



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
August 27, 2024**

**Watson Government Complex  
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION  
& PLEDGE:** Mr. Jason Cathey, Paulding County FCA Director

**PRESENT:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Virginia Galloway, Post III; Dean Schneider, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Manager; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

**MINUTES:**

- 1. The August 13, 2024 Work Session Minutes and the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Team Paulding: A Tribute to Deputy Brandon Cunningham aired for the Commissioners and audience.

**INVITED GUESTS:** None

**BID AWARDS:**

- 2. Approve the purchase of (1) replacement Wheel Loader, Caterpillar 938, from Yancey in the amount of \$296,684.00:*

Discussed action to approve the purchase of (1) replacement Wheel Loader, Caterpillar 938, from Yancey in the amount of \$296,684.00. Ms. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this purchase is for the Landfill and is used to pack the trash. She further stated this purchase will be used as the primary piece of equipment with the current Wheel Loader to be used as a back-up. The purchase is being made from the State Contract.

- 3. Approve the purchase of (1) replacement Backhoe, Caterpillar 416, from Yancey in the amount of \$109,763.00:*

Discussed action to approve the purchase of (1) replacement Backhoe, Caterpillar 416, from Yancey in the amount of \$109,763.00. Ms. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this purchase is for the Landfill and is used to move the trash. She further stated this will be used as the primary piece of equipment with the current Backhoe to be used as a back-up. The purchase is being made from the State Contract.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked about the source of funding.

**Ms. Pollard** stated these purchases will be through the General Fund.

- 4. Approve the purchase of the Freightliner M2106 Single Axle Dump Truck from Peach State Truck in the amount of \$129,414:*

Discussed action to approve the purchase of the Freightliner M2106 Single Axle Dump Truck from Peach State Truck in the amount of \$129,414. Ms. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a budgeted request from Storm Water to replace a 750 Flatbed. She further stated the Freightliner is a more durable vehicle and is being purchased from the State Contract. This item will be funded through General Fund.

- 5. Discuss action to approve the budgeted 2024 (47) vehicle purchase to Hardy Family Ford as listed below:* Ms. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the order window for every type of vehicle is open. This list of vehicles is included in the budget. The Public Safety vehicles are funded through SPLOST. The Water vehicles are funded through the Enterprise Fund. The remaining vehicles are funded through the General Fund. She further stated Hardy Family Ford has beaten the State Contract pricing.

Department	Vehicle Model	# Vehicles	State Pricing	Each Price	Total Pricing	
Sheriff	Explorers PPV	15	\$ 47,294.00	\$ 46,350.94	\$ 695,264.10	
Sheriff	Explorer PPV Turbo	2	\$ 50,574.00	\$ 49,630.94	\$ 99,261.88	
Sheriff	F-150 4X4 Super Crew	2	\$ 50,329.00	\$ 49,439.00	\$ 98,878.00	
Sheriff	Expeditions	2	\$ 71,530.00	\$ 66,710.00	\$ 133,420.00	
Sheriff	Explorer	6	\$ 42,010.00	\$ 41,772.00	\$ 250,632.00	
Recreation	F-150 Regular Cab	2	\$ 35,538.00	\$ 35,530.00	\$ 71,060.00	
Community Dev	F-150 4X4 Super Cab	2	\$ 46,984.00	\$ 44,275.00	\$ 88,550.00	
Storm Water	F-150 4x4 Super Cab	1	\$ 46,984.00	\$ 44,275.00	\$ 44,275.00	
DOT	F150 4X4 Super Cab	2	\$ 47,139.00	\$ 44,276.98	\$ 88,553.96	
DOT	F-250 4x4 Crew Cab	1	\$ 51,322.00	\$ 51,272.00	\$ 51,272.00	
DOT	F-250 4x4 Reg Cab	2	\$ 47,080.00	\$ 47,050.00	\$ 94,100.00	
DOT	F-350 4x4 Crew Cab	1	\$ 64,757.00	\$ 64,707.00	\$ 77,706.00	includes service body
DOT	F-150 4x4 Suber Cab	1	\$ 48,839.00	\$ 46,089.00	\$ 46,089.00	
Animal Control	F-250w Swab Dog box	1	\$ 49,465.00	\$ 48,900.00	\$ 81,579.00	
Fleet	F-150	1	\$ 43,241.00	\$ 41,991.00	\$ 41,991.00	
Fleet	F-250	1	\$ 47,080.00	\$ 47,050.00	\$ 52,036.00	Includes Tommy Lift Gate
Fleet	F-450	1	\$ 56,155.00	\$ 52,655.00	\$ 69,654.00	W/11' Utility Bed
Tax Assessor	F-150	1	\$ 39,210.00	\$ 35,792.00	\$ 35,792.00	
Marshal	Explorer PPV	1	\$ 47,294.00	\$ 46,350.94	\$ 46,350.94	
Water	F-150 4x4 Crew Cab	1	\$ 48,772.00	\$ 46,540.00	\$ 46,540.00	
Water	F-250 4x4 Crew Cab	1	\$ 60,628.00	\$ 60,578.00	\$ 60,578.00	

**Commissioner Kaecher** commented Hardy Family Ford has come in lower than the State Contract.

**Ms. Pollard** stated yes.

**Commissioner Galloway** stated this will help lower the cost of vehicle service by not having to go out of the County.

**Ms. Pollard** stated that is correct.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked if these purchases are from the 2025 Budget.

**Ms. Pollard** stated this is from the 2025 budget.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Steve West spoke regarding the amendment to rezoning for 2024-02-SPSA and asked the Commissioners to approve the compromise to build a right-side bypass lane.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairman Carmichael read the following consent agenda items:

- 6. *Authorize the Chairman to sign the Encroachment, Easement, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Seven Hills Homeowners Association and property owners of lot 973, for the retaining wall located partially on and over Paulding County Right of Way on Azalea Crossing. This is located in Post 4.*
- 7. *Adopt the Department of Transportation Job Description for Construction Inspector - Right of Way.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 8. *2024-02-SPSA: (Tabled from July 23, 2024 Board Meeting) Application by Joel L. Larkin / SAMS, LARKIN & HUFF LLP requesting to remove rezoning stipulation #13 from prior rezoning case 2005-51-Z, which required the construction of a left turn lane from Ridge Road onto Ray Lee Road. The site includes an auto parts store, restaurant, beverage (liquor) store and an out-lot. Property is located in Land Lot 261; District 1; Section 3; south side of Ridge Road, east side of Ridgeway Drive, and west side of Ray Lee Road. Post 2:*

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: DENIAL (4-0-1)**

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This was denied by the Planning Commission. Since then, Paulding DOT is recommending an option of a right-side bypass lane.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked how the bypass lane would be entered, if traveling east.

**Mr. Robinson** stated there is no difference traveling east. The bypass lane would affect those traveling west.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked what is the length of the bypass lane.

**Mr. Jones** stated it is usually around 300 feet, which is sufficient for two to three vehicles turning left.

**Commissioner Kaecher** asked what is the recommendation of the Paulding DOT.

**Mr. Jones** stated based on the study parameters, a right-side bypass lane is recommended.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. Ordinance 24-10 amending Chapter 22 of the Paulding County Code to update its provisions regarding the Cemetery Preservation Commission:**

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 24-10 amending Chapter 22 of the Paulding County Code to update its provisions regarding the Cemetery Preservation Commission. Mr. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the Cemetery Preservation Commission met for the first time in 20+ years. He further stated this Ordinance is to update the County Code in a few areas: the appointments to the Commission are to continue until a successor has been appointed, duplicative language in the County Code will be reduced, and Robert's Rule as procedure is to be stricken.

**10. Change Order #1 for Croy Engineering in the amount of \$21,670.00 for Construction Administration and third-party materials testing for the Mount Tabor Park Driveway Relocation Project. Funding from SPLOST funds. Located in Post 1:**

Discussed action to approve Change Order #1 for Croy Engineering in the amount of \$21,670.00 for Construction Administration and third-party materials testing for the Mount Tabor Park Driveway Relocation Project. Funding from SPLOST funds. Located in Post 1. Mr. Michael Justus, Parks & Recreation Director stated a portion of the project will occur along East Paulding Drive. It is customary to have a third-party to perform materials testing. Croy Engineering will manage and Nova will test the materials.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked about a schedule for completion.

**Mr. Justus** stated the Notice to Proceed has been issued. The goal is to have it completed before the weather turns.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked why the Paulding DOT is not being used for the testing.

**Mr. Jones** stated the Paulding DOT is busy on other County Projects.

**11. Change Order to the Motorola P25 Radio Project in the amount of \$590,311.34 to be paid from SPLOST funds:**

Discussed action to approve the Change Order to the Motorola P25 Radio Project in the amount of \$590,311.34 to be paid from SPLOST funds. Mr. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated this Change Order extends the project timeline to December 2025. The anticipated go-live date is mid-June to early July 2025. Testing of the system will follow the go-live date.

**12. Change Order to the TUSA Consulting Contract in the amount of \$212,800.00 to extend their services through December 31, 2025. Funding from SPLOST funds:**

Discussed action to approve the Change Order to the TUSA Consulting Contract in the amount of \$212,800.00 to extend their services through December 31, 2025. Funding from SPLOST funds. Mr. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated this is related to item number 11. TUSA is our Consulting Company on this project. This would extend their contract until the end of the project.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked if they are paid by the hour.

**Mr. Mumford** stated yes and that we also pay their travel expenses.

**13. Purchase of Parkson Certified Rebuild one-site with OEM Parts and Parkson supervision in the amount of \$126,512.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Posts 1 and 3:**

Discuss action to approve the purchase of Parkson Certified Rebuild one-site with OEM Parts and Parkson supervision in the amount of \$126,512.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Posts 1 and 3. Mr. Ray Wooten, Water System Director stated Parkson is the Rep. that makes the screens that protect the membranes. They supply them to the County. He further stated to save money, the County will make the repairs under the supervision of a Parkson supervisor.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked if the County has previously used Parkson.

**Mr. Wooten** stated Parkson is the Rep. that produces our screens. We are using them in order to maintain the warranties.

**14. Purchase of a new vertical turbine pump, 150 HP soft start installation/startup of the equipment (Pond 2) with Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$83,050.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Posts 1 and 3:**

Discussed action to approve the purchase of a new vertical turbine pump, 150 HP soft start installation/startup of the equipment (Pond 2) with Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$83,050.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Posts 1 and 3. Mr. Ray Wooten, Water System Director stated the Coppermine Facility has a land application system. It produces re-use water to be sprayed on to the re-use fields. Pond 1 and Pond 2 supply the water to the fields. The liner in Pond 2 has ripped and come to the surface. The pump will help Pond 1 the water to the fields served by Pond 2. Then, Pond 2 can be emptied for repairs.

**15. Emergency purchase from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$220,567.00 for the Oakleigh Point Pump Station. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Post 1:**

Discussed action to approve an emergency purchase from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$220,567.00 for the Oakleigh Point Pump Station. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund and is located in Post 1. Mr. Ray Wooten, Water System Director stated the Oakleigh Point Pump Station has four pumps. The station is an older design and has failed. The station is currently being bypassed. He further stated we are proposing to rehab the station with two pumps and equipment. Basically, this will be a new pump station at an old site.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked if the station is currently down.

**Mr. Wooten** stated that is correct and it is fully bypassed.

**Commissioner Schneider** asked how long will the station be down.

**Mr. Wooten** believes it will be bypassed for a couple of months. He hopes to have the work completed by Christmas.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked if the pump stations are placed by the Builders or Developers.

**Mr. Wooten** stated that is correct in this matter. Paulding County has six employees who can perform repair work on the pumps. But in this case, there is more involved. Goforth Williamson will perform the repairs.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked if there is a Standard the Builders and Developers have to follow for Pump Stations.

**Mr. Wooten** stated in the new Ordinance, every piece of equipment is defined so that everything matches and is consistent.

**CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Lawrence Miller spoke to the board about his opposition on the proposed Rock Quarry.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked if any of the Commissioners had any announcements or comments.

There were no announcements or comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Carmichael.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Dean Schneider.