



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 12, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Wayne Strickland, Bethany Christian Church

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

MINUTES:

1. *The September 28, 2021 Work Session Minutes, and the September 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month, Lisa Sheirling with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office aired for the audience.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award for the HVAC unit and installation for the State Court Buildout to the lowest bidder, Addison Smith, in the amount of \$60,500.00:*

Discussed action to approve the award for the HVAC unit and installation for the State Court Buildout to the lowest bidder, Addison Smith, in the amount of \$60,500.00. Tabitha Pollard, Director of Finance, stated three bids were received for the HVAC ranging from \$60,500.00 to \$155,928.00. She stated Jimmy Renfro, Director of Building Maintenance, reviewed all of the bids and recommends the low bidder, Addison Smith.

Scott Greene, Director of Operations, provided an update on the State Court Buildout. He stated Jimmy Renfro and his team have been proactive, making the space ready for the buildout. The 8,000 square foot space will house two courtrooms and all associated office space. Mr. Greene stated the first bid is to modify the HVAC system, which will include installing branches and more power units to increase air flow. Mr. Greene recommends the the low bid from Addison Smith.

3. *Award for the framing and drywall construction package for the State Court Buildout to the lowest bidder, Atlanta Drywall, in the amount of \$55,452.00:*

Discussed action to award the framing and drywall construction package for the State Court Buildout to the lowest bidder, Atlanta Drywall, in the amount of \$55,452.00. Tabitha Pollard, Director of Finance, stated three bids were received for the framing and drywall ranging from \$55,452.00 to \$104,494.00. She stated these bids have been reviewed and recommends the low bid from Atlanta Drywall.

Scott Greene, Director of Operations, recommends Atlanta Drywall for the second bid. He stated some contractors chose not to bid due to the constraints involved. He stated the contractors that did bid are very competent and that he is comfortable with the low bid.

Frank Baker, County Administrator, stated he is excited to see this project get started. He believes the State Court is needed and is important based on the population size of the County. He thanked Scott Greene and Jimmy Renfro for their hard work.

4. *Approve the Construction Contract to provide a landfill cover on Phase I to the lowest bidder, Garney Construction, in the amount of \$1,183,541.00:*

Discussed action to approve the Construction Contract to provide a landfill cover on Phase I to the lowest bidder, Garney Construction, in the amount of \$1,183,541. Tabitha Pollard, Director

of Finance, stated this item has been in discussion for many years. She stated this is the first phase of closing the landfill.

Scott Greene, Director of Operations, recognized Bruce Coyle, County Engineer, for his work on the landfill. He stated the landfill has been inactive since the early 2000s, except for emergency use issues. The County is now at the stage where it is under State mandate to permanently cap the landfill and certify its closure. Mr. Greene stated there were two bidders on the project and is comfortable with the low bidder.

Commissioner Stover stated he was glad to see this project get started. He also stated that although he was not happy to see the price, he was happy with past experiences with Garney Construction.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the total project would stay below the \$3,000,000.00 in escrow.

Mr. Greene stated it would cost more than the \$3,000,000.00 in escrow.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Terry Tibbitts, Paulding County Airport Director, presented an update on the Paulding County Airport highlighting recent accomplishments.

Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Tibbitts to comment on not allowing other companies to provide fuel.

Mr. Tibbitts stated by being the sole fuel provider, the revenues can be put back into the operation of the airport. Also, customer service and representation of the airport can be controlled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

5. *Confirm the 2022 Paulding County Board of Commissioners' designated Holiday Schedule.*
6. *The Paulding County Sheriff's Office would like to request the Board of Commissioners retire or surplus Deputy Jason Garland's Service Weapon, Glock model 21, Serial # SWF595. Deputy Garland resigned September 30, 2021 and has met the service requirement of 15 aggregate years.*
7. *Adopt Resolution 21-29 reappointing Doug Gober to the Paulding County Board of Assessors.*
8. *Adopt Resolution 21-30 reappointing Gary Spinks to the Paulding County Board of Assessors.*
9. *Declare the following items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or destruction if necessary.*

Item Name	Make/Model	Serial Number
Cisco Switch	WS-C6506EV	SAL1219Q49Z
Cisco Switch	WS-C6506EV	SAL1218PUAZ
Cisco Switch	WS-C6506EV	SAL1223T9Y2
Cisco Switch	WS-C6506EV	SAL1219Q4A3
Cisco Switch	WS-C6506EV	SAL1218PU87
Cisco Switch	WS-C6509-EV	SMG1226N0U7
Cisco Switch	WS-C6509-EV	SMG1225N7PE
Cisco Switch	WS-C6509-EV	SMG1226N0NW
Cisco Switch	WS-C6509-EV	SMG1226H0UH
Cisco Switch	WS-C6509-EV	SMG1225N78V

OLD BUSINESS:

10. *Approve House Plans submitted by Smith Douglas Homes for compliance with Sweetwater Overlay District Building Design requirements for Zoning Case 2007-04-Z. Post 3 (Tabled from the September 28, 2021 Meeting to the October 26, 2021 Meeting. The item was moved forward to this agenda to be considered by the Board):*

Discussed action to approve House Plans submitted by Smith Douglas Homes for compliance with Sweetwater Overlay District Building Design requirements for Zoning Case 2007-04-Z. Post 3 (Tabled from the September 28, 2021 Meeting to the October 26, 2021 Meeting. The item was moved forward to this agenda to be considered by the Board). Ann Lippmann, Director of Community Development, stated this is a new consideration for the Board of Commissioners.

Recently, changes were made to the Sweetwater Overlay District and some housing standards were removed. Also, house plans will be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Stover stated he was glad to have been able to sit down with Smith Douglas to work on issues. He thanked Ms. Lippmann and her team and is glad to see more accountability.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Approve the purchase of a new pump in the amount of \$73,426.40 from Xylem Water Systems USA, Inc. to replace the damaged pump at Riverwood Pump Station. Post 1:

Discussed action to approve the purchase of a new pump in the amount of \$73,426.40 from Xylem Water Systems USA, Inc. to replace the damaged pump at Riverwood Pump Station. Post 1. Laurie Ashmore, Director of Water System, stated the Riverwood Pump Station is within the existing system. She stated that one of the two pumps at the station is out of service and needs to be replaced. Ms. Ashmore stated that it would be more beneficial to buy a new pump than it would be to repair the old one. The warranty on the new pump is better than what the warranty on replacement parts would be.

Chairman Carmichael asked why there would not be a filter to handle these situations.

Ms. Ashmore stated there can be a filter or screen, but that can be a continued expense in the system. Also, a problem with a screen could lead to a spill.

Commissioner Stover stated that construction in the area could be a cause of the problem with gravel and concrete debris.

Chairman Carmichael asked why there were no other companies involved in the bid process.

Ms. Ashmore stated there is no other company that supplies the standard system pump. The reason for a standard pump is to have consistency in maintenance and repair. This company is the provider for the Southeast Region.

Commissioner Dunn asked if the pump is off-line or has it been serviced.

Ms. Ashmore stated it is off-line. A rental pump is currently bypassing the problem.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Sandy Kaecher thanked Terry Tibbitts for his work at the Airport.

Chairman Carmichael made an announcement for the Faith in Blue event. He thanked the Pastors and Clergy for working with local Law Enforcement.

Brian Stover congratulated the Georgia Bulldogs for becoming #1 in the rankings and the Atlanta Braves for making it to the Playoffs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brian Stover made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of Real Estate and Pending and Potential Litigation, seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Brian Stover.

ADJOURNMENT: Brian Stover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Brian Stover.