



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 08, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Steve Whipple, Church at the Ridge

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Ron Davis, Post I; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

MINUTES:

1. *The November 10, 2020 Work Session Minutes, the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and the December 1, 2020 Called Joint Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Positively Paulding: Recognizing the Employee of the Month of December was aired for the Commissioners and audience.

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners presented John Kueven, Senior Vice President and Wellstar Paulding President (via conference call) with a Proclamation Honoring Wellstart Paulding for receiving the prestigious Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award. Chairman Carmichael read the Proclamation and asked Mr. Kueven if he would like to speak. Mr. Kueven thanked the Commissioners for the Proclamation and explained that Paulding Wellstar was only one of two that have received this award this year and one of twenty-seven ever to receive the prestigious award. He further updated the commissioners on the upcoming campaign to become a level 4 trauma center.

The Board of Commissioners recognized Paulding County EMA Deputy Director Stephen Dooley on his recent accomplishment of completing the Georgia Professional (Masters) Level Certification in Emergency Management, being presented by GEMA Homeland Security Representative Tim Reeve, GEMA Field Coordinator Area 6. Mr. Reeve’s stated that Paulding County EMA staff are professional and always go above and beyond. He further stated Mr. Dooley has reached a level of training that only 105 have reached though out the state of Georgia. Fire Chief Palfrey stated he is very proud of Mr. Dooley and all the work he does to keep County officials up to date on not only the current issues with COVID-19 but with all types of disasters or emergencies.

The Board of Commissioners presented Alfred Craton with a Proclamation recognizing his service of 26-years on the Board of Tax Assessors and for his faithful service to the citizens and community of Paulding County. Chairman Carmichael read the Proclamation and Chief Appeaser James Stokes accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Mr. Craton.

The Board of Commissioners presented Art Fulbright with a Proclamation recognizing his service of 15-years on the Board of Tax Assessors and for his faithful service to the citizens and community of Paulding County. Chairman Carmichael read the Proclamation and asked Mr. Fulbright if he would like to speak. Mr. Fulbright thanked the Tax Assessor Employees. He further thanked the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Tax Assessors for the opportunity to serve his community.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the Unified Communications and Contract Center System plus Dial Tone Services project to Interdev in the amount of \$352,063.61:*

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this was a budgeted expense, this company scored high with the least cost. The current system in use has come to an end of life point and we can no longer receive replacement parts. She further stated installing this system if allows the County to have customer services centers in different locations.

Chairman Carmichael asked for a time table on installation.

Ms. Pollard stated it is usually a couple of months.

- 3. ***Award of the High Shoals Parking Lot, Project Number: PR-IMP-(109)-(1), to the low bidder, Helix Group, in the amount of \$133,299.71:***

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this items was somewhat of a coordinated effort. The County received four (4) bids. Michael Justus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, stated the Transportation Department has worked hard, the property is under the Parks department but parking has become an issue at the location. George Jones, Transportation Director stated his department was tasked with designing an area for parking to eliminate cars parking on the side of the roadway and in the Church parking lot and walking across to the falls. In August of 2019 the Transpiration Department did a study on the number of cars visiting the location, and discovered that there were 16 cars at any given time. He further stated that this bid is 15% lower than our engineer estimate.

Commissioner Stover asked where the funds would be coming from.
Mr. Jones stated this is a SPLOST funded project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Ann Lippmann, County Development Director presented a quarterly update PowerPoint presentation and stated she hopes to add data from the City of Dallas in the near future.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 4. ***Approved a Transfer Station Gate Fee of \$10.00 surcharge per mattress effective January 1, 2021.***

- 5. ***Declare the following item listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or trade.***

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Transportation	Unit 150	2007 Sterling	2FZAA5DC67AX84767

- 6. ***Authorize the Chairman to sign an Acknowledgement Form Agreement with Norfolk southern Railway Company for ATMS Phase 2-P.I. No. 0013148, Paulding County.***

- 7. ***Approve the Indigent Defense Contract for Probate and Magistrate Courts and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract.***

- 8. ***Confirm the 2021 Paulding County Board of Commissioners designated Holiday Schedule.***

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9. ***Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021 Transportation Services Contract with Transit Alliance Group, Inc.:***

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated that each year GDOT provides funds for the Paulding Transit service but there is not enough to cover the entire program. This company allows us to collect revenue provided around \$36,000.

- 10. ***Discussed action to approve Croy Engineering's Proposal to begin design and engineering for Phase 2 of Mulberry Rock Park at a cost of \$70,900.00:***

Michael Justus Park, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director stated this is a SPLOST funded project. When you have projects regarding parks they are done in phases, this is the phase connecting the front portion with the back portion of the park and will include a pond.

- 11. ***Discussed action to enter into a Contract with Croy Engineering for the design, engineering and replacement plans for a new pavilion and an outdoor basketball court at Taylor Farm Park in the amount of \$56,105.00:***

Michael Justus Park, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director stated that when the County acquired the property 20 years ago, the pole barn was already there. It is now to the point of end of life and has become dangerous. With this contact it provides an opportunity to construct a pavilion in the pole barn location along with other things.

- 12. ***Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 20-14 enacting an Ordinance for the timing of appointments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners:***

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated that it has long been practiced that current serving commissioners appoint board members in December of each year even if they are not going to be in office the following term. This Ordinance changes the nomination and confirmation of

appointments to the first meeting in January for Boards that are on a calendar schedule to allow newly elected Commissioners the opportunity to make the upcoming appointments. He further stated this is consistent of how this works on the State and Federal level.

Commissioner Davis thanked County Attorney Phillips for all of his work on this Ordinance.

13. Discussed action to adopt Resolution 20-42 in support of the proposed High-Level Strategic Plan as co-sponsors of the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport:

Frank Baker, County Administrator stated the Airport held a public hearing to gain citizens input on what the next five (5) years would look like for the airport. This Resolution is on the agenda for approval due to the County being a co-sponsor of the Airport and does not have any funding involved at all but will allow for the Airport Director to seek grants for future projects at the Airport. This is just to approve the vision and plans for the airport and is not a mechanism for funding in anyway.

14. Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to approve and execute the application for the GDOT FY 2021 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$1,782,124.48 and approve the required 30% match funds of \$534,637.34. The match will be allotted from general funds:

George Jones, Transportation Director stated this is to allow the acceptance of funding from GDOT for fuel tax and is based on the population of each County. He further stated the amount is 11% lower than last year and by law the County is required to provide 30% of the funding, this funding will be put towards the roads projects and the list of roads are required to be sent back to GDOT.

Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Jones about the process of deciding on the roads.

Mr. Jones stated the determination is based on the CC process. Which involves a study on how heavily traveled the road is and the damage of the road. Typically the worst roads are the first to get looked at.

15. Discussed action to adopt Resolution 20-43 to provide for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax to provide funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on the \$26,275,000 in aggregate principal amount of Paulding County School District General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2020:

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this request was made by the Paulding County School District and stated that if the school district cannot make the bond payment the county will levy taxes to make the required payment. The use will be for future schools and due to growth in the County.

16. Discussed action to approve the Gravity Sewer Line Installation at Old Griffin Road along the entrance of Costco with Wade Coots Company at the proposed unit rates with an estimated total of \$97,005:

Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated this is an opportunity to add 526 feet of gravity sewer and water System staff are coordinating with the Transportation Department to install when the Costco entrance is installed, for cost savings.

17. Discussed action to enter into a Development Agreement with William Gregory Coots to relinquish a 400LF permanent sewer easement 20-feet wide in exchange for labor and equipment to install approximately 589LF of 8-inch gravity sewer along Duncan Circle in Sunnyland Industrial Park:

Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated that in 2016 through a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, a sewer line was constructed in Sunnyland Industrial Park. The construction was limited due to the bid amounts at that time. This will help provide sewer to the Duncan Circle area in the Industrial Park.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Carmichael asked if any of the Commissioners would like to make any announcements or comments.

Commissioner Stover thanked Commissioner Davis and former Commissioners Todd Pownall, Tony Crowe, and Vernon Collett for starting the Fire Station 12 Project. He stated there would be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony today at 3:30 pm and staff would start working on December 14, 2020.

Commissioner Hart thanked Commissioner Davis for serving Paulding County. He stated he appreciates his debate and insight and has grown to admire him.

Commissioner Davis thanked his family and friends for being present.

Chairman Carmichael thanked the Rotary Club for a tremendous parade last Saturday, December 5, 2020. Additionally, he wanted to thank Commissioner Davis for his service. Chairman Carmichael stated that Commissioner Davis has always brought wisdom and insight to the topic and has always contributed. He will be missed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ron Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Pending and Potential Litigation, seconded by Brian Stover. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Ron Davis, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ron Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Hart. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Ron Davis, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.