



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 23, 2024**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Lee Hurley, Building Code Abatement Officer

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 July 9, 2024 Work Session Minutes and the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Animal Control Update with Katie Shipman aired for the Commissioners and audience.

Deidre Holden, Elections and Voter Registration Director spoke on National Poll Worker Recruitment Day.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Paulding 811 Day Proclamation to Grady Hamilton and Art Brady of the Paulding County Department of Transportation Utilities Division.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Taunia Stein, Fleet Maintenance Director, presented the Commissioners with handouts and spoke regarding Fiscal Year Fleet Maintenance Departmental Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

2. *Declare the following items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction, trade or donation to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center:*

Surplus Items			
Department	Item Name	Make/Model	Serial Number
Sheriff	Unit P-11	2009 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAHP71V99X139940
Sheriff	Unit P-58	2009 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAHP71VX9X139946

OLD BUSINESS:

3. *2024-02-SPSA: (Tabled from the July 9, 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:*
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and Zoning Deputy Director stated this application is asking to remove the stipulation requiring a left turn lane. He further stated on July 17, 2024, there was a meeting with staff, all of the applicants, Commissioner Kaecher and Commissioner Dunn to look for alternatives. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2024 regarding some options.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4. *Public Hearing to receive comment concerning the Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget:***
Chairman Carmichael called on Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director to speak on the Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget. Ms. Pollard gave a presentation to the Commissioners and the audience regarding the FY 2025 Proposed Budget.
Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing. After hearing no comments from citizens, he closed the Public Hearing.
- 5. *Public Hearing on the Amendment of a multi-year communications tower lease with American Tower for the tower site located at 150 County Services Lane:***
Chairman Carmichael called on David Mumford, E911 Director to speak on the American Tower Multi-year Lease located at 150 County Services Lane.
Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing. After hearing no comments from citizens, he closed the Public Hearing.
- 6. *Amendment of the multi-year communications tower lease with American Tower for the tower site located at 150 County Services Lane and being located upon Paulding County Tax Parcel 52.2.2.001.0000, for the purpose of leasing tower space to hold equipment for the County P-25 Public Safety Radio System, in the amount of \$3,450.00 per month:***
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign an Amendment of the multi-year communications tower lease with American Tower for the tower site located at 150 County Services Lane and being located upon Paulding County Tax Parcel 52.2.2.001.0000, for the purpose of leasing tower space to hold equipment for the County P-25 Public Safety Radio System, in the amount of \$3,450.00 per month. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated this site was identified by Motorola to create the 14-site radio system and is part of the P-25 Public Safety Radio System. He further stated at this American Tower site, old equipment will be removed once the new equipment is installed.
- 7. *Public Hearing for a proposed multi-year lease for the tower site located at 14 Tower Drive:***
Chairman Carmichael called on David Mumford, E911 Director to speak on the American Tower Multi-year Lease at 14 Tower Drive.
Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing. After hearing no comments from citizens, he closed the Public Hearing.
- 8. *Amendment of the multi-year communications tower lease with American Tower for the tower site located at 14 Tower Drive and being located upon Paulding County Tax Parcel 140.1.4.018.0000 for the purpose of leasing tower space to hold equipment for the County P-25 Public Safety Radio System, in the amount of \$4,150.00 per month:***
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment of the multi-year communications tower lease with American Tower for the tower site located at 14 Tower Drive and being located upon Paulding County Tax Parcel 140.1.4.018.0000 for the purpose of leasing tower space to hold equipment for the County P-25 Public Safety Radio System, in the amount of \$4,150.00 per month. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated this is the second American Tower site in the system and is located at the Water Department on Macland Road. He further stated the old equipment will be removed once the new equipment is installed.
- 9. *Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement with Georgia Department of Agriculture to provide funding for the Paulding Spay Neuter Program in the amount of \$4,000.00:***
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement with Georgia Department of Agriculture to provide funding for the Paulding Spay Neuter Program in the amount of \$4,000.00. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the County received a Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. This will allow for the Spay/Neuter of 50 animals. This will allow Animal Control to take care of the animals on-site.
- 10. *Contract with Tyler Technologies to implement an Enterprise Asset Management System in the amount of \$64,800.00:***
Discussed action to sign the Contract with Tyler Technologies to implement an Enterprise Asset Management System in the amount of \$64,800.00. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the County's current system, which we've had since 2004, includes finances, utility billing, and

several different modules. Last year, the County upgraded to an enhanced version, which had improvements to the Asset Management Module. This is to contract with Tyler Technologies for implementation.

Chairman Carmichael asked if this is a one-time fee.

Ms. Pollard stated yes. We already have the system. It only needs to be implemented one time. Maintenance fees will come in the future.

Commissioner Galloway asked if this will cover all needs.

Ms. Pollard stated she believes it will cover every Asset Management need in the County.

11. County to participate in Nationwide Settlement Agreements regarding Opioid Litigation with Kroger in conjunction with the State of Georgia and authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to execute all documentation related thereto:

Discussed action to authorize the County to participate in Nationwide Settlement Agreements regarding Opioid Litigation with Kroger in conjunction with the State of Georgia and authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to execute all documentation related thereto. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the Opioid issued has affected people across the nation. The State of Georgia asked the County to participate in a National level Settlement involving Kroger. Funds from the Settlement will be used for Opioid treatment, and education. It has been used to purchase Narcan for first responders. He further stated the County has brought in \$1.1 million in previous settlements.

Chairman Carmichael asked if this is to be used for past issues or for the future.

Mr. Phillips stated that because of overuse and over prescribing of opioids, County tax dollars have been used to deal with the results of the abuse. The idea is to use the money to help mitigate, prevent, and correct problems moving forward.

12. Project funding allotment increase in the amount of \$110,000.00 for the completion of the Mud Green Road Culvert Replacement Project to Precision 2000, Inc. Allotment increase will be funded by the General Fund. This project is located in Post 2:

Discussed action to approve a project funding allotment increase in the amount of \$110,000.00 for the completion of the Mud Green Road Culvert Replacement Project to Precision 2000, Inc. Allotment increase will be funded by the General Fund. This project is located in Post 2. George Jones, Transportation Director stated the Board of Commissioners approved the Culvert Replacement Project on December 12, 2023. During the course of the project, it was determined that unsuitable soils adjacent to the pipe needed to be removed. He further stated the project is close to completion, ahead of schedule.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Virginia Galloway announced a Trafficking Seminar at the Cotton Gin had been held the previous evening. She thanked the Republican Women for organizing the event.

Commissioner Kaecher asked Terry Tibbetts to give an Airport update.

Terry Tibbitts, Airport Director provided an update of the construction progress at the airport. Also, he thanked the Commissioners for their support and help.

Chairman Carmichael asked everyone to be careful on the roads with School beginning August 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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