



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

July 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

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

Members Absent

INVOCATION - Pastor Clifton Jones, Hands of Praise International Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment allows the board the opportunity to listen to the public. The public is invited to participate in the Commission Meetings by calling in through the Conference Call-in # provided on our website, [www.CelebrateDouglasCounty.com/Government/Board of Commissioners](http://www.CelebrateDouglasCounty.com/Government/Board%20of%20Commissioners). As a reminder, comments at the Commission Meeting must be germane to the agenda. Citizens desiring to register to speak, please contact the County Clerk, Lisa Watson, via email (lwatson@co.douglas.ga.us) or by calling 770-920-7416 by Friday at 5:00 pm. Please include your name, email address, phone # and topic.

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 June 22, 2021.
2. Work Session Minutes of June 21, 2021.
3. Executive Session Minutes of June 21, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Approval for a New Pawn Broker License for Second Amendment Pawn. (Ron Roberts)

Adelle Ackerman is in attendance for the Pawn Broker License.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

No public comments

Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Robinson asked to hear from the applicant.

Adele Akerman -

Commissioner Robinson - asked Ron Roberts how many pawn shops. Was there any communication from residents around the property? Ron, Two in the county - Hwy 5 and Lee Rd. This facility is on 4.49 acres, believe its under 1,000 sf, stand alone. We have not heard from any residents.

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LICENSE.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-1 (TARENIA CARTHAN OPPOSED).

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Authorization to advertise for a Public Hearing to consider amending the Douglas County Code of Ordinances by adding an ordinance regarding the official requirements of the Legal Organ.**

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

NO SECOND RECEIVED

MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SECOND

- 6. Appointment of Mark Alcaez and Carol Chateau to the Department of Family and Children Services Board effective immediately.**

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 15.** Approval of a contract agreement with Lionheart Consulting Group, LLC to provide consulting services to Douglas County in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.

COMMISSIONER CARTHAN MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM #15 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION UNDER BUSINESS.

CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Commissioner Carthan - concerned with contract end date going through 2022 rather than ending on December 31, 2021. Legal - contract is still reviewing. We can change the date to 12/31/21. Commissioner Carthan - concur that we should keep it all consistent. The consultant has already been doing work with us. Douglas 2025 has already started but will carry over with this contract? Sharon - the work was not complete and previous agreement was not adequate. There is a second phase of the work that has other requirements. In government, its very unusual to terminate a contract at the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Carthan- we put this in place last year so that they line up with our fiscal policy. Sharon- it is understood that the funding is only for the fiscal year. Commissioner Carthan asked that we align the contract with our fiscal policy to end at the end of 2021. Lionel Savage - we are looking to execute results which is the 2nd part. Finished results will be presented at the mid-year retreat. There are seven main areas of focus. We will be extremely busy. We will be speaking on this Thursday in detail.

Commissioner Carthan - contract should be prorated and end contract at the end of the year.

commissioner Robinson - this is an important contract. this is less about the terms and what we are trying to get done. county and leadership is evolving. we have major decisions to make in the next four weeks.

commissioner Mitchell - need to confirm the vote. chairman added the conditions would be that the contract would be prorated to 12/31/21. Commissioner Mitchell- contract will be revisited at the end of the year. Commissioner Guider - disappointed that the meeting was called during the most highly taken vacation time of the year (July 4th week). Will not be able to attend as I am out of state. Lionel will contact Commissioner Guider.

COMMISSIONER CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS SET FORTH (Contract ends on 12/31/21 and amount of contract is prorated to reflect the termination date).

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

All items are subject to final legal review.

Commissioner Robinson - stated he wants to be clear on silencing on any topic. If there is something on the consent agenda that would be relevant to my constituents, I will still speak to. Will not give up that right. This is the time we are supposed to debate.

TARENA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITHOUT ITEM #15

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

7. Approval of various resolutions adopted each term for Tax Commissioners Office - 2021-2024 Term subject to final legal review.
 - Resolution Approving the Waiver of Certain Penalties and Interest
 - Resolution of Judicial in Rem
 - Resolution to Sell Property for less than Taxes Owed and Demolition Cost
 - Resolution for Street Lights
 - Resolution Delegating Authority to Process and Administer Refunds
 - Resolution to Authorize Tax Commissioner to Waive Certain Amounts of Taxes Owed
 - Resolution to Authorize Tax Commissioner to Waive Certain Interest and Penalties Owed
 - Resolution of Acceptable Forms of Payment for AD Valorem Taxes
 - Tax Commissioner Authorization Forms - To Accept Payment- To Disburse to Entities-To Correct Clerical Errors- To Accept online payments for Taxes
8. Authorization to accept FY 22 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Justice Incentive Grant in the amount of \$286,695.00, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.
9. Authorization to enter into a subrecipient agreement with GEMA to apply for reimbursement for expenses for Tropical Storm in October of 2020 in the approximate amount of \$60,387.00, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
10. Authorization to amend the Superior Court Judges' budget in the amount of \$14,161.60 to fund an annual supplement for the remaining half of 2021 for two new State funded staff attorneys.
11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Fiscal Agent Contract for the Family Connections Partnership Grant (Douglas CORE) in the amount of \$48,000.00.
12. Authorize the Chairman to execute an employee contract with Yakieya Griffin as the Veterans Court Assistant Director subject to final legal review. The position is grant funded.
13. Authorization for Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew a contract with Administrative Solutions, Inc. for the DCSO jail inmate medical plan in the amount of \$31,802.40, effective July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.

14. Authorization for Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew Stop Loss Insurance agreement (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022) with HCC Life Insurance Company in the annual amount of \$64,210.56 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.
16. Approval of a Utility Relocation Agreement with AT&T in the amount of \$40,608.96 in connection with the Bright Star & John West Intersection Improvement Project as recommended by the Transportation Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISTEN TO TAPE - KR ENTEPENURESHIP

Chairman Jones - we do have the Delta variant so still continue to wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear your mask if you are in confined spaces.

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

An educational campaign recently launched by the Chair and Board of Commissioners wants to remind you COVID-19 vaccinations are available through Cobb & Douglas Public Health, visit www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org for the latest times, dates, and locations throughout Douglas County. Free vaccines are also offered by CORE at pop-up locations in Douglas County. Visit www.douglasvax.coreresponse.org

For COVID-19 Information, call the COVID-19 CALL Center at 1-833-974-3366.

Save the Date for Vice-Chairman Kelly Robinson's 2021 HOA Bootcamp that will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 starting at 8:00 a.m. tentatively at the Boundary Waters Community Center. For more information send an email to kcaudle@co.douglas.ga.us.

District 3 Commissioner, Carthan along with Solicitor General, Sonya Compton are holding a Back to School Supply Drive in preparation of their annual Book Bag Drive. Supplies can be donated through July 23rd and dropped off at the Douglas County Courthouse to the Board of Commissioners office or the office of the Solicitor General.

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