



AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, September 5, 2024

10:00 AM -- CITIZENS HALL

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ADOPTION

INVOCATION - Pastor Edwin Ford, Crossroads for Life 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 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 August 20, 2024.
2. Special Called Meeting Minutes of August 20 and August 27, 2024.
3. Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2024.
4. Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2024.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23, 2024 as Constitution Week in Douglas County, **(Lisa Meek)**
6. Proclaiming September 22, 2024 as American Business Women's Day in Douglas County. **(Vonda Thorpe, Chapter President)**
7. Proclaiming the month of September 2024 as Recovery Month in Douglas County. **(Brandon Quesada)**

NEW BUSINESS

8. Authorization for the Chairman to execute an employment agreement with Audrey Lewis as Staff Attorney pending final legal review.

9. Approval for GreyStone Power Corporation to install 13 light poles in the amount of \$23,660.00 required for the Fire Station #9 project to be funded through the 2016 SPLOST funds, amending the project budget as needed, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Authorization to accept the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant award (15PBJA-24-GG-00290-BRND) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$95,000 with no County match, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final review.
11. Approval for the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one Motorola N70 Radio at a cost of \$7,989.05 to be funded from the Emergency Management Budget and for the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal approval.
12. Approval of an amendment to the 2024 contract with OnSolve LLC to add the ability to distribute IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System) messages within Douglas County as needed based on emergencies and disasters, at a cost of \$800.00 per year, renewable annually, to be funded from the Emergency Management budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
13. Authorization to approve a contract with Elizabeth Baptist Church for use of its facilities for a polling place for Precinct #784 (replacing Bright Star Methodist Church) and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal approval.
14. Authorization for Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew an agreement with Control Concepts for the term of 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025 in the amount of \$14,490.00 to be funded through the Sheriff's Office's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Authorization for Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew an agreement with Syntech (Fuelmaster) Fuel Management System Maintenance for the term of 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025 in the amount of \$1,175.00 to be funded through the Sheriff's Office's budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
16. Approval of an Atlantic Coast Consulting task order 2024-5 for the Topographic survey on cell 8 in the amount of \$6,100 to be funded through the Landfill's Department budget, mandated by state regulations, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
17. Approval of Douglas County Fire and EMS Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SafetyMed for a community CPR and AED initiative at no cost to the County and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
18. Authorization to purchase from Bennett Fire Products Firefighter Turnout Gear in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 for Project F020D1234 to be funded by the 2022 SPLOST and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

19. Approval of landscape renovations at the Douglas County Courthouse property with Alternative Environments in the amount of \$49,560 to be funded by the Tree Fund and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
20. Approval to amend the budget for the 5307 Urbanized Area Formula grant and the 5339 Bus and Bus Facility grant funds (for purchases of replacement vehicles that are at or near the end of their useful life) in the amount of \$1,159,275 with a local match of \$289,818 for reimbursable grant funds to increase Connect Douglas' budget anticipations and appropriations and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review
21. Approval to award a Contract to Pond & Company, pursuant to RFP 24-013, in connection with South Douglas Loop Phase I – Lee Road Extension/Bomar Road Improvements project, P.I.# 0019889, in the amount of \$3,567,175.03 to be funded from SPLOST 2016 funds with \$2,853,740.02 (80%) to be reimbursed by Georgia Department of Transportation, amend the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
22. Authorization to accept 0.64 acres of Right of Way donation from Atlanta West Pentecostal Church with no impact to the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
23. Approval of a Pole Release Agreement with Greystone Power Corporation to assume responsibility for “as is” utility poles from the Lee Road Widening Project that were removed by Greystone, with no cost to the County and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending legal review.
24. Approval of a Change Order to be awarded to Lose Design for the Winston Park Renovation Design Project adding Geotechnical Survey in the amount of \$11,250 which was a requirement identified in the original proposal, but not included in the initial contract and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
25. Resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to cancel the Work Session and Commission meetings scheduled for September 16, 2024 and September 17, 2024.
26. Authorization for Douglas County Sheriff's Office to renew an Agreement with Central Square Technologies (Zuercher) for the amount of \$69,895.50 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents pending legal review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on Wednesday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Courthouse as we commemorate Patriot Day. This national observance honors the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and acknowledges the service of our first responders, active military, and veterans. Douglas County Commissioners, administration, and other guests will share meaningful reflections as we stand together in remembrance and gratitude. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark your calendars for September Saturdays! Join us on Saturday, September 21st and Saturday, September 28th from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Douglas County

Courthouse for the ultimate community festival! Enjoy live performances, exciting rides, retail and food vendors, and more! Stay connected to us on social and via our website at douglascountyga.gov for September Saturdays updates as we countdown to the big event. We look forward to seeing you there

Please note the following date reminders from the Douglas County Board of Elections:

Absentee Ballot Application Period is open now through October 25th

Board of Elections Monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 5 pm in the 1st Floor Training Room of the Douglas County Courthouse.

Sample Ballots will be available beginning September 16th

Voter Registration will be available onsite on September 28th during the September Saturdays festival

October 7th is the deadline to register to vote in the November 5th General Election

For more election information, please visit our website at douglascountyga.gov and navigate to the Board of Elections page.

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month Douglas County Government is proud to announce the opening of our new exhibit, called "Pioneers of Change". This exhibit features artwork by Latino and Hispanic artists from several Latin American Countries. The show opens September 16 in the Courthouse art gallery and may be viewed when the Courthouse is open. And join us on Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm for an opportunity to meet the artists and learn about their work. This Artist Chat will be in the Douglas County Courthouse Atrium and is free and open to the public. For more information email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov

The Douglas County Film and Entertainment office in collaboration with the Georgia Arts Initiative is hosting a workshop called "Film Taster: a Taste of Working in Film". This is an opportunity to learn from Emmy Award winning industry professionals in the areas of script writing, producing, directing, casting, acting, pitching, props and more. The workshop takes place on Friday, October 4 at Woodie Fite Senior Center from 6p-9:30p. For more information or to register email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov

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