WORK SESSION

May 11, 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. Minutes.

   a. Minutes of the April 20th Regular Meeting and April 27th Work Session.

5. 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. CEO of ASPIRE, Dana Glass is present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Month.

   b. Former County Attorney Spencer Lee, Public Works Director Chuck Mathis, and Director of Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District (Ms.) Perri Cooper are present to update the Commission on the State funding received for the 324 acre Radium Springs River Park.

6. Zoning.

   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. T*he Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the May 18th Regular Meeting.*

7. Additional Business.

   a. Recommendation to approve 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. County Administrator Deron King and County Extension Coordinator Vivek Bist will address.

   b. Recommendation for the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners to engage Mauldin & Jenkins (Atlanta, GA), CPAs and Advisors, for a Strategic Assessment of the Solid Waste (SW) Department in an amount of $75,000. Funding will be provided in FY26 (in the amount of $5,000) and the remainder will be provided in FY27 Professional Fees. County Administrator Deron King, SW Interim Director Melvin Williams, SW Administrative Operations Manager Classie Johnson and Interim Finance Director Amy Westenfeld will address.

   c. 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. County Administrator Deron King, Major Ken Faust, Interim EMS Deputy Director Michael Pinson, and Aspire Behavioral Health Deputy Director Lisa Oosterveen will address.

   d. 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 will be provided from the Opioid Settlement Fund. County Administrator Deron King, Major Ken Faust, Interim EMS Deputy Director Michael Pinson, and Aspire Behavioral Health Deputy Director Lisa Oosterveen will address.

   e. 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. County Administrator Deron King, Public Works Director Chuck Mathis, Interim Finance Director Amy Westenfeld, and Foresite Group Program Manager Erik Steavens will address.

8. Updates from the County Administrator.

   a. Congratulations to Deputy County Clerk, Bristeria Clark, for receiving her Associate of Science and pin for Nursing.

9. Updates from the County Attorney.

10. Updates from the County Commission.

11. 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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