



MINUTES

STATE OF GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

February 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Sherri Mathis

INVOCATION - Pastor Rev. Orlando Evans of Bright Star United Methodist Church

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

- AT&T Broadband Presentation (Commission Meeting) (**Tianna Evola and Brandon Hartley, AT&T**)

30K homes in the county.

wanted to discuss opportunities in partnering with the county.

Commissioner Robinson - how do you measure success?

Tianna - we rely on leaders who understand the need. There is a large underserved on the western area of the county. Looking for a little guidance on the areas underserved.

Commissioner Carthan - what is your specific ask? Tianna - first would be support. The logistics would probably have to be discussed in a separate setting. Funding from ARPA would help.

ROW discussions would happen later. We would tackle challenges of dead zones. We go by what the state defines as unserved and underserved. Brandon - we have investments that will continue on.

Commissioner Alcarez - would like to discuss the underserved areas.

Commissioner Mitchell - what do you do to not overlap with other providers? Tianna - happy to

entertain conversations with Greystone. Actively building our 2023 build plan.
Once an agreement is in place, we can be shovel ready in a few months.
Tiffany Stewart-Stanley- Landmark is doing research at this time.

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 18, 2023.
2. Work Session Minutes of January 17, 2023.
3. Executive Session Minutes of January 17, 2023.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Proclaiming February 12, 2023 as Georgia Day in Douglas County. **(Lisa Meek)**

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

5. Proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month in Douglas County. **(Tracy Rookard-Shaw)**

Celebrated Mr. DT Jackson last night as the 1st African American to be elected to the BOE and 1st to be elected Chairman of the BOE.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Public comment regarding Connect Douglas service to continue operating on their Saturday schedule of 7am to 8pm. **(Ron Roberts)**

Ron Roberts - this hearing is to hear if there is any opposition to continue with Saturdays schedule.

Chairman opened the public hearing

No public comment

Chairman closed the public hearing

Commissioner Robinson- is there any consideration of earlier times? Ron - that is something we want to bring forward.

Commissioner Mitchell - do we feel confident this is what is needed? Ron - financial difference to begin at 6 am would be about \$5K. We will do a deep dive in our entire system.

Commissioner Mitchell - I think we are falling short. Is there a demand for the Saturday service?

Commissioner Carthan - have we looked at splitting shifts the way GRTA does?

Commissioner Robinson - should we revisit the service provider?

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF SATURDAY SCHEDULE.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-1 (HENRY MITCHELL OPPOSED)

7. To consider a street name change of Factory Shoals Road segment between Douglas Hill Road and Bullard Road. **(Suleman Rana)**

We notified surrounding owners and posted ads with no opposition.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing

No public comment

Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE STREET NAME CHANGE.

MARK ALCAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Appointment of Zivon Ais and Colin Dearing to the Cemetery Commission Board effective immediately.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

9. Appointment of Cindy Morley and reappointment of Gary Miller, Walter Hudson, Nick Byers, and Greg Williams to the Douglas County Development Authority effective immediately.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS.

HENRY MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

10. Appointment of Albert Eugene Lee and Debra Crump to fill unexpired terms to the Dept. of Family & Children Services Board effective immediately.

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

11. Appointment of Vanessa Cooper to the Paratransit Advisory Board effective immediately.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT.

MARK ALCAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

12. Reappointment of Coriya Falker, Charmaine DePass, Dorsha Simmons, and Marjorie Stansel to the Douglas County Travel & Tourism Board effective February 18, 2023.

HENRY MITCHELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

13. Approval of a SPLOST Reimbursement Resolution. **(Legal Dept.)**

This authorizes the co to reimburse itself for expenses it incurs in connection with the 2023 SPLOST - debt offering or proceeds from the SPLOST. We can be reimbursed later.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 14. Authorize the County and its legal team to opt into the National Opioids Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, and further authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. (Legal Dept.)**

Commissioner Carthan - we have received a settlement prior - where are those funds being used?
CFO Bivins - those funds are restricted. The funds are in a special revenue fund account.

Received two payments of \$259K, \$92K. Commissioner Carthan suggested we use Public Health to determine possible resources to utilize those funds. Chairman - the funds are restricted to rehabilitation.

Commissioner Robinson - terms of this deal - was Thompson Hines responsible? Legal - Sherrod & Bernard handled. The settlement is more cost effective to pursue with a group rather than individuals.

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE TO OPT IN THE SETTLEMENT.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-1.

- 15. Approval of an agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. to provide inventory management software for EMS Equipment as recommended by the Fire & EMS Committee to be funded through the department's 2023 budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. (Chief Jolivette)**

This will help us measure and manage our equipment. \$37K for 13 modules.

Commissioner Carthan asked if software has been looked at by IT? Alex Betancourt - have not looked at it but will do a security check. Commissioner Carthan - would like to implement something throughout the county. Commissioner Robinson - we need a single view. Will Ed Dean have the capacity? Alex - yes, each dept has specific needs.

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 16. Approval to award a unit price contract pursuant to Solicitation 2023- 002 to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc to supply asphalt materials for in-house construction projects as needed during FY 2023 to be funded by the applicable department's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. (LaTonya Ammons)**

Heath Cowart - CW Matthews - this is the only contractor to bid. Use of this material is for any dept needing to use the material. Will not be used for resurfacing. That is a separate contract.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.

MARK ALCAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 17. Approval to award a unit price contract pursuant to Solicitation 2023- 003 to Wayne Davis Concrete to supply concrete materials for in-house construction projects as needed during FY 2023 to be funded by the applicable department's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. *Pricing through 6/30/2023 / 6-month period. (LaTonya Ammons)**

These bids are posted on bidnet site as well as the state.

Vendors prices go up and down, so they will only commit to 6 months. Commissioner Alcarez-surprised no other vendors bid. Can we reach out to the companies at the 6 mo mark?

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.

MARK ALCAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 18.** Approval to award a unit price contract pursuant to Solicitation 2023- 001 to Vulcan Materials Company to supply gravel materials for in-house construction projects as needed during FY 2023 to be funded by the applicable department's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. **(LaTonya Ammons)**

Commissioner Robinson - are we putting bids out?

LaTonya - when bids are posted, emails go out automatically. bids are also posted for those who are not registered.

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 19.** Authorization to amend the Douglas County Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 5 - Article XI (Animal Control Advisory Board). (Tabled 11/29/22) **(Vanessa Francikowski)**

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO KEEP THE ITEM TABLED UNTIL 3/21/22.

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 27.** Authorization to approve the 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for Douglas County Sheriff's Office and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

KELLY ROBINSON MOTIONED TO REMOVE ITEM #27 FROM CONSENT AGENDA

TARENIA CARTHAN SECONDED THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

MA/RJJ

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Robinson asked for clarity regarding the delegation for someone to sign.

Legal - the agreement speaks to the signatory - must be signed by the head of the agency (Sheriff of Chairman).

Commissioner Robinson - someone should have been here to answer questions.

MARK ALCAREZ RESCINDED HIS MOTION

ROMONA JACKSON JONES RESCINDED HER SECOND

MARK ALCAREZ MOTIONED TO TABLE UNTIL FEBRUARY 21, 2023.

ROMONA JACKSON JONES SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 4-1 (KELLY ROBINSON OPPOSED)

CONSENT AGENDA

TARENIA CARTHAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

KELLY ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- 20.** Authorization for the Solicitors' Office to accept Federal Fiscal Year 2023 VOCA

Continuation Base and Comp Advocate funding in the amount of \$117,832 (20% matching funds waived) from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia (PAC) for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

- 21.** Ratification of the Chairman's signature to accept a subgrant for Superior Felony Drug Court in the amount of \$32,851 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.
- 22.** Authorization for the Sheriffs' Office to apply for the Governor's Office of Safety Grant in the amount of \$375,000 with no match required to be used towards upgrading and/or purchasing new equipment for our skills-based, driving simulation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Efforts) Teen Driving Program as well as a new component to the program for older drivers to enhance their driving skills and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 23.** Authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$175,000, with no match required, awarded by the Dept. of Justice (DOJ) Public Safety Partnership & Community Policing Grant, amend the Douglas County Sheriffs' Office budget (\$87,500 in 2023 and \$87,500 in 2024) and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 24.** Authorization for Douglas County to apply to the Atlanta Regional Commission for a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant for the Highway 92 Corridor in the amount of \$150,000, with a 20% match requirement (\$30,000) to be funded through the Planning & Zoning Department budget, and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the application and all related documents pending final legal review.
- 25.** Approval of a contract with MWL Architects in the amount of \$63, 978 for a feasibility and design consultation for the Coroner's Facility to be funded from the proceeds in the general fund from the prior sale of the previous location that will be reimbursed by bond proceeds from the 2022 SPLOST and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 26.** Resolution for approval of Project Ford's participation on the Douglas County Tax Incentive Plan and form of the Memorandum of Agreement regarding Taxation for Real and Personal Property Leasehold Interest and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 28.** Approval of various Independent Contractor Agreements for Treatment Providers for Juvenile Programs to be funded through the department's 2023 budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 29.** Authorization to approve Atlantic Coast Consulting Task Order #1 2023-1 (Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting services for June event) in the amount of \$23,400, Task Order 2023-2 (Remaining Capacity Report) in the amount of \$6,580; Task Order 2023-3 (Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting services for December event) in the amount of \$21,100; and Task Order 2023-4 (Annual Storm Water Reports) in the amount of \$2,550 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related

documents pending final legal review.

- 30.** Approval of 2023 ARPA Technology projects as recommended by the technology committee.
- 31.** Authorization to renew a contract with Granicus for services to track short-term rental units in Douglas County for a period of 3/16/2023-3/15/2024 in the amount of \$12,360.34 to be funded through the Planning & Zoning department's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 32.** Authorization to award a Consulting Services Contract in the amount of \$187,540.16 to KCI, Inc. pursuant to RFQ 19-017 for design services for SR 166/Duncan Memorial Highway at Chapel Hill Road Intersection Improvement Project, to be funded from 2016 SPLOST funds currently allocated to the project as recommended by the Transportation Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 33.** Authorization to award a Consulting Services Contract in the amount of \$292,985.59 to RS&H, Inc. pursuant to RFQ 19-017 for design services for the Hwy 5 at Berea Road Intersection Improvement Project, to be funded from 2016 SPLOST funds currently allocated to the project as recommended by the Transportation Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 34.** Authorization to request approval for the use of a Traffic Signal/Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Hwy 92 from Georgia Department of Transportation in connection with the New Manchester High School Sidewalk Project and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 35.** Authorization to vacate 1,089 square feet of right of way on Paces Drive to allow the developer to complete a proposed development and authorize the chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 36.** Authorization to approve a contract with Mauldin and Jenkins in the amount of \$94,000 for Audit Services and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents pending final legal review.
- 37.** Approval of a change order in the amount of \$228,643.88 for the DDS site to cover costs associated with unsuitable soils on the site, to be funded through general funds, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
- 38.** Approval of an Interdepartmental Agreement between Douglas County Fire/Emergency Services (DCFD) and Douglas County Community Service Board (CSB) to provide care coordination to persons within Douglas County experiencing a behavioral health emergency, to provide emotional support to family or bystanders on the scene during an emergency, and to provide emotional support and critical incident debriefing as needed for responders pending final legal review.
- 39.** Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Douglas County Fire Department and the City of Forest Park to provide related instruction and practice as a part of the Emergency Medical Training programs designed to benefit the students from the Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Department pending final legal review.

40. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements with Douglas County Fire/EMS Medical Services and EMS Mutual Aid Partners to provide mutual aid to each other, in the event that an emergency occurs which requires resources and manpower beyond the capabilities of the requesting service pending final legal review.
41. Authorization to hire a Grant Writer and pay a \$2,000 Grant Preparation Fee to assist in acquiring an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to meet our Station 9 staffing needs in acquiring forty-five sets of Firefighter turnout gear at \$4,000 each totaling \$180,000 with a 10% match totaling \$18,000, and authorize the Chairman sign all related documents pending final legal review
42. Approval of a revised agreement with Ga. Power for the light poles at Fire Station 11 (Highway 92) revising the monthly amount to \$105.36 (difference of \$15/month) funded through the 2016 SPLOST and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

The 2023 Douglas County Black History Program, "Celebrating Douglas County's African-American Culture and Community" will be on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Courthouse. For more information, email: laalexander@douglascountyga.gov or kcaudle@douglascountyga.gov.

Applications are now being accepted for the Douglas County Citizen's Academy, which is a Board of Commissioners initiative that allows and supports anyone who resides or owns a business in Douglas County to learn about their government. It gives citizens the opportunity to bridge the gaps in understanding of what a County government department does and gives them a chance to interact with their government. A few highlighted sessions will include Orientation, Judicial meet and greet, and planning and zoning. Anyone 18 and up can apply and be considered. This is an 8 week program starting on March 14th. Most sessions will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00. Applications will go live on February 14th. For more information contact Image Stewart at Istewart@douglascountyga.gov.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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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