REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 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 January 26th Regular Meeting and January 26th Work Session. **ACTION:**

6. 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. Buford Jenkins, applicant, and Weatherspoon Inc., owner (26-001) request to rezone a 9.20-acre parcel from AG (Agricultural District) to C-3 (Commercial Business District). The property is located on Liberty Expressway, south of Williamsburg Road. The rezoning would allow the property to be used for commercial purposes. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address.

7. 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. Melody Pierce, Executive Director, WorkSource Southwest Georgia, is present to promote the National Dislocated Worker Grant that was awarded to Southwest Georgia.

b. Kasey L. Summerville, President and Chief Executive Officer, Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Charles Johnson, President and Raine Smith, Associate Project Manager, Johnson Consulting, are present to discuss the Conference Center Feasibility Study.

8. Additional Business.

a. Consider for action the recommendation from the Sheriff's Office for the Board of Commissioners to issue a resolution authorizing the utilization of a Traffic Safety Camera Program to assist with the enforcement of speed limits in school zones within the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. **ACTION:**

b. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of Amendment #2 to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Dougherty County Employees to add County Commissioners as Eligible Employees, effective as of January 1, 2027, and to provide for each such Participant an Employer Basic Contribution equal to twelve percent (12%) of his or her compensation. **ACTION:**

c. Consider for action the recommendation from the Finance Committee to amend the budget for EMS in the amount of $485,343 to address overtime budgeting needs of the department. Funding will be provided from the General Fund Balance. **ACTION:**

d. Consider for action recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a budget amendment for the salary and benefits in the amount of $100,000 to be placed within the FY 26 budget for the purpose of recruiting a Chief Financial Officer for the County. Funding will be provided by General Fund Contingency. An annualized amount of approximately $200,000 for salary and benefits will be budgeted for future years. **ACTION:**

e. Consider for the action the recommendation from the Finance Committee to deny the proposal to engage Developmental Associates LLC (Chapel Hill, NC) to conduct the Executive Search for a Chief Financial Officer for Dougherty County in the proposed amount of $25,500. Funding will be provided by General Fund Contingency. **ACTION:**

f. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of Buford Jenkins, applicant, and Weatherspoon Inc., owner (26-001) request to rezone a 9.20-acre parcel from AG (Agricultural District) to C-3 (Commercial Business District). The property is located on Liberty Expressway, south of Williamsburg Road. The rezoning would allow the property to be used for commercial purposes. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

9. Board Appointments.

a. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointments. *Appointments are made by nominations.*

Department Of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Regional 4 Board- One (1) appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. Three new applicants: Kathryn Keeley, Dr. Lillian Sneed, and Dr. Hope Wright. **ACTION:**

Electrical Board -Four (4) appointments: one (1) County appointment for a Master Electrician, two (2) joint appointments for an Electrical Supplier, and one (1) joint appointment for a Professional Engineer, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2026. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for four vacancies. **ACTION:**

Fire Code of Appeals Board – One (1) appointment with a three-year term ending December 31, 2028. One new applicant: James Carter. **ACTION:**

Flood Plain Management Review Board – One (1) appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. No new applicants. Will re-advertise for one vacancy. **ACTION:**

Voter Registration and Elections Board - One (1) appointment with a two-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2026. Five new applicants: Judith Corbett, William Dyke III, Larry Harris, Annette Scott, and Dr. Lillian Sneed. **ACTION:**

10. Updates from the County Administrator.

    a. **REMINDER** - The County Commission will meet at the NW Library Event Center, 2507 Dawson Road, Albany, GA on Tuesday, February 17th - Wednesday, February 18th at 9 am for the annual retreat.

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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