



AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:00 PM -- CITIZENS HALL

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Pastor Artis Crum - New Light Church 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 6, 2026.
2. Work Session Minutes of January 5, 2026.
3. Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT

4. Approval of the Financial Report for the month of December 2025. ()

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Proclaiming January 22, 2026, as Legacy of Pearls, Inc. T.E.A. Rose Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program Day in Douglas County.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval to accept VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia in the amount of \$74,229 with the match amount of \$18,557 being waived, establish the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review. (reference: Sub Grant Number AW-VOCA-25-071-012SG)

7. Approval to accept \$1,600 in awarded funds from The Georgia Department of Community Affairs Balance of State Continuum Care to assist with the 2026 Point In Time count and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
8. Approval to accept an FY 2026 GTC EMS Trauma-related Equipment Grant Award check in the amount of \$12,409.64 with no match for the purchase of EMS Trauma related equipment, amend the Fire Department Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
9. Approval to accept the VOCA grant award in the amount of \$124,202 for grant year 10-1-2025 / 9-30-2026, with no match, establish the budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review. (reference: Sub Grant AW-VOCA-25-071-012DA)
10. Approval of the 2025 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Douglas County District Attorney's Office and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
11. Approval of the Douglas Upward 2030 Strategic Plan Update and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
12. Approval to adopt the Douglas County AI Policy and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
13. Approval to renew an annual agreement with Basesix for a period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$19,209 to be funded through the Sheriff's Office budget to conduct annual fire alarm inspections and semi-annual detector cleaning and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending legal review.
14. Approval of the professional janitorial cleaning services agreement with Aries Cleaning in the amount of \$800 monthly, to be funded by the 2026 Fire Department budget for the bi-weekly cleaning services of the Fire Department Headquarters building and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
15. Approval of a Budget Amendment to accept an anonymous check donation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
16. Approval for the Board of Elections & Voter Registration to agree on Annex Warehouse space, in the amount of \$1,021.70 per month to be funded by the Board of Elections Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
17. Approval to renew the landscaping agreement with Alternative Environments in the amount of \$11,575.08 for landscaping services at the Dog River and Lithia Springs Libraries, to be funded from the department's 2026 budget, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
18. Approval of an agreement with the West Georgia Regional Library System (WGRLS) in the amount of \$549,428.50 for providing library materials, library technology, software, supplies, and shared services for the Douglas County Public Libraries payable in two equal installments to be funded by the department's 2026 budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

19. Approval of an agreement with Hill's Science Diet for the purchase of discounted animal food, to be funded by the Animal Control budget and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
20. Approval to accept a project framework agreement (PFA) with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), in connection with PI 0021154, Chattahoochee Greenway Trail Phase III, in the amount of \$880,000 with a required local match of \$220,000 to be funded by Capital Transportation Fund, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
21. Approval of a consultant services contract with Pond & Company, in connection with the RFP # 25-030, in the amount of \$309,213.15, to be funded by Capital Transportation Fund, with 80% reimbursable funds from ARC, to develop a Freight Cluster Plan for Douglas County and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.
22. Approval of a Supplemental Agreement with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$38,363.07 to be funded from 2016 SPLOST funds for design services during construction of PI 0004428, Lee Road Phase II Widening project, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents, pending final legal review.
23. Approval of a contract amendment with Jericho Design Group in the amount of \$54,335 to be funded by the SPLOST 2022 fund for the Fairburn Road Senior Center Build Project, extend the contract through 6/30/2026 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
24. Approval of a change order with Comcast for the DOT Maintenance Complex in the amount of \$18,339.18 to be funded by SPLOST 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending legal review.
25. Approval of a contract amendment with Hussey Gay Bell for architectural and design services for the Dog River Complex Senior Center in the amount of \$201,000 to be funded by the 2022 SPLOST fund and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
26. Authorization for the Chairman to execute an employment agreement with Justin McDermott as Risk and Safety Director pending final legal review.
27. Approval of a Resolution setting qualifying fees for the 2026 Election.
28. Approval of a five year contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$5,520 per year to be funded by the Parks and Rec budget for a five year preventative maintenance program for the elevator at the Boundary Waters Activity Center and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.
29. Approval to accept a settlement agreement in the amount of \$1,303.88 for a not-at-fault accident and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents pending final legal review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date for District 3 Commissioner Martin W. Raxton's upcoming Town Hall on Thursday, February 26, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Douglasville. Hear from several guest speakers who will discuss topics related to code

enforcement, animal control, public safety, and more. We hope to see you there!

Douglas County Government, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, is participating in the bi-annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count to assess the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Community volunteers are needed on Monday, January 26, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., to assist local agency partners with conducting the count. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Constituent Services Manager Wendy Caudle at 770-920-7440 or kcaudle@douglascountyga.gov

Douglas County is now accepting applications for the 2026 Community Services Provider (CSP) Program. The Douglas County CSP Program provides funding to organizations that support the delivery of essential services and address unmet needs of Douglas County residents. Funding supports programs in Arts & Culture, Community Development, and Health & Human Services. Applicants must demonstrate measurable outcomes that directly benefit Douglas County residents, have the administrative capacity to administer funds and oversee the program, and agree to all programmatic and financial reporting requirements. Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations serving Douglas County, faith-based organizations (funds must support non-religious projects benefiting all residents), and organizations in good standing with the Georgia Secretary of State.

The application period is January 26, 2026, through February 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Applications must be submitted to grants@douglascountyga.gov. For additional information, contact Jill Hopson at jhopson@douglascountyga.gov.

The 2026 Citizens Academy application is now available! Citizens Academy is a 10-week interactive program that provides Douglas County residents with a deeper, more nuanced understanding of local government. Participants will engage directly with county leaders, staff, and experts to explore the inner workings of county government, from policymaking to departmental structure and key services/functions. The program is free and open to citizens 18 and older. Apply today! For more information email constituentservices@douglascountyga.gov or visit the Constituent Services page on our website: douglascountyga.gov.

Douglas County Emergency Management and Public Safety leaders are closely monitoring the threat of inclement weather in our area this weekend, which could include a dangerous mix of snow and ice and power outages. Please make sure you are weather aware and prepared. Here are some tips to safeguard your family, pets, and home.

- Make sure you have flashlights and extra batteries
- Keep enough non-perishable food, water and medications for at least three days
- Keep an updated first-aid kit
- Ensure you have warm clothing and blankets
- Be sure to charge your phone and devices in advance
- Sign-up for Alert Douglas for emergency notifications. Text "AlertDouglas" (one word, no space) to 226787, or visit our website: douglascountyga.gov.

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