



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 12, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Jeffery Wimbush, Sweet Home Missionary Baptist 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 March 22, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: The April 2022 Employee of the Month: Haley Willingham, Sr. Tax, Tag and Title Clerk with the Tax Commissioner's Office aired for the Commissioners and audience.

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

The Board of Commissioners presented the National Safe Digging Month Proclamation to Joe Ordway of AT&T, Paulding UCC Vice-President.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the Northeast Water Transmission Main project to John D. Stephens with Phase 1 preliminary design not to exceed \$269,596.00. ARPA funding will be used for this project:* Award the Northeast Water Transmission Main project to John D. Stephens with Phase 1 preliminary design not to exceed \$269,596.00. ARPA funding will be used for this project. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated the Richland Creek Reservoir was completed and began distributing water into the Paulding County Water System in August of 2021. The County is still using some water from Cobb County Marietta Water Authority to supplement the County's needs. This project will fill the infrastructure need on the north side of the County and allow us to further reduce the need of water from Cobb County. Paulding has received ARPA funding which is planned to be used as the funding source for the progressive design/build delivery of this project. The project will have two phases.

Chairman Carmichael asked if all the easements for this project have been acquired.

Ms. Ashmore stated that not all have been acquired because at this point we are looking at different routes.

Commissioner Dunn stated that on the submitted schedule the estimated completion date of Phase I would be September 2022. He asked if that date was correct.

Ms. Ashmore stated she expects to have a guaranteed maximum price before the Board in September of 2022.

3. *Award the 2022 Asphalt Project Contract III to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$2,072,853.17. This project is in Post 2 and 3, the project will be funded through general funds and SPLOST funds Project Number: 2022-ASPH-3:* Award the 2022 Asphalt Project Contract III to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$2,072,853.17. This project is in Post 2 and 3, the project will be funded through general funds and SPLOST funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated they received

four bids for this project and it will include 9.87 miles of milling, patching, leveling, and plant mix resurfacing on forty-nine (49) streets in eight (8) subdivisions.

Commissioner Carmichael asked Mr. Jones if the prices raise, would the cost of this project increase.

Mr. Jones stated that if approved the pricing for the project would be locked in at the approved price.

- 4. ***Award the 2022 Asphalt Project Contract IV to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$2,290,854.86. This project is in Post 1, 3, and 4 the project will be funded through general funds and SPLOST funds. Project Number: 2022-ASPH-4:***
Award the 2022 Asphalt Project Contract IV to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$2,290,854.86. This project is in Post 1, 3, and 4 the project will be funded through general funds and SPLOST funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated we received two bids and the project consists of 11.38 miles of milling, patching, leveling, and plant mix resurfacing on sixty-four (64) streets in seven (7) subdivisions. He further stated that a portion of the project is within the City of Hiram and they will work with the City through an IGA to complete the work in that area.
- 5. ***Award the FY 2022 Right of Way Vertical Mowing Project II to the lowest bidder, NGL & Erosion Control Group, in the amount of \$61,926.00. This project is in Post 2 and 3, the project will be funded through general funds. Project Number PR-TRIM 2022-2:***
Award the FY 2022 Right of Way Vertical Mowing Project II to the lowest bidder, NGL & Erosion Control Group, in the amount of \$61,926.00. This project is in Post 2 and 3, the project will be funded through general funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this project consists of performing vertical mowing and trimming of the tree branches that are encroaching or are a threat to encroach from the side of the right of way onto the travel lanes, on approximately 75.52 miles on 84 County roads the mowing will go up to 25 feet above the road. There was one bid for this project and the funding source will be through general funds.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- 6. ***Adopt State Court's job classification for Senior Accounting Tech.***
- 7. ***Approve the listed Streets for perpetual maintenance.***

Holland Grove (Post 4)

Holland Grove Drive
Holland Grove Lane

Millbrooke / Ph I (Post 1)

Cranbrooke Drive
Cranbrooke Lane
Cranbrooke Way

Azalea Lakes (Post 1)

Azalea Lakes Court
Azalea Lakes Drive
Azalea Lakes Lane

Reserve at Timberlands/Ph 2B (Post 1)

Grand Oak Court
Grand Oak Trail

Stone Lake (Post 1)

Stone Lake Court
Stone Lake Drive

- 8. ***Confirm the 2022 Paulding County Transfer Station designated Schedule.***

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9. ***Public Hearing for the Abandonment of a portion of Old Nebo Road:***
Chairman Carmichael opened the public hearing and asked George Jones, Transportation Director to speak on the proposed abandonment. Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Jones to speak. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this roadway has 30 feet of right of way and the County has been asked to abandon this portion of Old Nebo Road. Mr. Jones further stated there is not a need now or in the future for County use.

Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Jones if the County would be responsible for landscaping the area.

Mr. Jones stated no. This is a narrow section of roadway and we will not maintain it, this is just a transfer.

Chairman Carmichael closed the public hearing.

10. *Contract with TranSystems Corporation, in the amount of \$133,250.32, for Engineering Design Services for Gulledge Road, in the vicinity of Creekview Way. SPLOST funds will be used for this project:*

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with TranSystems Corporation, in the amount of \$133,250.32, for Engineering Design Services for Gulledge Road, in the vicinity of Creekview Way. SPLOST funds will be used for this project. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this curvature does not meet the standards for the speed limit on this road. There have been two wrecks at the location. This project will provide the preliminary engineering for the road design to meet the posted speed limit on Gulledge Road. This project Contract is on a per hour basis. It will have an aggressive schedule with a proposed completion date of September 2022.

11. *Ordinance 22-03 amending various Ordinances regarding residency requirements for certain Board appointments and requiring the Chairman's appointee to the Planning Commission to be recommended by the Paulding County School Superintendent:*

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 22-03 amending various Ordinances regarding residency requirements for certain Board appointments and requiring the Chairman's appointee to the Planning Commission to be recommended by the Paulding County School Superintendent. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated there are several Boards that the Commissioners appoint to that have a requirement for the appointee to reside in the Post of that Commissioner. This will eliminate that requirement for the following Boards: Water and Sewer Advisory Board, the Keep Paulding Beautiful Commission, the Fire Advisory Board, the Planning Commission and the Paulding Zoning Board of Appeals. This Resolution also allows for the Chairman's appointment to the Planning Commission to be from a list of recommendations provided by the Superintendent of the Paulding County School District to allow for more input on Planning Commission for the School District.

12. *Resolution 22-12 approving Deannexation of 310 Pumpkinvine Trail:*

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-12 approving Deannexation of 310 Pumpkinvine Trail. Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director stated the County received a request to take 16 plus acres back into the unincorporated area of Paulding.

13. *Ordinance 22-04 an amendment to the Development Regulations for Paulding County, Georgia amending Article 5 "Roadway Design and Construction Requirements":*

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 22-04 an amendment to the Development Regulations for Paulding County, Georgia amending Article 5 "Roadway Design and Construction Requirements". Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director stated recently there was a new district included in the adopted UDO for the County, this amendment is a simple change to bring the Development Regulations in compliance with the new district.

14. *Ordinance 22-05 an amendment to the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia amending Chapter 62 "Roads", Article IV "Street Light Districts":*

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 22-05 an amendment to the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia amending Chapter 62 "Roads", Article IV "Street Light Districts". Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director stated the Development Regulations are part of the Code of Ordinances for the County and this change will make a change to that section of the code. Waivers will not be automatic but will require the Transportation Director to grant the requested waiver.

15. *Award the Seven Hills Roundabout Utility Relocation Project to Wade Coots Construction in an amount not to exceed \$89,065.00. Water Renewal and Extension funds will be used for this project:*

Discussed action to award the Seven Hills Roundabout Utility Relocation Project to Wade Coots Construction in an amount not to exceed \$89,065.00. Water Renewal and Extension funds will be used for this project. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated the Paulding County DOT is installing a roundabout at Seven Hills at Bentleaf Drive/Blackberry Drive. Paulding

Water has been working with the Paulding DOT to relocate about 600 feet of utility mains at the location.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Commissioner Kaecher stated that her sister Sally recently had treatment for cancer and was doing great. She further stated, that she is watching the broadcast today and wanted to say hi.

Chairman Carmichael wished everyone a Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate, seconded by Brian Stover. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Brian Stover. Chairman Carmichael reminded the audience that the Board would adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.