned Development District). The property is located at 716 Philema Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Angel Gray will address.

8. Purchases.

   a. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote from the Sourcewell Contract vendor, First Class Emergency Vehicles (Monroe, NC) to purchase two (2) Medix ME-153 Type I Ford F-350 Ambulances in the amount of $252,410 each, for a total expenditure of $504,820. Funding will be provided by SPLOST VIII. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the budget amendment from the Special Services District Fund Balance in the amount of $114,330 to the Special Services District Fund to allow for acceptance of the bid for the Right-of-Way Mowing. **ACTION:**

   c. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract allowing Public Works to accept the bid for Right-of-Way Mowing from the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, C&S Landscaping and Property Management (Parrott, GA) in the amount of $114,330, subject to execution by the County Administrator. Funding will be provided by the Special Services District Fund. **ACTION:**

   d. Consider for action the recommendation from the Sheriff's Office to accept the quotes from Response Technologies (West Chester, OH) to add panic alarm systems to the Government Building and the Tax & Tag Office in the amount of $36,543. Response Technologies is the current vendor for the Courthouse. Funding will be provided by the General Fund. **ACTION:**

   e. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of a HVAC Service Agreement with Sourcewell Contract vendor, Johnson Controls in the amount of $145,644.98, subject to execution by the County Administrator. Funding will be provided from the General Fund. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Interim Facilities Management Director Matt Idlett will address. **ACTION:**

9. Additional Business.

   a. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the 2026 calendar year in the amount of $248,000. The grant is provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office. **ACTION:**

   b. Consider for action the Resolution establishing the Qualifying Fees for the public offices in Dougherty County for the 2026 Election. **ACTION:**

   c. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointment. Appointments are made by nominations.

      a. Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force - One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2026. One new applicant: Angela Patterson.

   d. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2026 Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant (LMIG) funds ($520,034.61) and TSPLOST Resurfacing ($1,603,143.80). The total cost estimate for 11.92 miles is $2,123,178.41. **ACTION:**

   e. Consider for action the recommendation to remove the January 5, 2026 tabled discussion pertaining to the reimbursement to the Board of Regents. **ACTION:**

f. Consider for action the recommendation to transfer $35,909.09 from the Library GA Fund 1 account to General Fund Contingency to allow reimbursement to the Board of Regents for the purchase of surveillance cameras located at the Northwest Branch and Central Library. The transfer to General Fund Contingency will be applied to the Library's Other Equipment account to prevent the utilization of fund balance. County Attorney Alex Shalishali and Library Director Gail Evans will address. **ACTION:**

g. Consider for action the Special Approval request for Joe Clark, applicant, and George Suarez, owner (25-057) to operate office spaces for business operations. The 1.52-acre parcel is zoned C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned Development District). The property is located at 716 Philema Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

h. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) VOCA Grant #AW-VOCA-25-071-012 for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of $123,995. The local matching funds amount of $30,999 was waived for all offices. The grant acceptance is required annually. County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address on behalf of Donna Garcia, Victim Witness Assistance Director. **ACTION:**

10. Updates from the County Administrator.

    a. REMINDER - There will be a Work Session immediately following 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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