



Dougherty County Board of Commissioners  
listing of  
Appointed Boards and Committees  
As of October 2017



**ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
“911 SYSTEM”**

**Date Created:** 1996

**Purpose:** Prepares recommendations and assists the local governing authorities in reviewing and analyzing the progress of public safety agencies in developing “911” system requirements.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

Members serve by virtue of office.

**AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING & VENTILATION BOARD**  
**One Year Terms**

**Date Created:** July 23, 1985 (Res. No. 85-014)

**Purpose:** Review all matters pertaining to standards for use of air conditioning, heating and ventilation.

**Meeting Dates:** Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

**ALBANY-DOUGHERTY LAND BANK**  
**Staggered Terms**

**Date Created:** April 17, 2017

**Purpose:** A seven member board was created to put abandoned, tax-delinquent or blighted property back into productive use. The Authority will strategically acquire and dispose of property for the betterment of neighborhoods and the community as a whole.

**Meeting Dates:** Tbd

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

**ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD**  
**(formerly ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD)**

**Purpose:** A ten member board providing mental health, developmental disability and addictive diseases services to citizens in an eight county area. Two members are appointed by the County.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an as-needed basis.

No limit on number of terms served.

**Point of Contact:** Babs Hall (*Compliance Officer*) [bhall@albanycsb.org](mailto:bhall@albanycsb.org) 229-430-6037

**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**  
**Five Year Terms**

**Date Created:** 1957 (Ga. Code Sec. 99-503)

**Purpose:** Provides financial aid and social services to eligible needy citizens of the county, funds for emergency assistance, child welfare, pauper burials and food stamp distribution.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an as-needed basis.

**Point of Contact:** DFACS Director, 229-430-3200

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Four Year Terms**

**Date Created:** Resolution 1973

**Purpose:** Develop and promote the general welfare, trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the County.

**Meeting Dates:** Meets on an “As needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** James E. Reynolds, [jreynolds@perrywalters.com](mailto:jreynolds@perrywalters.com) 229-439-4000 ext. 212

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Two Year Terms- Staggered**

**Date Created:** September 8, 1986 (Resolution No. 86-225) Superseded by new By Laws and Articles of Incorporation approved 9/18/2009 by Secretary of State; Res 12-R211.

**Purpose:** Continue to lead in efforts to promote Albany and Dougherty County for economic development purposes and in recruiting new business and industry to the Albany and Dougherty County area. This is to include activity in the domestic market as well as reverse investment from international companies.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets at Chamber on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Point of Contact:** Justin Strickland [jstrickland@choosealbany.com](mailto:jstrickland@choosealbany.com) 229-434-0044

**ELECTRICAL BOARD**  
**One Year Term**

**Date Created:** July 23, 1985 (Res. No. 85-015) est. by Ordinance 75-118, City 00-R250.

**Purpose:** Will consider all matters related to electrical installations, including alterations, repairs, and equipment.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

**FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** January 19, 1988 (Joint Res. N. 88-005) and Ordinance No. 87-226 of the City adopted 12/22/87.

**Purpose:** Hears and decides appeals regarding complaints of violations of the Joint Fire Code.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

## FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD

### Three Year Terms

**Date Created:** May 9, 1978 (Joint Resolution. No. 78-132/78-145)

**Purpose:** Responsible for considering variances on structures that are below the required base flood elevation level.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

## GAS BOARD

### One Year Terms

**Date Created:** December 6, 1982 (Res. No. 82-038) Established by Ordinance 79-133.

**Purpose:** Will consider all matters related to gas work, including alterations, repairs, and equipment.

**Meeting Dates:** Board meets on an “as-needed” basis.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us) (229) 438-3900

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE RC & D COUNCIL

### Two Year Terms

**Purpose:** The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and rural communities. It was created to assist local people in planning and carrying out activities that conserve natural resources, support economic development, enhance the environment and improve the standard of living for all citizens. It is a 501c-C serving the counties of Dougherty, Calhoun, Early, Baker, Mitchell, Miller, Seminole, Decatur, and Grady.

**Point of Contact:** Rhonda Gordon, Director (229) 723-3841

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

### Six Year Terms

**Date Created:** December 19, 1994 (Res. No. 94-043)

**Purpose:** Determines the health needs and resources of its jurisdiction, develops programs, activities and facilities responsive to those needs and enforces or causes all laws pertaining to health unless the responsibility for the enforcement of such laws is that of another agency.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets at 8am at the Health Dept. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every other month. (February, April, June, August, October, & December)

**Point of Contact:** Phyllis Plummer [Phyllis.Plummer@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Phyllis.Plummer@dph.ga.gov)

**ALBANY – DOUGHERTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**  
**Five Year Terms**

**Date Created:** July 22, 1941; Resolution 88-021

**Purpose:** Fundamentally, the principal mission and purpose of the Hospital Authority is to seek to provide for our community, quality health care at a reasonable cost. There is, of course, an inherent tension between providing extremely low cost health care and the ability to provide modern, well-equipped and high quality health care. One without the other is of little benefit to the community, and seeking to do both with proper balance, requires judgment.

In 1990, after much consideration, the Authority determined to carry out its principle mission by entering into a long term Lease and Transfer Agreement (the “Lease”) with Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc. (“Phoebe”), leasing to it essentially all of the Authority’s assets (the “Assets”). This Lease structure materially changed the role of the Authority. The Authority is no longer involved with the day to day operations of the Assets, having delegated that role through the Lease to Phoebe’s Board. However, the Authority still retains broad oversight in the operation of the Authority’s Assets and it assures that such operations continue to conform to the Lease as well as Georgia’s Hospital Authorities Law. Additionally, the Authority’s role continues to involve handling such business as may properly come before it, including issuing Bonds, acquiring property as may benefit the mission and purpose of tehe Authority, causing the Authority to remain properly organized and in existence complying with any legal or contractual requirements of the Authority, serving as a recipient for supplemental Medicaid and Medicare payments and overseeing any other matters which the Authority concludes will further the purposes of the Authority.

**Meeting Dates:** There are scheduled meetings, not less than quarterly, plus special called meetings from time to time.

**Point of Contact:** James E. Reynolds, Jr. (229) 439-4000 ext. 212 [jreynolds@perrywalters.com](mailto:jreynolds@perrywalters.com) and Felicia Lewis (Board Coordinator): (229) 312-8065 {office}; [flewis@phoebhealth.com](mailto:flewis@phoebhealth.com)

**KEEP ALBANY DOUGHERTY BEAUTIFUL BOARD**  
**Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** July 7, 1989 (Res. No. 89-020)

**Purpose:** Charged with the responsibility of improving the physical appearance of Albany and Dougherty County through community education and community involvement.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Point of Contact:** Judy Bowles [JBowles@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:JBowles@dougherty.ga.us)

**LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** July 1, 1972

**Purpose:** Establish policies for library service. Review complaints regarding library. Only they can apply for state grants.

**Meeting dates:** Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month (except July, August, & December).

**Point Of Contact:** Walter Kelley [wkelly@kelleylovet.com](mailto:wkelly@kelleylovet.com)

**MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND  
ADDICTIVE DISEASES ADVISORY COUNCIL, REGION 4**

**Three Year Terms**

**Purpose:** The Region 4 MHDDAD Office plans and oversees a network of public mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive disease and prevention services for 24 counties.

**Meeting Dates:** This Board meets Bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday from 1-3 P.M. at various locations.

**Point of Contact:** Jacqueline Davis    [jacqueline.davis@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:jacqueline.davis@dbhdd.ga.gov)    (229) 225-3980

**PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** January 1958; Constitutional Amendment. See Res # 811

**Purpose:** Develop and promote for the public good and general welfare jobs and payrolls in industry, agriculture, commerce and natural resources.

**Meeting Dates:** Board meets on an “as-needed” basis

**Point of Contact:** Attorney James E. Reynolds, Jr.    [jreynolds@perrywalters.com](mailto:jreynolds@perrywalters.com)

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** June 3, 1985 (City Ordinance No. 85-167 and County Resolution No. 85-010 June 3, 1985) Ten members: 5 city, 5 county

**Purpose:** Recommends actions on zoning and special approval cases

**Meeting dates:** Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:00

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey    [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us)    (229) 438-3900

**PLUMBING BOARD**

**One Year Terms**

**Date Created:** December 6, 1982 (Res No. 82-037)

**Purpose:** Will consider all matters related to plumbing work, including alterations, repairs, and equipment.

**Meeting dates:** The Board meets on an “as-needed” basis; seven members.

**Point of Contact:** Paul Forgey    [pforgey@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:pforgey@dougherty.ga.us)    (229) 438-3900

**RETIREMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

**Four Year Terms**

**Date Created:** July 1, 1967

**Purpose:** To administer the plan for the exclusive benefit of participants & their beneficiaries.

**Meeting Dates:** Quarterly on the fourth Thursday in the Govt. Center (Feb, May, Aug, Nov at 9:00 a.m.)

**Point of Contact:** Wes Sadler    [Wessadler1@yahoo.com](mailto:Wessadler1@yahoo.com)

## **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL**

### **One year terms**

**Purpose:** Southwest Georgia Community Action Council is the private, non-profit community action agency in Southwest Georgia that provides social services funded through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in 14 counties, Head Start/Early Head Start child development services funded through the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) in 18 counties, and home weatherization services funded through Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) in 16 counties.

**Meeting Dates:** Meetings are held at 7:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every other month

**Point of Contact:** Mr. Randy Weldon, CEO; [rweldon@swgacac.com](mailto:rweldon@swgacac.com) 229 985-3610.

## **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA HOUSING TASK FORCE**

### **One Year Term**

**Purpose:** With representatives from 16 organizations, the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force focuses on education as a key to solving and preventing housing problems in the 14-county region. Its membership includes local, regional and state government representatives; housing providers; banks; high schools; and concerned citizens. The Task Force developed and sponsored a high school financial education course, on-site housing fairs for businesses, first-time home buyer education seminars and regional housing leadership workshops. The group has published case studies, housing/homeless resource booklets, and publications on workforce housing and credit/money management. Working through the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center, the Task Force also developed design guidelines for manufactured housing in-fill in historic neighborhoods and conducted housing needs assessments and rental inventories for two local governments. The Task Force is currently working on a regional housing website to provide housing resource information to citizens and social service organizations in the area.

**Meeting Dates:** Meetings are held monthly in Camilla on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 10:00am-1:00pm

**Point of Contact:** Barbara Reddick, Senior Planner [breddick@swgrc.org](mailto:breddick@swgrc.org) (229) 522-3552.

## **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

### **One Year Term**

**Purpose:** To provide a forum and mechanism for the joint discussion of multi-jurisdictional problems and opportunities and to assist in affecting joint solutions for the common good.

**Meeting Dates:** The last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except in the months of November and December at the Regional Commission Office in Camilla.

**Point Of Contact:** Heather White, Executive Assistant [hwhite@swgrc.org](mailto:hwhite@swgrc.org) 229-522-3552

## **STADIUM AUTHORITY**

### **Four Year Terms**

**Date Created:** Established by HB 614, 1963

**Meeting Dates:** This Board meets bi-yearly at different locations and times.

**Contact:** Lea Henry (229) 431-1301

**TAX ASSESSORS BOARD**  
**Staggered Three Year Terms**

**Date Created:** December 31, 1976 (C.G.A 48-5-290 through 48-5-309) Res 11-029.

**Purpose:** Responsible for hearing taxpayer appeals only for issues dealing with matters of taxability, uniformity of assessment, value and to homestead exemption. The board hears appeals on real and personal property.

**Meeting Dates:** The Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Immediately following assessment notice mailings usually at the end of May or first of June the board may need to meet several times a week for several weeks to hear the appeals. **Appointed person must be a Dougherty County resident and complete required training within 180 days of appointment. This appointment will be paid per month.**

**Contact:** William Ashberry, Jr. (229)-431-2157

**VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**  
**Two Year Term**

**Date Created:** March 1986

**Purpose:** Handle all city, county, state and local elections; all voter registration for city and county; appoint poll workers.

**Meeting Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. **This appointment will complete required training and be paid every six months. Affidavit goes to Superior Court Clerk. Appointed person must be Dougherty County resident.**

**Contact:** Ginger Nickerson [gnickerson@dougherty.ga.us](mailto:gnickerson@dougherty.ga.us)