

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioners Cindy McNeil, Steve Bailey, and Tony Paulk II were present. Commissioner Edwin Taylor was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (MAYOR PRO TEM MIKE GOWEN)

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The MOTION (4-0) was carried out to approve the agenda order with the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill.

RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2024 AWARD AND REVITALIZATION AREA STRATEGY DESIGNATION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, presented a Block Grant (CDBG) of \$877,225.00 for neighborhood revitalization to address substandard housing conditions in the Pine Street neighborhood. In addition to the CDBG 2024 award, the City of Douglas was awarded the Revitalization Area Strategies (RAS) Designation, which incentivizes communities to implement comprehensive redevelopment activities for targeted areas in their city or county. A local government with a RAS designation may receive bonus points on its annual CDBG application and the ability to apply annually for CDBG funds for three years, provided that all DCA timeliness criteria are met.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**
- 2. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION (DON BROOKS, WAYNE MCKINNON, AND BYRON GILLESPIE, THREE-YEAR TERM OCTOBER 1, 2024- SEPTEMBER 30, 2027)**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY26 - FY2030 AND FY26 APPLICATIONS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE DATE CHANGE OF THE UPCOMING MEETING (NOVEMBER 11, 2024, TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024)**

As discussed in the Work Session, Commissioner Steve Bailey made the motion (carried 4-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen seconded.

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WORK SESSION ITEMS

**PRESENTATION OF GRANT AWARD FOR VETERANS PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA**


Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, and Darius Maynard awarded the City of Douglas a \$12,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to support improvements to Veterans Park, located at the Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport. The funds will erect a John Gibson Memorial, complete a brick walkway to the Fallen Soldier Statue, and purchase and install eight metal benches with concrete pads.

No action taken

STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:24 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Steve Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Tony Paulk II. **(4-0)**



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

