



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 28, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION

& PLEDGE: Pastor Darryl Jones, Sweetwater Baptist Church

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

MINUTES:

1. *The July 14, 2020 Work Session and Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Positively Paulding aired for the Commissioners and audience, showing highlights from a house fire in Paulding County and the heroes who saved the day.

Chief Pelfrey stated he has only given out the Life Safety Award one other time. Chief Pelfrey recalled the night of the fire and stated there was an amazing amount of teamwork from the Sheriff's Office and E-911. He explained how his crew was able to put their training to use and expressed his pride in his team.

Sheriff Gullede stated the Medal of Merit that these officers are receiving is the second highest award that can be given to a deputy. He stated how proud he was of these officers.

Chairman Carmichael stated he is proud of all of the public safety personnel.

INVITED GUESTS:

Mr. Cabrera presented a PowerPoint with updates and highlights from 2019 until now. Mr. Cabrera went over the records the Keep Paulding Beautiful volunteers and participants hit at different events which resulted in saving the County \$40,000.

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2. *Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:*

Chairman Carmichael opened the public hearing and asked Ms. Pollard, finance Director to speak on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Ms. Pollard presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, she stated the proposed budget has been out and available since June 1, 2020 with no increase to the millage rate. Handouts were provided for citizens.

Hearing no comments from the commission or citizens, Chairman Carmichael closed the Public Hearing.

3. *Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 20-07 amending the Paulding County Code of Ordinances Chapter 66, Section 66-154:*

Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director stated the Ordinance addresses limited discharges into the system. Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issues permits for discharges into the system based on the section of our sewer ordinance. The wording of Section 66-154 is too restrictive; a modification to the current language will allow the issuance of permits to companies in Paulding County while allowing the Water System to continue to maintain control of the content of discharges into the sanitary sewer system.

4. Discussed action to authorize additional funding for Brown and Caldwell under the Program Management Contract for the Richland Creek Reservoir in the amount of \$150,000:

Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director stated back in 2016, we had less funding authorization that was intended to get us through 2019. Through effective utilization of those funds and streamlining personnel, we have been able to extend that funding until now. Ms. Ashmore stated we do not have the adequate amount of money to keep Brown and Caldwell on our team. This amount will get us through the end of the year, through finalizing construction and making sure we have our permits in place to start pumping into our distribution system. She stated the Water and Sewer Advisory Board recommends approval and this is in enterprise funds.

Kelly Comstock, Richland Creek Reservoir Project Manager announced he received the final approval from the EPD to continue filling the Reservoir. Mr. Comstock stated there are not any restrictions other than how quickly the Reservoir gets filled.

5. Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 20-07 an Ordinance amending Section 1-19 and Various Penalty Provisions of the Official Code of Paulding County:

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney explained this typically applies if you are presented with a citation from Animal Control or the Marshal's Bureau. Paulding County has set minimum fines for the first, second and third violation. One goal of this Ordinance is to provide uniformity and lower Paulding County's minimum fines from \$300, \$500 and \$1000 to \$100, \$300 and \$500 for your first second and third offense.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Carmichael asked the other Commissioners if they would like to make any comments.

Commissioner Davis stated his appreciation for the first responders who risk their lives and he is proud they are apart of Team Paulding.

Commissioner Kaecher asked for a prayer request for Deena Sanfilippo, who is battling stage 4 cancer.

Commissioner Hart said a prayer for Ms. Sanfilippo.

Chairman Carmichael stated the Southeastern Director of the FAA sent a letter stating 2.964 acres will be developed into a Maintenance School at the Airport. It will be designed this year and should be funded next year for construction.

Commissioner Hart recalled a time with Chief Joey Pelfrey, when training was not prevalent. He is proud the Fire Department has grown and is able to efficiently train first responders.

Commissioner Stover reminded everyone school is starting back and to say a prayer for the people who made this decision and the children who will be attending.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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