

**MINUTES
WORKSESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 25, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners held a work session on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Brenda Moore, Mike Gowen, and Tony Paulk II in attendance. Commissioner Steve Bailey was absent.

REVIEWED AUGUST 11, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Charlie Davis, City Manager, presented the first item, reviewing the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes on August 11, 2025. Mayor Tony L. Paulk asked the Commissioners to propose any changes to ensure accurate historical record-keeping.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR TURNOUT GEAR

Casey Wright, Fire Chief, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to amend Purchase Order #126497, increasing the total amount from \$18,090.00 to \$43,416.00.

Mrs. Henderson stated that on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, the Fire Department responded to a fire incident at an industry within the Douglas city limits. Due to industrial adhesives, seven sets of firefighter turnout gear were rendered unusable and required replacement. The replacement of this equipment accounts for the additional cost reflected in the revised purchase order total. The industry has agreed to reimburse the City for seven replacement sets. **FUNDING:** PO126947: 100-3501-53.1607.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED APPOINTMENT TO THE DOUGLAS AIRPORT COMMISSION

Alyssa Fussell, Grants Administrator, appeared before the Commission to seek approval for the appointment of the Douglas Airport Commission to fill Mr. Jim Rimes's seat.

Ms. Fussell explained that the Douglas Airport Commission seeks to fill one position to replace Mr. Jim Rimes. Staff properly publicized the position for two weeks. As of the agenda's time, three applications have been received: Mr. Michael Boyles, Mr. Ray Ricketson, and Mr. Christopher Brigmond. Each person has expressed interest in serving and brings relevant experience that would benefit the Airport Commission. Staff recommended Mr. Ray Ricketson as the person to be appointed to fill the term from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2028.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED RATIFY EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF HOMA SUBMERSIBLE MOTOR FOR BO JO ELLA LIFT STATION

Alyssa Fussell, Grants Administrator, appeared before the Commission to ratify a contract to purchase a HOMA Submersible pump in the amount for the Bo Jo Ella Lift Station.

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DISCUSSED RATIFY EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF HOMA SUBMERSIBLE MOTOR FOR BO JO ELLA LIFT STATION-CONTINUE

Ms. Fussell stated that Ms. Henderson explained that on August 14, 2025, an email poll was sent to the mayor and commission to allow staff to purchase a submersible motor for the Bo Jo Ella Lift Station. The existing has been sent off to be refurbished, which could take 3 weeks. As of now, we don't yet have a cost estimate. Inframark priced several motors. Two of the estimates are in the \$73,000 - \$78,000 range, and it would take about 3 – 4 months before these companies have a motor ready to ship to us. The motor is out, so we use a diesel pump to keep the Bo Jo Lift Station operating. We have been experiencing a lot of rainfall, making staff very cautious about relying on the diesel motor while waiting for a refurbished one. We are also in the middle of hurricane season. The most extensive lift station services include Touchton Woods, Coffee Regional, Pilgrims, and other areas. If the diesel fails and the system goes completely down, we can expect a spill into the river of 3 – 4 million gallons daily. Staff would like to avoid the worst-case scenario at all costs. Just so you know, we even explored the option of renting a motor from Flyge, which is the number one company for this type of motor, and they do not have one available. The mayor and commission agreed that staff should purchase a HOMA Submersible pump for \$86,074.00. **FUNDING: \$86,074.00 City Funds.**

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda.**

DISCUSSED PETITION TO DISCUSS AND HOLD THE FIRST (1ST) READING TO REZONE 400 GASKIN AVE. S

This item was pulled from the agenda.

GENERAL COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

No Comments

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Without further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.




Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC


Mayor Tony L. Paulk I