



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 28, 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 14, 2023 Work Session Minutes and the March 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Waterline Expansion aired for the Commissioners and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented a Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation to Ivy Capps, Executive Director, with the Paulding Child Advocacy Center.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the purchase of a SCALE Computing Hardware Replacement to the lowest bidder, SHI in the amount of \$74,057.91. This item was a budget item through General Funds.*

Discussed action to award the purchase of a SCALE Computing Hardware Replacement to the lowest bidder, SHI in the amount of \$74,057.91. This item was a budget item through General Funds. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this will replace some of the servers around the County. These servers house the E.R.P. system as well as other processing systems used throughout the County. There were three (3) bids received with SHI being the lowest and within the budgeted amount.

3. *Award the renewal of Nutanix support software to the lowest bidder, PC Solutions and Integration, in the amount of \$51,682.19.*

Discussed action to award the renewal of Nutanix support software to the lowest bidder, PC Solutions and Integration, in the amount of \$51,682.19. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated Nutanix is a software that was purchased for Public Safety a few years ago. This includes maintenance on the current server. There were three (3) bids received with Nutanix being the lowest.

4. *Award the vehicle purchase of five (5) Explorers for DOT and one (1) Explorer to the Water Department in the amount of \$36,993 each, to Hardy Family Ford. These purchases were included in the FY2023 Budget.*

Discussed action to award the vehicle purchase of five (5) Explorers for DOT and one (1) Explorer to the Water Department in the amount of \$36,993 each, to Hardy Family Ford. These purchases were included in the FY2023 Budget. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated vehicles have been hard to get, but these recently became available for purchase. Hardy Family Ford lowered the price below the State Contract price. She further stated purchasing from Hardy Family Ford allows better service as far as warranty and other issues the dealership may be needed for.

5. *Award the purchase of one (1) F-150 Extended Cab 4x4 Vehicle in the amount of \$38,940 and one (1) F-150 Regular Cab in the amount of \$36,900 for the Water Department to Hardy Family Ford. These purchases were included in the FY2023 Budget.*

Discussed action to award the purchase of one (1) F-150 Extended Cab 4x4 Vehicle in the amount of \$38,940 and one (1) F-150 Regular Cab in the amount of \$36,900 for the Water Department to Hardy Family Ford. These purchases were included in the FY2023 Budget. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated Hardy Family Fords price for these vehicles came in below the State Contract price. Purchasing from Hardy Family Ford allows better service as far as warranty and other issues the dealership may be needed for.

6. *Approve the purchase of a track excavator from Tractor and Equipment Company (TEC) in the amount of \$271,906.21. This item was included in the FY2023 Budget.*

Discussed action to approve the purchase of a track excavator from Tractor and Equipment Company (TEC) in the amount of \$271,906.21. This item was included in the FY2023 Budget. George Jones, Transportation Director stated the Stormwater Department had a midsize excavator budgeted for purchase in the 2023 Capital Budget. The Stormwater Department is tasked with Stormwater maintenance, repairs, replacements, digging, drainage, retention ponds, etc. This work is performed in narrow areas, typically 20ft wide. He further stated this excavator has the largest swing radius, highest front weight capacity and was the narrowest and lightest. There were four (4) quotes for excavators.

Chairman Carmichael asked why the lowest bid was not picked for consideration.

Mr. Jones stated Komatsu has an extended warranty up to 5 years, up to 5,000 hours. Komatsu was the second lowest bidder.

Commissioner Stover stated Komatsu Care is also included where they will service it for free and will save the County money.

7. *Approve the purchase of the Ingersoll Rand RS751 Air Compressor on Quote #CTS-76795 in the amount of \$56,204.22. Water Renewal and Extension Funds will be used for this item. Located in Post 4.*

Discussed action to approve the purchase of the Ingersoll Rand RS751 Air Compressor on Quote #CTS-76795 in the amount of \$56,204.22. Water Renewal and Extension Funds will be used for this item. Ray Wooten, Water Systems Director stated the Richland Creek River Pump Station pulls in water from the Etowah River into our facility where there are three (3) screens that regularly need a burst of air to clean the leafs and other debris to continue bringing in clean water. The current compressor with the additional running seal to the water needing to run the compressor more often cannot keep up. He further stated quotes for a 100-horsepower compressor that can blow all three (3) screens every 40 seconds.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Consideration of the following consent agenda items:

- 8. *Adopt job classification for Assistant Director of the Water System.***
- 9. *Adopt job classification for Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.***
- 10. *Adopt job classification for Construction Division Manager.***
- 11. *Adopt job classification for Department of Transportation Engineering Division Manager.***
- 12. *Adopt job classification for Traffic Operations Manager.***
- 13. *Adopt job classification for Water Engineering Division Manager.***
- 14. *Adopt job classification for Civil Engineer.***
- 15. *Appoint Brian Cochran as the Post 4 appointee on the Cemetery Preservation Board, to fill the unexpired term of Mike Pickett ending December 31, 2023.***
- 16. *Adopt Appendix to the Paulding County Purchase Manual to meet State Transit requirements.***

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

17. Adopt Ordinance 23-05 amending section 6-31.1 of the Official Paulding County Code to clarify that only one package distilled spirits application will be considered per operating location.

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 23-25 Amending section 6-31.1 of the Official Paulding County Code to clarify that only one package distilled spirits application will be considered per operating location. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the Package Store Application process is currently open to receive applications. To provide a fair process, the County will only receive one (1) application from each operating location. If multiple applications from one operating location is submitted, only the first will be considered.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Commissioner Galloway shared the passing of Mr. Craig Parson, the founder of Warehouse of Hope.

Chairman Carmichael gave a shout out to the Human Resources Department on getting 7 job classifications on the agenda. He also gave a shot out to County Manager, Frank Baker for quickly addressing concerns from the last meeting and helping our staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Land Acquisition

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