



AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:00 PM -- CITIZENS HALL

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Pastor James Harper - 1st Presbyterian 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 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

PRESENTATIONS

- Youth Commission Swearing-in (Commission Meeting) **(Wendy Caudle)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Commission Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2025.
2. Work Session Minutes of February 3, 2025.
3. Executive Session Minutes of February 3, 2025.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Proclaiming the month of March 2025 as Stop the Violence Month in Douglas County. (Roubens Paul)
5. Proclaiming February 21, 2025 as National Government Communicators Day in Douglas County. (Yvette Jones)

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Request approval for Pawn Broker/Shop License - Quick Pawn Gold & Guns at 173 Maxham Rd., Austell, GA **(Allison Duncan)**
7. House Bill 581: Homestead Exemption "Opt-Out". **(Tiffany Stewart-Stanley)**

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approval to acquire Right of Way & Easements from Tax ID: 630150006 in connection with the Chapel Hill Road Widening Project, to be funded from 2016 SPLOST funds and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
9. Approval of a resolution in support of Public Facilities Authority pending final legal review.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Approval to appeal a hearing officer decision changing an assessment by less than 20% and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
11. Resolution to amend Connect Douglas's Budget to provide the necessary operating funds from the General Fund, to support 2025 annual budget, write off the outstanding amount due to general fund balance, and to approve submission of Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Operating and Maintenance Grant, totaling \$4,127,067, over (3) years with local match funded through Connect Douglas's budget, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.
12. Approval for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to accept Grant 15PBJA-24-RR-05676-SCAAP in the amount of \$18,517.00 with no County match from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2024 BJA FY24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, establish the budget, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
13. Approval of a Service Contract with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$14,862.00 to be funded through the 2025 EMA Budget for Service and Maintenance of the 16 Outdoor Warning Sirens owned by Douglas County and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
14. Approval of a contract for Douglas County Board of Elections Polling Precinct #734 to use the facility (a room) located at 5903 Stewart Parkway, Douglasville, GA 30135 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Approval to enter into a professional janitorial cleaning services Agreement with Aries Cleaning in the amount of \$800.00 monthly funded by the Fire Department budget for bi-weekly cleaning services of the Fire Department Headquarters building and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
16. Approval of a change order from CMES Inc., in connection with the PI 0004428/Lee Road Phase II Widening project to extend the contract duration until August 31st, 2025, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
17. Approval of Task Order # 2 with Atkins Realis in the amount of \$558,558.94 in connection with the PI 0004428/Lee Road Phase II Widening project for

Construction Engineering and Inspection services (CEI) to be funded by the SPLOST 2016 fund and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

18. Approval of a corrective deductive change order from Summit Construction & Development, LLC, in the amount of \$571,333.92 in connection with the Spine Road Project, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
19. Resolution approving a moratorium on certain applications for small box discount retail stores for 90-days for a review of the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code, as well as related documents and studies and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
20. Resolution approving a moratorium on certain applications for computer infrastructure providers, data processing, web hosting and related services, along with accessory structures and uses, for 90-days for a review of the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code, as well as related documents and studies and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
21. Approval to enter into a Time and Material Agreement with Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$20,650 to be paid in two payments to complete the required Enterprise Assessment & Tax system updates to accommodate the HB 581 changes for the Appraisal and Tax Commissioners office; and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
22. Resolution by Douglas County Board of Commissioners to opt out of the Homestead Exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
23. Approval of a letter of support for the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County's request to develop a new Arts & Culture Campus in our community and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
24. Authorization for the Chairman to Execute an Annual Agreement with Douglas County Travel and Tourism, Inc. pending final legal review.
25. Appointment of members to the Douglas County Opioid Abatement Advisory Counsel.
26. Approval of a Master Lease Agreement with the City of Douglasville for rental of event space at the Douglasville Conference Center through December 31, 2025 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
27. Appointment of Melissa Polk to the Planning & Zoning Board.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

28. Approval of Commissioner Martin Raxton's reimbursable mileage expenses in the total amount of \$397.58

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars!

Join Chairman Dr. Romona Jackson Jones for an evening of music and inspiration in recognition of Women's History Month. The event will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Douglasville Conference Center at 7PM. Hear from motivational speakers amplifying this year's national theme, "Moving Forward Together" and be uplifted by the phenomenal sounds of the Tori Be and Press Play Band. It promises to be an amazing evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Vice-Chair and District 4 Commissioner Mark Alcaarez will host a Community Meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Ephesus Baptist Church, beginning at 9 AM.

Hear from an amazing panel, including:

- Rep. Kimberly New, State Representative, House District 4
- Douglas County Sheriff Tim Pounds
- Suleman Rana, Managing Director, Transportation Services
- Councilmember Glenn Easterwood, Douglas County School System

Join Commissioner Alcaarez and the panel as they lead a discussion on current projects and the future of District 4. We look forward to connecting with you and hearing your ideas!

Citizens Academy applications are open! Citizens Academy is a 10-week interactive program that provides residents of Douglas County with a deeper, more nuanced understanding of how local government works. Participants will engage directly with county leaders, staff, and experts to explore the inner workings of Douglas County government, from its structure to its departments and services. Citizens will discover how local government decisions are made and how they can get involved in shaping the future of Douglas County. Applications are available on the homepage of the County website: douglascountyga.gov. This class is free and open to citizens 18 and older. For more information email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov.

Join Volunteer Douglas for a special celebration honoring our Citizens Academy Graduates and the hardworking citizens who volunteer with our county government. This ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30pm at the Douglas County Courthouse. This event is free and open to the public. We look forward to engaging with you and sharing information about opportunities for you to volunteer with Douglas County, as well! For more information email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov.

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. Stay connected to our social media and DCTV23 for inspiring video profiles showcasing the featured artists and their amazing work

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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