



AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, January 23, 2025

6:00 PM -- CITIZENS HALL

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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.

AGENDA ADOPTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Commission Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025.
2. Work Session Minutes of January 6, 2025.
3. Executive Session Minutes of January 6, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. House Bill 581: Homestead Exemption "Opt-Out".
5. Public Hearing for a request for a Certificate of Compliance with the Metropolitan River Protection Act that has been filed by the Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority for the modification of the existing Dog River Main and East Dam & construction of a new spillway to provide a reliable water supply for Douglas County through 2065.

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2025 Committee Assignments
7. Resolution establishing a cap on fees to be retained as compensation by the Judge of the probate Court.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Approval of a Letter of Support for the South Metro RiverLands Greenway 2025 RAISE Grant Application to be submitted by the Trust for Public Land through the Atlanta Regional Commission and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
9. Certificate of Approval for The Reserve at Clocktower Preliminary Plat
10. Approval of a contract with Motorola for the Rave Mobile Safety Alert System in the amount of \$21,800.00 to be funded through the Emergency Management budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
11. Approval of Service Agreement with Graybar Electric Company to remove and replace light fixtures and lamps around the pool area in the amount of \$42,614 to be funded through Boundary Waters Aquatic Center budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
12. Approval to amend the Fire Department's budget to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$10,000.00.
13. Approval of Commercial Roofs 4 Less to perform an emergency roof reskin to repair the leaking roof on Douglas County Fire Station #10 in the amount of \$63,600.00 funded by the 2022 SPLOST and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
14. Approval to renew the annual Agreement of Douglas County Fire and EMS Department's Medical Director, Dr. Raymond L. Fowler, in the amount of \$15,000.00 funded by the Fire Department's 2025 Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Approval for the Board of Elections & Voter Registration to enter into a Lease Agreement for annexed office space in the amount of \$2,895 per month to be funded by the Board of Elections budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
16. Approval for the Board of Elections & Voter Registration is to enter into a Lease Agreement for warehouse storage space in the Amount of \$991.94 per month to be funded through the Board of Elections budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
17. Approval to submit an encroachment permit, maintenance and mowing agreement and a letter of support for SR 166 @ Chapel Hill Road Roundabout Project, to Georgia Department of Transportation, with no impact to the budget and authorize the chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.
18. Approval to accept a deductive change order from Summit Construction & Development, LLC, in the amount of \$626,919.59, in connection with the Spine Road Project and authorize the chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.
19. Approval to accept supplemental agreement # 1 with Lowe Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$1,869,731.83, in connection with Design Services for PI 0013563 Lee Road/ S. Sweetwater Rd Widening Project, to be funded by 2016 SPLOST funds and 80% to be reimbursed by Georgia Department of Transportation, and authorize the chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.

20. Approval of a Letter of Support for AT&T's application for funding for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) BEAD Program and authorization for the Chairman to sign all related documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District 1 Commissioner, Henry Mitchell III is inviting you to the 1st Coffee & Conversation of the Year. This meeting will be held, Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 10am-12pm. Location is Cultural Arts Council, 8652 Campbellton St, Douglasville, GA 30134.

In recognition of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, the Cobb & Douglas Public Health Department is offering free to low-cost cervical cancer screenings and pap smear tests. The screenings will be held at the Douglas Public Health Center on Selman Drive now through January 24th. All women who get a screening during this week will receive a free gift, while supplies last. To schedule an appointment visit: www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.com and navigate to the breast/cervical cancer screening page or call 770-514-2300.

The Douglas County Department of Transportation is hosting a Public Information Open House to gather input on a proposal to widen Lee Road/S. Sweetwater Road between U.S. 78 & Vulcan Drive for operational and safety improvements. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM at the Lithia Springs Senior Center. There is no formal presentation, so citizens are welcome to stop by at any point during the Open House to view the project, ask questions, and offer input. We look forward to connecting with you and hearing your ideas.

Douglas County Senior Services is offering a new Home Modification and Repair Program designed to assist older adults improve the safety, accessibility, and livability of their homes. The program will assist with minor home maintenance, accessibility modifications, weatherization, and electrical and plumbing repairs. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, contact 770-489-3100.

Douglas County is proud to partner with the Cultural Arts Council and DC Connection to showcase the *Sankofa's Reflection* Art Exhibit in commemoration of Black History Month! The Sankofa bird symbolizes the importance of embracing ancestral history to shape the present and guide the future. This inspiring exhibit showcases diverse works across various mediums, all reflecting this powerful theme. The exhibit will be on display through February 20, 2025. Join us for a kick-off reception with featured artists on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Cultural Arts Council located at 8652 Campbellton Street in Douglasville. We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to learn more about the Film Industry? The Douglas County Office of Film and Entertainment in partnership with the Georgia Arts Initiative will host the second in a series of educational panels focused on film. The event will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 2pm-5pm at Lithia Springs Senior Center located at 7301 Groovers Lake Road in Lithia Springs, GA 30122. The panel will feature several

industry professionals providing behind the scenes insight and a deeper understanding of careers in Film and Entertainment. The event is free and open to the public. For more information email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov.

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