



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 09, 2024**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

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:

- The June 25, 2024 Work Session Minutes and the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Video, Diane Cannon with the State Court Circuit Defender’s Office aired for the Commissioners and the audience.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Joel Larkin, an attorney in Marietta, Ga., spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 3, 2024-01-SPSA. He stated his client wants to change a zoning stipulation that limits his hours of operation.

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

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

Surplus Items

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Senior Center	Unit 765	2015 Ford Transit	1FBZX2ZM3FKA46217
Senior Center	Unit 767	2015 Ford Transit	1FBZX2ZM5FKA46218
Marshal	Unit 799	2001 Ford Explorer	1FMZU63E61ZA03886

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2024-01-SPSA: (Site Plan / Stipulation Amendment): Application by RAHIM BHAMANI requesting to amend a previous rezoning stipulation in application 2020-16-Z concerning the hours of operation limitation to 7AM - 7PM. The property is located in Land Lots 101; District 1; Section 3; property address is 4281 Ridge Road. POST 3. (Tabled from the June 11, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting)*

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL (5-1-1).

- Owner/Applicant agrees to limit hours of operation and deliveries from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.*

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated he had no comment other than the recommendation of the Planning Commission is to change the hours of the operation to 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was no objection to this zoning when it was presented to the Board.

Chris Robinson, Planning and Zoning Assistant Director stated at the time, there was no

opposition. But, we have since received an email in opposition from adjoining property and neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Ordinance 2024-09 amending Chapter 58 of the Official Paulding County Code to redirect Fireworks Display Permitting to the Local Fire Authority:

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 2024-09 amending Chapter 58 of the Official Paulding County Code to redirect Fireworks Display Permitting to the Local Fire Authority. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated this is simply a change of moving Fireworks permitting from the Probate Court to the Fire Department. This is a product of Legislation from the last Georgia General Assembly.

5. Project funding allotment increase in the amount of \$21,000, for the Signal and Striping of the Harmony Grove Church Road Extension Project to Reedwick LLC. Allotment increase will be funded by SPLOST. This project is located in Post 1 and Post 4:

Discussed action to approve a project funding allotment increase in the amount of \$21,000, for the Signal and Striping of the Harmony Grove Church Road Extension Project to Reedwick LLC. Allotment increase will be funded by SPLOST. This project is located in Post 1 and Post 4. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this project was awarded on May 14, 2024. Additional money is required due to damage on existing signal conduits, repairs to conduit service wires, and relocation of an electrical box. He further stated this intersection was designed in 2007. It is being changed from a residential driveway to a road.

Commissioner Galloway asked how these things became damaged.

Mr. Jones stated some things were buried and not on the map. They were hard to see.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Amy Rhoads, a volunteer with the Paulding County Master Gardeners gave a presentation regarding a possible change in the State Flower from the invasive Cherokee Rose to the indigenous Sweet Bay Magnolia.

Lydia Hallmark, President of the Paulding Republican Women spoke regarding comments made at the June 25, 2024 BOC meeting concerning Ranked Choice Voting.

Cathy Helms spoke on voting choices. She stated she does not agree with Ranked Choice Voting and hopes it is never considered as an option in Georgia.

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

Commissioner Galloway stated she enjoyed traveling to Select USA, which was held in the Washington D.C. area. She further stated it was an Economic Development trip to meet people from around the world who want to start a business here, expand a business, or move their business to the United States. She thanked the Commission for allowing her to go.

Commissioner Kaecher thanked Nigel Lane for coming to the meeting. She stated he is close to graduation and has an interest in politics.

Frank Baker, County Manager stated there was a need to add Executive Session for Personnel to this agenda and then to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.

Chairman Carmichael asked for a motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT: Virginia Galloway made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and then to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session, seconded by Chairman Carmichael. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider,

Chairman Carmichael stated the meeting would be adjourned from Executive Session.