



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

April 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

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

Members Absent

INVOCATION - Rick Martin, Communications Director
Pastor Darryl Momon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment allows the board the opportunity to listen to the public.
Pastor Momon - #13 BIR -addressed the BOC regarding slavery history.

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 April 6, 2021.
2. Work Session Minutes of April 5, 2021.
3. Special Called Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021.
4. Executive Session Minutes of April 5, April 6, and April 12, 2021.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Proclaiming the month of May as National Foster Care month in Douglas County.
(DeDe Artis, DFCS Director)

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

6. Proclaiming the week of April 18-24 as National Volunteer Week and saluting volunteers of the UGA Cooperative Extension office in Douglas County. **(Susan Culpepper)**

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

7. Proclaiming the month of April as Minority Health Month in Douglas County.
(Barbara Baylor)

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

8. Proclaiming the month of April as National County Government Month in Douglas County. **(Chairman Jones)**

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO THE PROCLAMATION.

ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Authorize the Chairman to execute an amended employee contract with Laura Thompson as Administrative Fiscal Systems Manager in the District Attorney's office.

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED EMPLOYEE CONTRACT.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

10. Authorize County Administrator to negotiate and execute location use agreements, to set fee schedules, to require user to pay for off-duty law enforcement and EMTs when deemed necessary, require insurance, and modify terms to proposed use agreements in her discretion, subject to legal review and risk management review.

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

KELLY ROBINSON - condition is I want to see what the schedule is. Needs to be consistent. Can't be arbitrary. Legal - recommends there is a public schedule.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 11.** Authorize the County Attorney to resolve the pending litigation with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), the Board of Trustees for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefits Program, and the ACCG-Government Employee Benefits Corporation d/b/a GEBCorp, subject to ACCG or its related entities paying \$391,158.00 into Douglas County's Defined Benefit Plan for Douglas County Employees; subject to ACCG or its related entities paying Douglas County \$58,842.00 for attorney's fees and costs; subject to mutual waiver of claims by all parties, including the County's waiver of claims; subject to the payment into the Defined Benefit Plan qualifying under IRS rules as a self-correction; and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, subject to final legal review.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE.
ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

- 12.** Authorize the County Attorney or his designee to negotiate an extension of time to conduct the statutory meeting required per O.C.G.A. § 36-36-23 between the County and the City of Chattahoochee Hills related to the Foxhall request for annexation into the City; to negotiate an extension of time for the County to file its objection to same; and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, subject to final legal review.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE.
ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 13.** Authorization to approve 2021 Budget Improvement Request (BIR) and amend 2021 General Fund Budget.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1) AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO MOVE FORWARD TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES, TRANSPORTATION, AND PARKS & REC LIBRARY, 2) ESTABLISH SUPPLEMENT FOR CORONER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,253; 3) BRIDGE REMOVAL FROM OLD JAIL TO BE USED AT PUNKINTOWN PART NOT TO EXCEED \$200K, 4) RESTORE OPERATING BUDGET TO ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WILL OVER SEE HOW THAT GOES BACK DIRECT REPORT
TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION
HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO AMEND THE OPTION OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER CAR ALLOWANCE \$400/MO, \$4800/YEAR.
KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION

ANN GUIDER AMENDED THE MOTION TO ADD \$500K FOR DIRT ROADS IN DISTRICT 4

CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION
AMENDED MOTION BY ANN GUIDER FAILED 2-3 (KELLY ROBINSON, TARENIA CARTHAN, AND HENRY MITCHELL OPPOSED)

BACK TO THE MAIN MOTION FROM KELLY ROBINSON AND HENRY MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT
MOTION CARRIES 3/2 (ANN GUIDER AND CHAIRMAN JONES OPPOSED)

CONSENT AGENDA

All items are subject to final legal review.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

KELLY ROBINSON - STATED TO REAMENDED BIR'S REGARDING THE VETERANS COURT OF \$150K BE REMOVED AND \$50K OF THAT WILL GO TO THE SOLICITOR AND \$50K TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES.

- 14.** Authorization to accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for an Adult Drug Court Technology and Pandemic Grant in the amount of 1,445.00 with no match required, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

15. Authorization to apply for grant funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Felony Drug Court in the amount of \$655,961 (match of \$72,855; Mental Health Court in the amount of \$319,816 (match of \$36,000); and the Veterans Court in the amount of \$142,719 (match of \$15,858) and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

KELLY ROBINSON - STATED TO REAMENDED BIR'S REGARDING THE VETERANS COURT OF \$150K BE REMOVED AND \$50K OF THAT WILL GO TO THE SOLICITOR AND \$50K TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES.

16. Authorization to accept funds from Georgia Trauma Commission in the amount of \$8,667.23 and amend the Fire Department's budget.
17. Authorization to file application with GDOT for 2021 LMIG Off System Safety funds in amount of \$350,000 with a local match of \$105,000 to be allocated from 2016 SPLOST funds and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

Miguel Valentin - this is for roads that are not state routes. This is in addition to our usual LMIG funding allows us to strip the arterial and collector roads and will allow 27-28 miles of county roads. It may be less, but we hope for the full amount. We have identified the roads.

18. Denial of a claim for a property tax credit.
19. Authorization to execute Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Douglasville and the City of Villa Rica for the Douglas County Tax Commissioner to provide tax collection services for each city.
20. Authorization to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between Douglas County and any governmental agencies that use our radio system, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE EXPENSES.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

21. Approval of Vice Chairman Robinson's expenses for the month of March 2021 in the total amount of \$425.12 (local expenses).
22. Approval of Commissioner Carthan's expenses for the month of March 2021 in the total amount of \$450.43 (\$175.43 local expenses; \$275.00 NACo Conference).
23. Approval of Commissioner Guider's expenses for the month of March 2021 in the total amount of \$16.46 (local expenses).
24. Approval of Chairman Jones' expenses for the month of March 2021 in the total amount of \$224.00 (NACo Conference).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Keep Douglas County Beautiful and Keep Douglasville Beautiful for the 2021 Earth Day Community Cleanup this Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Volunteers for this event will meet at the Douglas County UGA Extension office located at: 6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville, GA 30134. or at Georgia Highlands College located at: 4841 Bill Arp Road, Douglasville, GA 30135. For more information email tabrieahcobb@co.douglas.ga.us

The Douglas County Small Business Grant Program is now accepting applications from Douglas County Small Businesses for \$2500 grants. To apply please visit elizabethbaptist.org or for more information email tstewartstanley@co.douglas.ga.us.

The Department of External Affairs is now accepting applications for the 2021 Douglas County Citizen's Academy through May 15th. To apply or to receive more information email tabrieahcobb@co.douglas.ga.us.

Chairman Dr. Romona Jackson Jones will deliver the State of Douglas County Address as part of the fourth annual State of Douglasville-Douglas County Address on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. The Council for Quality Growth, along with the City of Douglasville, Douglas County, and the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce are hosting the event held in person at the Douglasville Conference Center. A virtual stream of the address will be available for the public to view at www.celebratedouglascounty.com/StateOfTheCounty2021 The virtual stream begins at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Jones will be providing an update on the government and set an outlook for the 2021 year ahead, while addressing the City's and the County's business communities in terms of the growth and development factors that make Douglas a valuable place to live, work, and conduct business.

District 3 Commissioner Tarenia Carthan will be holding a District 3 Townhall at the Connect Douglas Multi-Modal Transportation Center, at 8800 Dorris Road, Douglasville, Ga. 30134 on Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. Topics at hand will be Code Enforcement, DOT, Voter Education, and more.

On behalf of District 3 Commissioner Tarenia Carthan, the Mobile Mammogram Unit will return here outside the Douglas County Courthouse on May 7th for employees and the public. All individuals must register using the link on the flyer, no walk ins accepted. If they have any questions regarding this event (eligibility, etc.), they must call MammoSaves.com 678.626.0342. Visit www.celebratedouglascounty.com for more.

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

RECONVENE AS NECESSARY

ADJOURN

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