



AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 PM -- CITIZENS HALL

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ADOPTION

INVOCATION - Ron Watson, theCross123 Ministry

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 Work Session may be made regarding any item of public interest. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Commission Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024.
2. Work Session Minutes of February 5, 2024.
3. Executive Session Minutes of February 5, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Acceptance of monthly Financial/Budget Report for the month of January 2024. ()

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Authorization to abandon approximately 0.87 acres of right of way on Old Liberty Road and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review. **(Suleman Rana)**

BUSINESS

5. Vice Chair Election to fill the unexpired term of Vice Chair Carthan and for the 2025-2026 term.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Authorization to approve the 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for

Douglas County District Attorney's Office and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

7. Authorization for the Chairman to execute an employment agreement with Bethany Kasa as an Assistant Public Defender in the Public Defender's office to be funded through the department's 2024 budget, pending final legal review.
8. Approval of a contract with DCSO and Flock Group, Inc. for 90 license plate reading cameras in the amount of \$397,191.78 to be funded through the Sheriff's Office budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
9. Authorization to accept 0.121 acres of right of way donation on Lake Monroe Rd from Open Concepts Georgia, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
10. Authorization to award a Consulting Services Contract in the amount of \$90,048.68 to CDM Smith, pursuant to RFQ 23-019 for Independent Cost Estimate services for federally funded projects to be funded from DOT's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
11. Authorization to enter into an agreement with Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority (DDCWSA) in the amount of \$290,104.00, in connection with the water main relocation on Hwy 5 at Douglas Blvd, to be funded from 2016 SPLOST funds and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
12. Approval to designate an authorized signer to deposit and/or withdraw funds from Truist Bank.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join District 1 Commissioner Dobbs for his Community Chat, "My Priorities!" on Saturday, March 2nd 11am–1pm at the Jessie Davis Gymnasium, located at 7775 Malone Street, Douglasville, GA 30134. The guest hosts will be Douglasville City Council.

The Probate Office will be open on Saturday, April 6, 2024, August 3, 2024 and December 7, 2024 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for all probate services.

Citizen's Academy is a program that informs citizens about our local government, allows them to interact with public officials and equips them with tools to become community leaders. This 7-week program begins on Wednesday, March 20 and will meet weekly from 6-8pm at the Douglas County Courthouse. Anyone 18 years or older that resides or owns a business in Douglas County is eligible for the program. The application for citizen's academy is open and can be found on the County website. For more information, contact Constituent Services at constituentservices@douglascountygga.gov.

Experience the dynamic interplay between abstract forms and the ever-shifting landscape of the subconscious at our current Art Show at the Douglas County Courthouse. This exhibition of abstract art titled "Mindscapes in Motion" captures the

fluidity of thought through mesmerizing visual narratives and dynamic colorplay. The exhibit closes February 29 so don't miss your chance to see it. This event is hosted by the Constituent Services Department and for more information please email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov.

Election Reminder

A reminder from the Douglas County Board of Elections and Registrations of the upcoming election dates:

Advance voting is underway now through March 8th for the March 12th Presidential Preference Primary. Saturday voting will be on February 24th and March 2nd.

A special election will also be held on March 12, 2024, for the Douglas County Board of Commissioners District 2 Seat. Early voting is currently underway, ending March 8, 2024. Saturday voting will be on February 24th and March 2nd.

A special election will be held on May 21, 2024, for the Douglas County Board of Commissioners District 3 Seat. Early voting begins April 29 and ends May 17, 2024. Saturday voting for this election will be on May 4th and May 11th.

Early voting for the above referenced elections will take place at the following locations: The Douglas County Courthouse, Deer Lick Park, Dog River Library, Woodie Fite Senior Center, The Old Courthouse, Lithia Springs Senior Center, and Boundary Waters Activity Center

Saturday voting for those elections will be held at the following locations: The Douglas County Courthouse, Deer Lick Park, Dog River Library, and Woodie Fite Senior Center.

For more information on scheduled elections and voting locations, please visit our website at www.douglascountyga.gov and click on the Board of Elections link.

Please be advised: Douglas County Government is making changes to its online presence.

Effective Wednesday, February 21, 2024, the County will begin the process of changing its social media name across all platforms to Douglas County Government.

Additionally, following a soft launch in January, the County's website domain name has changed from: CelebrateDouglasCounty.com to DouglasCountyGA.gov.

The updates aim to safeguard the county from cyberattacks and to streamline information under the singular Douglas County Government brand.

For users' convenience, the previous website name will redirect to the new domain name until January 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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