



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 11, 2023**

**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 1; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Virginia Galloway, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Manager; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk.

MINUTES:

- 1. The March 28, 2023 Work Session Minutes and the March 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: ADAD Program Highlights aired for the Commissioners and public.

The Board of Commissioners presented the National Safe Digging Month Proclamation to Joe Ordway of AT&T, Paulding UCC President and Aundrea Biles of Paulding County DOT Utilities Coordinator and Paulding UCC Secretary.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

- 2. Award the Paulding Bridge Barrier Improvement Contact to the lowest bidder, Precision 2000, Inc., in the amount of \$399,220.12. Bridge locations are in Post 2. Funding for the project will be from General Fund and SPLOST:*

Discussed action to award the Paulding Bridge Barrier Improvement Contact to the lowest bidder, Precision 2000, Inc., in the amount of \$399,220.12. George Jones, Transportation Director stated the Finance Department advertised the Contract, which is to replace the guardrails on three (3) bridges constructed in the 1980’s. The County received one (1) bid on March 10, 2023 that was 11.3% higher than the Engineer’s estimate. Mr. Jones further stated the Contract involves specialized work with concrete and railings. There are not a lot of companies that do that type of work. Mr. Jones believes the bid is reasonable and recommends going forward with it.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the current guardrails are substandard and asked if there has been any wrecks.

Mr. Jones stated he had not looked at the crash data in a couple of years. He further stated the bridges and guardrails have a blunt end, which is undesirable and would not hold up in any significant crash.

- 3. Award the purchase and installation of carpet for the 3rd floor of the Courthouse to Mohawk in the amount of \$165,010.87. Located in Post 2. Funding will be through General Funds:*

Discussed action to award the purchase and installation of carpet for the 3rd floor of the Courthouse to Mohawk in the amount of \$165,010.87. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a clean-up project to the third floor of the Courthouse. The current carpet was purchased when the State Court was built last year. This project will replace the old carpet so that all of the carpet matches. She further stated that Mohawk is a Source-full Cooperative Contractor. The Co-op Agreement is a National Agreement that we are using for this project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 4. Declare the following items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or trade: (see attached surplus list)*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Petra Architecture for the design of a new concessions/restroom facility at Union Park at a cost of \$38,200.00. SPLOST funding will be used. The project is located in Post 2:*

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Petra Architecture for the design of a new concessions/restroom facility at Union Park at a cost of \$38,200.00. Michael Justus, Parks and Recreation Director stated there is a situation with an older sub-standard building at Union Park. This is one of the oldest parks in the County and the building needs to be replaced. He further stated we have developed a concept and worked with Petra Architecture to come up with this number. If this Agreement is approved, Mr. Justus hopes to start work between the spring and fall seasons.

- 6. Discuss action to approve a Development Agreement between LGI Homes-Georgia, LLC and Paulding County for sharing the cost of a 12-inch water main along a portion of the right-of-way of Mount Tabor Church Road. Funding for the pipe will be from the Renewal and Extension Fund. Located in Post 1:*

Discussed action to approve a Development Agreement between LGI Homes-Georgia, LLC and Paulding County for sharing the cost of a 12-inch water main along a portion of the right-of-way of Mount Tabor Church Road. Ray Wooten, Water and Sewer Director stated the Paulding County Water Department supplies three (3) zones with elevations that water pressure is maintained. There is an area on Mt. Tabor Road that is at an elevation that with development, the water pressure can't be maintained. He further stated the County will supply 9,000 feet of 12 inch pipe for the first phase of improvement on the Mount Tabor pressure zone. LGI Homes-Georgia, LLC would install the pipe with this Agreement.

Commissioner Galloway asked if this was something that needed to be done, or was it being done because of the development.

Mr. Wooten stated this is something that will need to be done. With the Developer pushing the timeline, they are taking over a portion of the cost in order to implement it ahead of the County's schedule.

Commissioner Stover asked about the timeline of receiving the supplies. He asked if the County has 9,000 feet of twelve (12) inch pipe, or is there an availability of the pipe.

Mr. Wooten stated it would take approximately two (2) months to get the supplies.

Commissioner Stover asked if the pipe was the only material ordered.

Mr. Wooten stated the materials included the pipe and 5 hydrants.

Commissioner Dunn asked what size pipe was being upgraded to the twelve (12) inch pipe.

Mr. Wooten stated this is a brand new project in this pressure zone with the twelve (12) inch pipe and five (5) hydrants. The existing infrastructure will remain with the hydrants every 400 feet.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Commissioner Stover asked Ivy Capps, Executive Director of the Paulding Child Advocacy Center, to come forward and make an announcement for the Child Advocacy Festival. **Ms. Capps** stated the event is on April 15, 2023 and begins at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Kaecher announced the reading of a Proclamation recognizing the month of April as Autism Awareness Month, at 4:00pm at Veterans Park on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Chairman Carmichael thanked the staff for their hard work and words of encouragement. He asked everyone to pray for the County and the Country.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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