



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

September 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

Romona Jackson Jones, Kelly Robinson, Henry Mitchell, Tarenia Carthan, Ann Jones Guider, Tiffany Stewart-Stanley, Lisa Watson, Michael Coleman, Sherri Mathis

Members Absent

Frederick Perry

INVOCATION - Brandon Pennamon

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 Meeting by registering at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting in Citizens Hall. Please include your name, email address, phone # and topic.

Carol Newborn -Coroners new building. She doesn't need a \$3M building. She needs the very basics. Asking BOC to be good stewards with citizens money. Need to do a better job of balancing our budget and not raise taxes.

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 September 6, 2022
2. Work Session Minutes of September 1, 2022
3. Executive Session Minutes of September 1, 2022

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Proclaiming September 22, 2022 as American Business Womens' Day in Douglas County. **(Vonda Thorpe)**

INSERT PROCLAMATION

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.
ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

5. Proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2022 as Constitution Week in Douglas County. (Lisa Meek)

INSERT PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Robinson asked Deputy Clerk, Sherri Mathis to read the 1st paragraph of the Constitution:

WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Public Hearing and approval for a request from Christopher White for a Certificate of Compliance with the Metropolitan River Protection Act for construction of a single family residence at 4285 Highway 166, Douglasville GA 30135 (located in District 3). (Allison Duncan)

Allison Duncan - this is a requirement under State Law if you are building within 2,000 ft of the Chattahoochee River, to have a public hearing.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

No public comment

Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Approval of Task Order #1 in the amount of \$400,000 for a one year period to Landmark Consulting, LLC for full grants management services of ARPA federal funds, to be funded from the ARPA federal funds, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, subject to final legal review.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

When the ARPA funds were approved in November 2021, \$400k was allocated in the ARPA funds for Program Management. This firm will oversee the \$28M we received. The \$400K is for the 1st year. We have two more years to go.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

BUSINESS

8. To consider an amendment to Section 10-19 (Standards for water mains and fire hydrants) of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances. (Tabled from 09/06/22)

ANN GUIDER MOTIONED TO UNTABLE ITEM #8

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

ANN JONES GUIDER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Phil Shaffer explained the ordinance change. Asking for new section E - discretion of using plastic pipe rather than ductile iron pipe (which is hard to come by right now). Commissioner Robinson - concerned with who will oversee when the decision is made by the Fire Marshall. Didn't understand the motive behind it.

Phil - the plastic pipe is just as strong. Many counties use plastic pipe, especially where there is a lot of water. It has been used for many decades. The Fire Marshall can go back to iron ductile pipe once the supply chain comes back.

MOTION CARRIES 4-1. (Commissioner Robinson opposed)

CONSENT AGENDA

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

ANN JONES GUIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Guider asked James Worthington to clarify if we are replacing the existing building for the Coroner. James confirmed. James - will be going to other counties to look at Coroner offices. Chairman - the property was sold to the City, so a new location/building is needed.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

9. Authorization to apply for the FY23 Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program in the amount of \$116,000 with no match required to be used to fund equipment for the Recycling Program and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
10. Authorization to accept DHS Grant for Baby Steps Safe Care Coordinator in the amount of \$75,008.92 with no match required and continue the employee contract for Ashley Perry, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.
11. Authorization to apply for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources 2022-2023 Outdoor Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$500,000 with a match of 25% (\$125,000) of the total project cost as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Oversight Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
12. Authorize the Chairman to execute a Part-time employment agreement with Jonathan Steele as Part-time Assistant Solicitor in the Traffic Unit Division to fill a vacancy subject to final legal review.
13. Approval of Juvenile Court Attorney Contract with Jana Evans to fill the unexpired term of Robert Kunz from September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with no impact to the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.
14. Approval of name changes for two employee car allowance agreements for Laura Lukert and Alexandria Clark, in the total amount of \$9,600 (\$4,800/ea) to be funded

through the previously approved 2022 budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

- 15.** Certificate of Preliminary Plat Approval for Fairhaven Subdivision located in District 2.
- 16.** Proposed Annexation from the City of Douglasville for parcel ID# 01580250073 (west of Bright Star at Bright Star Connector).
- 17.** Authorization to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer SUV for the Parks and Recreation Department at state contract pricing at a total cost of \$41,078.00 to be funded through 2016 SPLOST funds allocated for equipment as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Oversight Committee.
- 18.** Request for authorization to advertise for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new back-up E911 facility.
- 19.** Request for authorization to advertise for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new Coroner facility.
- 20.** Authorization to utilize 2016 SPLOST reimbursable funds in the total amount of \$1,122,624.00 to purchase two Tanker Trucks at \$561,312 each under a cooperative purchase agreement to provide service to the East and West rural areas of Douglas County as well as the I-20 corridor and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE EXPENSES.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0 (Commissioner Robinson Abstained)

- 21.** Approval of Commissioner Mitchell's expenses for the month of August 2022 in the total amount of \$999.58 (\$400 - ACCG Training; \$599.58 - Local Expenses)
- 22.** Approval of Commissioner Carthan's expenses for the month of August 2022 in the total amount of \$40.00 (Local expenses).
- 23.** Approval of Commissioner Guider's expenses for the month of August 2022 in the total amount of \$120.99 (Local expenses).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman and District 2 Commissioner Kelly G. Robinson & Fire Chief Jolivette will host a Wet Down Program & Official Push-In Service at Station #6 located at Palmer Village/Tributary, 2230 Riverside Parkway Douglasville, GA 30135 on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

District 1, Commissioner Henry Mitchell, is partnering with local organizations in Douglas County to support Care Givers, Survivors & those we've lost from the battle of cancer. Please join us for Relay For Life on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Douglas

County High School (on the track behind the school) located at 8705 Campbellton St., Douglasville, Ga 30134 from 4pm-10pm.

Join District 1, Commissioner Henry Mitchell, for Coffee & Conversation at the True Bliss Salt Cave and Spa in downtown Douglasville on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 10am -12pm. .

The 20th annual September Saturdays Festival, presented by Douglas County and Georgia's Own Credit Union, will continue on Saturday, September 24th (Family Fun Day & County Services Showcase) on the grounds of the Douglas County Courthouse, 8700 Hospital Drive. Non-food vendor/exhibitor registration is now open. Over 100 vendors and exhibitors are anticipated for the largest annual festival in Douglas County.

To better understand the needs of our Citizens and to provide them with the best possible experience, the office of Constituent Services is conducting a Citizen Experience Survey. The survey will assist the County in its ongoing effort to improve the relationship between constituents and government, respond to resident concerns and assess citizen satisfaction. The surveys are available at all Senior Services centers, all libraries, Connect Douglas, Juvenile Programs, the Douglas County Court House, and the County's social media platforms. Flyers with a QR Code and hard copies of the survey will be placed at the locations. Citizens can access the survey by scanning a QR Code or completing a hard copy. The survey is available now and will run through September 30. Your input will help us make Douglas County the best it can be, so make your voice heard!

The Probate Court will be open on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022. Please check the Probate Court website for more information.

The Douglas County Fire Department and the Georgia Department of Public Health have partnered to offer COVID-19 PCR testing at a kiosk located just outside Douglas County Fire Headquarters at 12501 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Douglasville, GA 30134.

Free Covid-19 testing is being offered at Deer Lick Park Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, you can visit douglasvillecovid.com. For COVID-19 Information, call the COVID-19 CALL Center at 1-833-974-3366.

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