

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
MAY 26, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson presiding and Commissioners Johnnie L. Roper, Marty Swain, Dennis Josey, Bob Moore and Olivia Pearson present. Mayor Jackie L. Wilson was out of state on Economic Development business.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Marty Swain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Donald Carver, Electric Department Director.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Called Budget Work Session – May 11, 2009
Work Session – May 11, 2009
Commission Meeting – May 11, 2009
Called Budget Work Session – May 4, 2009**

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

Assistant City Manager Charles Davis announced that Mayor Jackie L. Wilson and City Manager Terrell Jacobs were in Ft. Worth, TX attending meeting on potential buyer for Pilgrim's Pride.

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APPROVAL OF FILING OF CDBG STIMULUS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute a Community Development Block Grant Stimulus Program application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in an amount up to \$500,000, which will be loaned to the Douglas-Coffee County Industrial Authority to purchase various assets of the closed Pilgrim's Pride plant, and authorize the Mayor to execute grant documents if approval is received.

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

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY FOR EDA GRANT APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved to ratify a resolution approving the submittal of an Economic Development Application through the U. S. Department of Commerce, that has already been submitted through the Douglas-Coffee Industrial Authority, in the amount of \$4,000,000 to allow for the purchase of various assets of the Pilgrim's Pride operation not financed through other means, approve the City of Douglas as a co-applicant in the application with the Douglas-Coffee County Industrial Authority and the Coffee County Board of Commission and authorize Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute the necessary grant documents involved in the application and grant if approved.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF ONE (1) LEASE WITH THE DOUGLAS HOUSING
AUTHORITY ON THE ROUNDTREE CENTER**

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, the Commission unanimously approved a One (1) Lease Agreement with the Douglas Housing Authority for the Roundtree Center for an amount of \$350.00 per month expiring in June 2010.

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Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR NEW TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER FIRE TRUCK

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved the request of Fire Chief Tim White and Terry Fesperman, Vehicle Maintenance Director, to reject all bids received for the new triple combination pumper fire truck and to purchase the fire truck with a foam spray system from Ten-8 Fire & Safety Equipment of Georgia, a Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. Dealer, located in Forsyth, Georgia, for a total of \$254,170.

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

APPROVAL OF COMPOST FACILITY UPGRADES

Upon recommendation from Ernie Crussel, Water & Wastewater Director, the Commission unanimously approved a contract with Statewide Engineering Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$27,425. for the field surveying and engineering design for GEFA submittals for the upgrades to the Compost Facility, part of the Green Stimulus package, and also approve a resolution authorizing the submittal of Part I and Part II of the GEFA application for the compost facility.

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

APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR JOB FAIR TO ASSIST WITH TRANSITION OF PILGRIM'S PRIDE EMPLOYEES

Upon recommendation from Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved to partner with the local Department of Labor to facilitate in hosting a job fair at Central Square to assist with the transition of Pilgrim's Pride employees on June 11th.

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

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SICK LEAVE POLICY

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson stated the Sick Leave Pay-out at Retirement Policy was discussed at length in the Work Session but came to no decision on this issue.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion, effective immediately, to put a 90-day moratorium on Sick Leave Pay-Out at Retirement until the Commission can research this issue further. Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion with Commissioners Marty Swain and Commissioner Dennis Josey voted for the motion. Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper voted against the motion.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper thanked the Commission, employees and the citizens for their concern during his bereavement.

Commissioner Bob Moore commented on the editorial that was in the Douglas Enterprise regarding the Police Officer that pulled over a car in a funeral procession, but after investigating this issue, it was not a Douglas Police Officer it was an out of town officer and apologized to the family for this incident.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session, with the motion being made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Assistant City Manager, Charlie Davis, and City Attorney, Jerome Adams, discussed a litigation issue with the Commission.

The motion to adjourn from Executive Session back to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk