



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

January 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

Tarenia Carthan, Romona Jackson Jones, Kelly Robinson, Mark Alcarez, Henry Mitchell, Lisa Watson, Frederick Perry, Michael Coleman, Sherri Mathis

Members Absent

INVOCATION - James Worthington, Development Service Director

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 Work Sessions and the Commission Meetings by registering in Citizens Hall at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Please include your name, email address, phone # and topic. As a reminder, comments at the Commission Meeting must be germane to the agenda. For more information, contact the County Clerk, Lisa Watson, lwatson@douglascountyga.gov or 770-920-7416.

PRESENTATIONS

- Youth Commission Swearing-in. (Commission Meeting only) (**Tiffany Stewart-Stanley**)

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 January 4, 2023.
2. Work Session Minutes of January 3, 2023.
3. Executive Session Minutes of January 3, 2023 and January 4, 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

4. Acceptance of monthly Financial/Budget Report

Chairman asked if there were any oppositions to accepting the report. Being none, the report is accepted.

PROCLAMATIONS**5. In honor of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated on its 103rd Anniversary. (Kaneisha Harris, Chapter President)**

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

6. Proclaiming January 18, 2023 as Childhood Safety Day in Douglas County. (Corynn Nurse)

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

MARK ALCAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING**7. Public Hearing for a Certificate of Compliance with the Metropolitan River Protection Act for property at 4275 Highway 166 in Douglas County, Georgia. (Allison Duncan)**

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

No public comment

Chairman closed the public hearing.

Christopher White, Civil Engineer: This is for a single family dwelling home. MRPA had requirements. The mapping was done in the 80's. Everything has to fall in line with the suitability codes. It's a 10 acre parcel. The homesite area is less than an acre. Less than 2 acres disturbed area.

NEW BUSINESS**8. Authorization for the Chairman to execute an amended employment agreement with Fire Chief Roderick Jolivette subject to final legal review.**

Pay study was done in 2017 and 2018. There were adjustments made at that time. Compression caused some issues down the line. We are close to parity on the compressions. Compressions were most prevalent in the Fire Dept. There are approximately 350 employees in the Sheriffs' Office and about 175 in the Fire Department. Sheriffs salary is right around \$120K. Fire Chief will be \$147K.

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

9. Authorization for Douglas County Fire & EMS Department to accept the Georgia Trauma Commission Award check in the amount of \$9,191.52 and the Chairman to accept and sign related documents.

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHECK.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO CONSENT AGENDA.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

10. Authorization to accept two subgrants for Superior Court Felony Drug Court in the amount of \$47,359 and \$8,700 to be used for emergency shelter for Accountability Court participants for the time period of October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 with no match required, amend the budget if necessary and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
11. Authorization to accept a grant for Superior Court Felony Drug Court in the amount of \$53,571 to be used for emergency shelter for Accountability Court participants for the time period of January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023 with no match required amend the budget if necessary and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
12. Authorization to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for programming at the Fairburn Rd. Douglas County Senior Center from Thanks Mom & Dad Fund in partnership with DHS, Div. of Aging Services for the Senior Center Modernization & Innovation grants, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
13. Authorization to renew a contract with the Department of Human Services for Juvenile Programs Administration Department's Family Treatment Court to continue to be a drug screening provider for the Douglas County Division of Family and Children Services for the period of 7/1/23 - 6/30/24 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
14. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Roadway Lighting on State Route 166/Duncan Memorial Highway at Tyree Road and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Authorization to accept an anonymous donation to the Douglas County Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000 received in the form of a check and amend the budget.
16. Authorization to approve the 2023 annual contract with the West Georgia Regional Library System for providing shared services in the amount of \$40,000 and library materials, computers, and software in the amount of \$330,000 for the Douglas County Public Libraries (total amount of \$370,000) to be funded through the 2023 budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents subject to final legal review.
17. Authorization to solicit request for proposals (RFPs) for a fire panel for the Courthouse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come By Atlanta West Studios with Commissioner Mitchell, Thursday, Jan. 26th at 7:30pm for a LIVE Discussion!!!

Registration is Required - RSVP Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discussions-event-the-future-of-douglasville-tickets-500404672847>

Feel free to contact Mr. KC Pride with any questions | 404-849-0536 or kc@influencer365.com

The Probate Office will be open on the following Saturdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for all probate services: April 8, 2023, July 8, 2023, and October 7, 2023.

Join District 1 Commissioner, Henry Mitchell III for Coffee & Conversation. The gathering will be held on Saturday, February 4th, from 10am-12pm at Tito's Lounge, located at 2353 Veterans Memorial Hwy.

Join Douglas County District 2 Commissioner Kelly Robinson and Vice-Chair/District 3 Commissioner Tarenia Carthan as both Co-Chair the 7th Annual "Doing Business Inside Douglas County" Event. The "Doing Business Inside Douglas County" event will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Douglasville Conference Center located at 6700 Church Street, Douglasville, GA 30134.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications to serve on the following Boards: Cemetery Preservation Committee, Paratransit Advisory Board, Department of Family & Children Services Board, Douglas County Development Authority, and the Travel & Tourism Board. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please contact Lisa Watson, County Clerk; e-mail: lwatson@douglascountyga.gov

Connect Douglas will hold a public hearing on February 1, 2023, regarding Connect Douglas service to continue operating on their Saturday schedule of 7am to 8pm. The hearing will be held in the Training Room located in the Risk & Safety Department at 8800 Dorris Road, Douglasville, from 10am – 1pm. For further information, contact the Connect Douglas Office at 770-949-7665.

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