

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MARCH 11, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:14 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Commissioners Steve Bailey, Tony Paulk II, Cindy McNeil, and Edwin Taylor were present. Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham were absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Tony L. Paulk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER TONY L. PAULK II)

Pastor Willie Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The MOTION carried (4-0) to approve the agenda order as discussed for the Regular Meeting with the addition of the Parks and Recreation State Basketball Champions, with the motion made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

RECOGNITION OF TIM GAY - GEORGIA ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, and Mayor Tony Paulk appeared before the Commission and citizens to recognize Tim Gay, Animal Control Officer, for being the recipient of the award of the Georgia Animal Control Officer of the Year.

Mayor Paulk stated that Tim's exceptional dedication as the sole Animal Control Officer for the City of Douglas is genuinely noteworthy. Handling animal control responsibilities alone is no small feat, yet Tim has not only met but exceeded expectations. In 2023, he successfully managed a staggering 1,165 animal control calls, with 51 of them requiring his attention after regular working hours. Tim's commitment to the safety and well-being of the community and its animals is evident in the numbers, showcasing his tireless efforts to address every concern promptly and efficiently.

RECOGNIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Elka Gomez, Athletic Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, appeared before the Commission to introduce the 12 U State Basketball Champions.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

1. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024, MEETING MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM PURCHASES
3. APPROVAL OF FY24 MULTIPLE PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMERS BID
4. APPROVAL OF FY24 THREE (3) 2023 DODGE DURANGO'S BID 2-24-2024
5. APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES FOR 2024
6. APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION FOR BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) SMALL RURAL AND TRIBAL BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
7. APPROVAL OF THE REPAIR OF THE FLYGT PUMP FOR THE T & T LIFT STATION
8. APPROVAL OF PAINTING THE TURBINE GENERATOR AT SUBSTATION # 2
9. APPROVAL OF THE E PURCHASE OF A VACTOR RAMJET TRAILER (SEWER MACHINE)

As discussed in the Work Session, the **MOTION (carried 4-0)** to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above was a motion made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST BAPTIST'S REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE ON COWETA AVENUE

Charles Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to request on behalf of First Baptist Church (Terri Bailey) to close Coweta Avenue from Cleveland Street to Sellers Street for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 2024, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The **MOTION** carried **(4-0)** to approve First Baptist's request for a road closure with the motion made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. Mayor Tony Paulk and Commissioner Tony Paulk II also voted in favor of the motion. ***Commissioner Steve Bailey did not vote due to a conflict of interest with this item.***

STAFF COMMENTS


No Comment

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS


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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. **(4-0)**



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



Mayor Tony L. Paulk

