



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
October 27, 2020**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE:** Pastor Johnny Nix, Pickett's Mill Baptist Church

**PRESENT:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Ron Davis, 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

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**MINUTES:**

1. *The October 13, 2020 Work Session Minutes and the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Positively Paulding, recognizing the Employee of the Month Russell Kelly, aired for the audience and the Board.

**INVITED GUESTS:** None

**BID AWARDS:**

2. *Award the purchase of a roller to Yancey Brothers, in the amount of \$58,689.00:*  
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated this was a budgeted item and we were able to use the state contract pricing for the purchase.
3. *Award the FY2020 Detention Pond Mowing and Maintenance Project, Project Number PR-POND-2020 to the low bidder, Tri Scapes, in the amount of \$53,750.00:*  
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated there were five (5) bidders for this item, it is a Stormwater item and funding for this project will be allocated from Stormwater funds.
4. *Award the Dallas Acworth Highway at Frey Road and Mt. Tabor Church Road, Project Number PR-IMP-CR710-(65)(32), to the low bidder, Bartow Paving, in the amount of \$2,951,575.76. SPLOST funds will be used for this project:*  
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated there were five (5) bids received for this item. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this project is located in Post I and Post IV. The project will reduce vertical curvature and realign the intersection with left turn lanes. It is an eighteen (18) month construction and the increased amount is mostly due to grading issues. He further stated that the County has worked with Bartow Paving before and is pleased with their work.

Commissioner Stover asked if there was a start date on the books for this project.

Mr. Jones stated they are looking around January of 2021.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Jones and his team and stated he has heard a lot about this area and is glad to see it starting.

Mr. Jones stated this was very much needed because this roadway is the second heaviest in the County.

5. *Award the Courthouse Low Voltage Cable Replacement Project to the lowest bidder, Net Planner in the amount of \$79,874.50:*  
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated over the past few months the County has purchased new equipment. The current cabling is not compatible with this new equipment and needs to be replaced.

Chairman Carmichael asked about the start date.

Ms. Pollard stated we need this started immediately.

Mr. Baker, County Administrator, stated this needs to be started as soon as possible and now is the time to do it.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

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

- 6. *Adopt Community Development job classification for Stormwater Engineer.*
- 7. *Declare the following item listed as surplus and approve the disposal through auction or trade:*

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Community Development	Truck Unit 406	2005 Ford Explorer	1FMZU72K55UB08290
- 8. *Authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with Greystone Power Corporation Utility Easement to service the Bennett Road Lift Station.*
- 9. *Authorize the Chairman to sign agreement for Greystone Power Corporation Utility Easement to service Fire Station #12 Wayside Lane.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 10. *Discuss action to adopt Resolution 20-38 ratifying the Settlement Agreement in the case of Anthony A. Cooper, Jr., vs. Paulding County, Georgia. (Tabled from the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting):*  
Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated this settlement was informally approved but was never placed on an agenda. Within the agreement there is an area regarding the County doing work on a manhole and a statement the County agrees to hold a public hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Smith Road. This agreement needs to be formally approved at a meeting.
- 11. *Discuss action to adopt Resolution 20-39 abandoning a portion of the County Road known as Smith Road A/K/A County Road 286. (Tabled from the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting):*  
Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated a public hearing for this item was held on October 13, 2020 and citizens were given the opportunity to speak at the 10:00 am and the 2:00 pm meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 12. *Discuss action to amend Asphalt Contract I, with Bartow Paving to add asphalt paving for ten (10) streets in The Georgian subdivision. Post II:*  
George Jones, Transportation Director, stated March 10, 2020 the Board awarded a contract to Bartow Paving, the work for that project was completed and there were funds left in the contract. The Transportation Department took a look at some units in the Georgian and the percentage of buildout which was 75% completed. The County opted to use the extra funds along with sufficient project improvement fees to complete these units, allowing for better pricing and faster performance.
- 13. *Discuss action to amend Asphalt Contract II, with CW Matthews Contracting Company Inc. to add asphalt paving for six (6) streets in the Stonewood Creek Subdivision. Post IV:*  
George Jones, Transportation Director, stated the contract for \$2,600,000.00 with CW Matthews has been completed, there is \$146,000.00 left in the contract. The Stonewood project has 75% buildout as part of sale required to complete the streets, the county will use the profit from the sale of land to complete this work.

Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Jones about the 75% buildout rule.

Mr. Jones stated this is a requirement within the Development Regulations, the asphalt is not put down until at least 75% of the work is completed due to the heavy truck traffic driving on the roads.

- 14. *Discuss action to approve a project funding allotment increase in the amount of \$165,000.00, for the completion of the 2020 Asphalt Contract III, with CW Matthews Contracting Company Inc.:*

George Jones, Transportation Director, stated April 21, 2020, the County awarded a contract to CW Matthews, in order to complete the project additional quantities for the intersection at Dallas Nebo Road and Nebo Road, patching on Mt. Moriah Road and Nebo Road and the varying widths of the roads contributed to the increased amount needed to complete the project.

**15. Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission to secure funding for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan update, in the amount of \$625,000.00 with the County providing \$125,000.00 in match funds. SPLOST funds will be used for this project:**

George Jones, Transportation Director, stated a few months ago David Hanes with the Georgia Regional Commission spoke at one of the Board Meetings regarding a Grant opportunity for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. The Atlanta Regional Commission has set aside some State and Federal funds for Counties to use for this update. The ARC has allocated \$500,000.00, with the County required to provide 20% matching funds of \$125,000.00, the County match will be funded from the SPLOST Program. By using this grant the County saves money on the CTP Update Project.

Commissioner Stover asked Mr. Jones the last time this was done.

Mr. Jones stated it had been about six (6) years.

**16. Discuss action to approve a 5-year Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations with the U.S. Geological Survey for monitoring flow and water quality in Richland Creek, in the total amount of \$307,650.00:**

Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated the County originally entered into an agreement with USGS in 2015. The agreement covered the installation, operation and maintenance of a continuous monitoring water quality station for the discharge from Richland Creek Reservoir with data posted online. USGS also gives the capability to see real time data, and provides high quality independent data. The County is required to maintain monitoring of Richland Creek.

Chairman Carmichael asked Ms. Ashmore if USGS compensated County staff that help with the testing.

Ms. Ashmore stated that USGS does all of the testing, it would not done by County staff.

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

**Chairman Carmichael** recognized Chamber Director Stacy Hamby. He appreciates the Boards working together to make the County stronger.

**Commissioner Stover** announced that the Town of Ynot in the Burnt Hickory Community will display crosses recognizing all of the fallen veterans of Paulding County on November 10, 2020 and November 11, 2020 from 9:00 am until dusk. The display will be located at 586 Benson Road, which is the entrance to the Town of Ynot.

**Commissioner Hart** thanked those who helped TV23 with their technical issues. He appreciated Mr. Harkins and his staff for their hard work and for working with the local provider to make sure the problems were corrected.

**Chairman Carmichael** stated that he appreciated the public voting for SPLOST. He mentioned that four items on the agenda for transportation involved funds from SPLOST.

**Commissioner Kaecher** announced that she was asked by the Chamber to speak at the Airport on October 28, 2020 about her battle with cancer. She wants to tell her story in hopes that it might help someone else.

**Commissioner Davis** stated that he appreciates the employees of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. He has noticed that they have a servant's heart and want to help the citizens of the County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Ron Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Real Estate; seconded by Brian Stover; Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Ron Davis, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

Commissioner Brian Stover made a motion to add to the regular agenda;  
**Approval of a Sales Contract for the purchase of approximately 202 acres of property adjoining the Richland Creek Reservoir from Wells Fargo Bank for the price of \$1,010,000.00 and to**

***authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary documents related thereto. Seconded by Chuck Hart; Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Ron Davis, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.***

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**      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.