

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2009, at 7:00P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain present. Absent Commissioner Olivia Pearson

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Bob Moore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Coffee County High JROTC Lieutenant Jr. Grade Reives and Harrison.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

RECOGNITION OF JOE KNOWLES/1ST CITY GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA GRADUATE

Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, along with Terrell Jacobs, Mayor and Commissioner Josey presented Joe Knowles, of the Water Department with a certificate of appreciation for completing the General Education Development Diploma Program.

RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE TIM ALLMOND VFW NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Clifford Thomas, Police Chief, along with Local and State VFW representatives, the Mayor and Commissioner Anderson recognized Detective Tim Allmond, Douglas Police Department selected as VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the year.

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APPROVAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL/S. GASKIN AVENUE

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1(Final), a deduction in the amount of \$308,112.09 submitted by Douglas Electric & Plumbing Company, Inc., on the South Gaskin Avenue Street, Drainage, and Water Improvements Contract, thus making the final contract price \$2,321,231.59.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF COFFEE COUNTY JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Permit and Inspection Division, the Commission unanimously approved the request from the Coffee County Junior Service League to allow the use of certain public streets in the proposed route to host the 5k/1mile Fun Run, Saturday, March 7, 2009, and that the Police Department provide assistance with traffic in the busy traffic areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

Upon recommendation from Ernest Crussel, Water and Sewer Director, the Commission unanimously approved a Resolution declaring an emergency procurement to address necessary items in Corrective Action Plan and accept the proposal of design/build for emergency automation of the chemical feed system from Jordan, Jones and Goulding to furnish all materials and labor to complete this project.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF RE-ROOFING OF THE HARLESS AVIATION BUILDING BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved to accept the low bid from B.R.C., Inc. a/k/a/ Brantley Roofing located in Hoboken, Georgia, to re-roof the Harless Aviation Building located at the Airport for a grand total of \$11,330.00.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

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APPROVAL OF ANNUAL POLICE UNIFORM BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved Chief Thomas' request to purchase Group A (uniforms) from the second low bidder and Group B (clothing accessories) from the lowest bidder, both being Command/Banner Uniforms, for a total of \$7,236.14. The Commission also approved Chief Thomas' request to purchase both Group C (badges, emblems, & accessories) and Group D (duty gear) from the lowest bidder, GT Distributors, for a total of Group C and D being \$508.24. The grand total for Groups A through D is \$7,744.38 and is to be purchased as needed throughout the year.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION/GMA LEASE

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Commission unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Wilson to execute the Lease Supplement documents under the GMA Direct Leasing program for \$368,676 for funding of (8) 2009 Dodge Chargers; (1) 2009 Ford F-250; (1) Kubota Mower, and (1) Tractor with Side Mower.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously authorized the Mayor to execute a contract for Public Defender Services for the City of Douglas Municipal Court with Clint Lott for a term from March 2009 until June 2009. The cost for services will be \$1,666.00 per month.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES FOR REPLACING A VACANT POSITION ON
CITY OF DOUGLAS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Board of Commission. The procedure will be as follows: (12 months or less the Commission will appoint, if the vacancy has more than 12 months a special election will be held to fulfill the remainder of the term). This will require a change of the Charter. The City Attorney, Jerome Adams will draft this procedure into local legislation and forward to our local delegation to seek approval by state legislation before the end of the 2009 session.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made a motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Upon recommendation from Mayor Jackie Wilson to appoint Ben Evans, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Ben Evans for a term from 2009-2014 to replace Cindy McNeil, whose term has expired and did not wish to be reappointed.

Mayor Wilson thanked Cindy McNeil for serving on the Housing Authority and for a job well done.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved to accept 30 foot utility easement from First United Methodist Church for the 6 inch gas line underneath E. Peachtree Street, (now closed and deeded to the church), and for the church to have easement drafted at their expense and recorded in the Clerk of Court for future reference.

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Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved to relocate the 2 inch gas line on Douglas United Methodist Church property in order to place a catch basin for the church. This matter is separate from the easement and the work will be at the expense of the church.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, the Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION UTILITY APPEALS HEARING

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Terrell Jacobs explained to the Commission that Denautra Sims is a single mother of four and is requesting an additional 7 day extension past her original 7 day extension.

Ms. Sims agreed to pay in full by March 2, 2009, noon.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper recommended for Ms. Sims to pay the bill in full by March 2, 2009.

Commissioner Bob Moore suggested that if Ms Sims does not pay by March 2, 2009, to disconnect services.

It was the consensus of the Commission for Ms Sims to pay in full by March 2, 2009, or services will be disconnected that afternoon.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk