



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

April 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

Romona Jackson Jones, Kelly Robinson,
Tarenia Carthan, Ann Jones Guider, Henry
Mitchell, Lisa Watson, Jennifer Moore

Members Absent

INVOCATION - Senior Pastor, Dr. Everton A. Ennis, New Jerusalem Praise & Worship Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment allows the board the opportunity to listen to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes. Being none they were approved.

1. Commission Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021.
2. Work Session Minutes of March 16, 2021.
3. Executive Session Minutes of March 15, 2021.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Proclaiming the week of April 5 - 11, 2021 as Public Health Week in Douglas County. **(Dr. Romona Jackson Jones)**

Dr. Craten and Lisa Crossman attended.

Everyone 16 and above can now be vaccinated. Lisa urged citizens to please get vaccinated.

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

5. Proclaiming the week of April 18 - 24, 2021 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Douglas County. **(Dalia Racine, District Attorney)**

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO your text here.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Commissioner Robinson - what type of support to we provide survivors. DA Racine - 1st step is to assess their needs. they may need housing, food, emotional support, etc. We have

NEW BUSINESS

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO ADD THE COMCAST AGENDA ITEM FROM YESTERDAY'S AGENDA TO NEW BUSINESS

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

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Commissioner Carthan - would like to get PGV/Sam Datta to look at this.

Commissioner Robinson - unimpressed with bandwidth. Is this going to be more functional. **As a condition - wants an answer to 4 questions from Comcast:** 5G, bandwidth, locations, ??

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ANN GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

6. Authorization for the Chairman to execute an employment agreement with Alexandro Betancourt as Information Services Director.

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- Authorization to approve a Change Order to the Comcast Master Services Agreement to add services to the new Senior Center and to upgrade the infrastructure to be wholly fiber optics for 15 current sites for a cost of \$440/month as recommended by the Technology Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

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BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Authorization to approve 2021 Budget Improvement Request (BIR) and amend 2021 General Fund Budget.

David Corbin / Roselyn Miller Presented.

\$2.7m Can Be Spent On Operations, \$3m Can Be Spent On Capital Projects.

Commissioner Mitchell - Asked To Put The Tax Commissioner'S Car Allowance Back In At An Annual Amount Of \$4,800. Commissioner Guider - This Did Not Come Out Of Our Finance Committee. We Never Talked About Punkintown Renovations. Thought We Would Only Be Voting On The 8.25% Cuts, Sheriff'S Cars, And The Tax Commissioner Software. This Is The First Time Seeing This List. I Did Not Endorse The Other Items. Hereby Resign From The Committee If I Cannot Be Kept Updated. Chairman Stated She Had Thanked The Committee For Framing And This Is David Corbin'S Recommendations. Commissioner Robinson - We Are All Equal, Each One Has A Vote.

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LIST PRESENTED TODAY WITH THE ADDITION OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S CAR ALLOWANCE
KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION

KELLY ROBINSON - stated his condition upon approval is to authorize Finance to move forward with preparation of long term capital plan of all public safety; break apart the veterans court and use \$50K of that and reassign to Coroner's salary, the balance of \$100K back to contingency. Chairman Jones - spoke to the Coroner and she stated she is not interested right now for the salary increase. 1st condition is acceptable, but do not want to increase the coroner's budget at this time. Commissioner Robinson - also spoke to the coroner last night.

Commissioner Mitchell- have had various conversations with the Coroner - thought we couldn't raise her salary legally, but could do a supplement? Legal - legislation allows commissioners to make changes in her salary.

MOTION FAILS 2/2/1 (COMMISSIONER GUIDER AND CHAIRMAN JONES
OPPOSED; COMMISSIONER MITCHELL ABSTAINED.

HENRY MITCHELL MADE THE SAME MOTION WITH THE CONDITION OF
SETTING ASIDE THE \$50K FOR THE CORONER TO BE REVISITED ON HOW TO
APPLY TO HER BUDGET AT A LATER DISCUSSION)
MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SECOND

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED WITH THE
CONDITION OF ALLOCATING \$36K UPON REVIEWING THE CORONERS BUDGET
IN AUGUST 2021 FOR THE 2022 BUDGET
MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SECOND

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PACKAGE AS PRESENTED
BY DAVID CORBIN TODAY AS IS
KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION FAILED 2-3 (COMMISSIONERS ROBINSON, MITCHELL, AND GUIDER
OPPOSED)

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LIST PRESENTED TODAY AS

CONSENT AGENDA

All items are subject to final legal review.

ANN GUIDER MOTIONED TO TABLE #18 - TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO APRIL 19 WORK SESSION

?? SECONDED

MOTION CARRIES 4-1 (COMMISSIONER CARTHAN OPPOSED)

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO your text here.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

8. Authorization to accept the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$53,849 with no match for our Domestic Violence Prosecutor position in the Solicitor-General's Office's Domestic Violence Unit for the 2021 grant year, authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents and amend the budget.
9. Authorization to accept a \$20,000 grant (with no match) as part of the FY20 Delinquency Prevention Grant Program from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
10. Authorization to apply for the 2021 CDBG Grant from the GA Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$750,000 (with a 5% cash match of \$37,500), and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
11. Authorize the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew Right of Way Maintenance Agreement with GA DOT and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents, subject to final legal review.
12. Authorization for the Chairman to execute a grant funded part-time contract with Gabrielle Howard as Baby Steps Safe Care Case Manager under Juvenile Programs Department.
13. Authorization to adopt the Resolution and award the bid for a Tax Anticipation Note to PNC Bank in the amount of \$12 million for an annual rate of 0.36% & \$5,000 Bank legal fees and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
14. Authorization to approve a rental agreement with the City of Douglasville for day use of the Fire Department training exercise and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Authorization to renew the MOU between Douglas County Board of Commissioners and UGA Cooperative Extension and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
16. Authorization to accept funds from the Sarge Fite Memorial fund in the amount of \$9,202.00, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

17. Authorization to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Food Fitness First, Inc. to provide nutritional counseling services by a qualified registered dietician to eligible clients of the Douglas County Senior Center located on Fairburn Road.
18. Authorization to approve an agreement with Tyler Technologies for the new Tax Software system and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
19. Authorization to advertise for a public hearing for the purpose of changing the street name of Dawn Foods Parkway to Bakers Lane pursuant to a request from the new owners of the facility.
20. Authorization to approve Supplement #6 in the amount of \$4,145.92 on the Consulting Engineering Services contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. for additional design work at the intersection of SR92 & Lee Rd related to the signal permit in connection with the Lee Road Phase 2 Widening Project (PI# 0004428) and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
21. Authorization to approve Supplement #1 in the amount of \$19,786.56 on the Consulting Engineering Services Task Order with Michael Baker International, Inc. for a Phase II Environmental Assessment in connection with the Hwy 5 & Douglas Blvd Intersection Improvement Project and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
22. Authorization to allocate remaining 2016 SPLOST funds from the SR 92 and Mt Vernon Rd Intersection traffic signal project and the SR 92 & Riverside Pkwy traffic signal project for the purposes of purchasing an office trailer and portable restroom trailer facilities to house the DOT Maintenance staff until a more permanent replacement for the burned-out facility on Chicago Avenue is established.
23. Adoption of a "Policy Regarding Implementation of Federal Mask Mandate pursuant to Presidential Executive Order" for compliance with the order in conformance with FTA and CDC guidelines applicable to public transit agencies and facilities as discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting.
24. Authorization to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Social Involvement Missions, Inc. to administer the Douglas County COVID Relief Small Business Grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Great Douglas County Shredding Event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 15th, at 9:00 a.m. outside the Douglas County Courthouse.

Free COVID-19 Testing is being offered at Deer Lick Park, 2171 Mack Rd, Douglasville, Ga. Drive-Thru Testing Monday-Friday, 8a-4p and Saturday, 8a-1p. No appointment Necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12:41 PM

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION.

ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

RECONVENE AS NECESSARY

AT 1:24 PM

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. FOR THE JOINT P&Z / BOC MEETING

WITH REGARDS TO ALL MOTIONS PASSED, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:
TO WHATEVER EXTENT THIS RESOLUTION (MOTION AND ORDINANCE)
AFFECTS COUNTY REVENUES AND/OR EXPENDITURES THEN THE OFFICIAL
COUNTY BUDGET IS HEREBY AMENDED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS
RESOLUTION (MOTION AND ORDINANCE).

RESPECTFULLY,

DR. ROMONA JACKSON JONES, CHAIRMAN

HENRY MITCHELL III, MEMBER

KELLY ROBINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

TARENIA CARTHAN, MEMBER

ANN JONES GUIDER, MEMBER

LISA WATSON, COUNTY CLERK