



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 25, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION &
PLEDGE:** Jayson Phillips, County Attorney

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

MINUTES:

- 1. The January 11, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding Re: Department of Transportation, Traffic Operations Division, aired for the Commissioners and audience.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Ms. Sheffield, County Extension Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on the accomplishments of the County Extension Office for 2020-2021. Ms. Sheffield stated that last year she was able to hire Ms. Kristen , the office was able to provide farm tours, seed library initiation in cooperation with Girl Scouts, Sensory Garden Initiation, largest group of new Master Gardener Interns trained, 1,514 volunteer hours donated, a \$1,000 Scholarship awarded to a Paulding County Student. She further stated the 4-H program continues to grow and the County had a 4-H member place first in the 2021 State Archery Competition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 2. Approve a one-year renewal of the existing Contract Services Agreement for the Paulding County Kiosk Program.*
- 3. Adopt Probate Court job classification for Court Coordinator and Administrative Assistant.*
- 4. Adopt District Attorney's job classification for: Investigator-Gang Unit and Assistant District Attorney-Gang Unit and approve two additional full-time positions for this unit.*
- 5. Adopt Fire job classification for Fire Chief, EMA Director and Assistant EMA Director.*
- 6. Approve the request to retire/surplus Deputy Eric Fabec's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #TYN884, cost \$469.00.*
- 7. Approve the request to retire/surplus Detective Robert Kirkham's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #TYN990, cost \$469.00.*
- 8. Approve the request to retire/surplus Detective Thomas Cochran's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #SWF632, cost \$469.00.*
- 9. Adopt Resolution 22-03 Establishing the qualifying fees for local offices and authorizing the publication of same.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 22-02, A Resolution requesting the redrawing of the Paulding County Post Commission Districts:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-02, A Resolution requesting the redrawing of the Paulding County Post Commission Districts. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the county is divided into four districts with each district having relatively the same number of citizens. After the 2020 census the county population was 168,000 if this is divided into four then each district should have approximately 42,000 citizen per post. The Commissioners recently met with Gina Wright, and discussed the district map changes to rebalance the districts. The proposed district maps will be sent to state legislators for approve and will be for a ten-year period.

11. Chairman to sign the lease agreement and consent with SBA to extend the cell tower lease known as Cochran Ridge located at 624 Coppermine Road until 2057:

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement and consent with SBA to extend the cell tower lease known as Cochran Ridge located at 624 Coppermine Road until 2057. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated that the Coppermine and Elsberry agreements are similar. This cell tower agreement was originally done in 2002 or 2003 and these types of agreements are for extended periods of 25 years or more. This renewal is just a little different because the County has negotiated a 25% lease payment that will come back to the County, with 5% increases periodically. This renewal also consisted of a signing bonus of \$60,000.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the County has a professional Consultant that negotiates cell tower leases, and has negotiated these two leases for the County.

12. Chairman to sign the lease agreement and consent with SBA to extend the cell tower lease known as Elsberry located at Paulding Meadows until 2058:

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement and consent with SBA to extend the cell tower lease known as Elsberry located at Paulding Meadows until 2058. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this lease agreement is basically the same as the Coppermine Road Agreement, with a 25% lease payment that will come back to the County with 5% increases periodically, and contained a \$60,000 signing bonus.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brian Stover made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate, seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

Commissioner Brian Stover made a motion to add to the agenda approval of a Real Estate Contract with the Noonday Baptist Association for the purchase of a new Fire Station property on Old Cartersville Road consisting of approximately 3 acres for \$150,000. Seconded by Chuck Hart. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

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 III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.