



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 25, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Johnny McBurrows with Shiloh Baptist Church

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

MINUTES:

1. *The May 10, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the May 10, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: ADAD Highlights from Austin Middle School aired for the Commissioners and audience.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the purchase of replacement computers to the lowest responsible bidder, SHI International in the amount of \$73,520.80:*

Award the purchase of replacement computers to the lowest responsible bidder, SHI International in the amount of \$73,520.80. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a routine purchase of budgeted computers. Every year, the Information Technology Department solicits bids for replacement of 20% to 25% of the County's computers. This bid is for 70 computers.

3. *Award the purchase of two (2) fire pumpers from NAFECO in the amount of \$401,967.00 each. Funded by SPLOST:*

Award the purchase of two (2) fire pumpers from NAFECO in the amount of \$401,967.00 each. Funded by SPLOST. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a routine purchase of two (2) replacement pumpers. The old pumpers will be moved to a surplus/backup role. Ms. Pollard further stated it takes over a year to build and deliver the pumpers.

Joey Pelfrey, Fire Department Chief stated the county currently has three (3) engines that are 22 years old and are two (2) door trucks. The new engines will be four (4) door allowing for more fire fighters on scene.

4. *Award the purchase of one (1) pump and roll engine from NAFECO in the amount of \$421,993.00. Funded by SPLOST:*

Award the purchase of one (1) pump and roll engine from NAFECO in the amount of \$421,993.00. Funded by SPLOST. Joey Pelfrey, Fire Department Chief stated this is the same type of apparatus with the advantage of flowing a foam product. The existing pumpers do not have that capability. It will be placed at Station 12 to be used at the airport if there is an aircraft incident. It will also be used along the Hwy 278 Corridor to help with large truck fires. The engine has a turret on the front which can be operated from inside the truck. The engine can also be moved while the pump is in use.

5. *Award the purchase of production disk space to the lowest bidder, SHI International, in the amount of \$55,651.97. Funded by SPLOST:*

Award the purchase of production disk space to the lowest bidder, SHI International, in the amount of \$55,651.97. Funded by SPLOST. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the disk

space is for the Sheriff's Office. The new server will house all of the images which take up more space compared to forms and other data.

6. Award the Buchanan Highway Water Main Extension Contract for construction services to HD Excavation & Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$942,930.00. Funded through General Funds. Post 2:

Award the Buchanan Highway Water Main Extension Contract for construction services to HD Excavation & Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$942,930.00. Funded through General Funds. Post 2. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated this project is located on Buchanan Hwy between Ivey Road and Golden Road. It will extend the water main 7,100 feet along Buchanan Hwy. This project was advertised in April and four (4) bids were received. Ms. Ashmore further stated HD Excavation & Utilities is currently working on the School Road water main extension and, upon completion of that project, will move to this project.

Commissioner Kaecher asked how long it is taking to get materials for the project.

Ms. Ashmore stated it could take five (5) to six (6) months. She further stated if other projects are cancelled, there is a possibility of getting materials sooner from the suppliers.

7. Award the Coppermine Water Reclamation Facility MBR Treatment Capacity Expansion Contract for construction services to IHC Construction Companies, LLC. in the amount not to exceed \$11,842,000.00. This will be funded with ARPA Funds. Post 3:

Award the Coppermine Water Reclamation Facility MBR Treatment Capacity Expansion Contract for construction services to IHC Construction Companies, LLC. in the amount not to exceed \$11,842,000.00. This will be funded with ARPA Funds. Post 3. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated this project is a one million gallon per day capacity expansion for the Coppermine Facility. Ms. Ashmore stated we have a permit for this project, as well as a capacity expansion project in the future. The work on this project is taking place inside existing structures with minimal structural and yard piping.

Chairman Carmichael asked what MBR stands for.

Ms. Ashmore stated Membrane Bio-Reactor.

8. Approve the purchase of Godwin CD150S DriPrime Pump for the Transportation Department to Godwin Pumps in the amount of \$53,159.60:

Approve the purchase of Godwin CD150S DriPrime Pump for the Transportation Department to Godwin Pumps in the amount of \$53,159.60. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this is the purchase of a six inch trash pump to be used by maintenance crews to bypass water on drainage projects, building and removing culverts, etc. Three quotes were received with Godwin Pumps being the second lowest. Mr. Jones further stated this quote has more options on the pump and can be purchased locally. He stated Tim Atchison with fleet is more comfortable with the maintenance and durability of the Godwin Pump.

9. Award the vehicle purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe's for the Paulding County Fire Department to Hardy Chevrolet in the amount not to exceed \$78,198.00. SPLOST funds will be used for the purchase:

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10. Amend the April vehicle award to purchase five (5) to seven (7) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe's to Hardy Chevrolet in the amount not to exceed \$285,558.00. SPLOST funds and JCSA funds will be used for the purchase:

Amend the April vehicle award to purchase five (5) to seven (7) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe's to Hardy Chevrolet in the amount not to exceed \$285,558.00. SPLOST funds and JCSA funds will be used for the purchase. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated a few weeks ago there was a not to exceed amount approved for five (5) Tahoes. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the purchase be increased to seven (7) vehicles because there will not be an order next year.

11. Award the Extreme Networks Maintenance Renewal Contract to the lowest bidder, P.C. Solutions in the amount of \$93,107.72. Funded through General Funds:

Award the Extreme Networks Maintenance Renewal Contract to the lowest bidder, P.C. Solutions in the amount of \$93,107.72. Funded through General Funds. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a two (2) year Maintenance Agreement for the network hardware.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

James Stokes, Chief Appraiser with the Board of Tax Assessors aired a video regarding Assessment Notices for the Commissioners and the audience.

Chairman Carmichael stated it is important to know the assessments are not tax bills.

Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director Re: Georgia Association of Water Professionals Awards. Ms Ashmore presented awards to John Pavel, Superintendent at Coppermine WRF & LAS, to Mark Filer, Superintendent at Pumpkinvine WRF, and to Greg Perrow, Superintendent at Upper Sweetwater WRF. Coppermine WRF & LAS received a Gold Award and a Platinum Award. Pumpkinvine WRF received a Platinum Award. Upper Sweetwater WRF received a Gold Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Cysil Watnes spoke to the Board regarding the Old Business item 2022-08-Z. Mr. Watners stated he is not in favor of the rezoning and has concerns of tank leakage.

Ms. Kelly Watnes stated she lives on Paul Harris Rd and is not in favor of the rezoning application 2022-08-Z.

Mr. Fred Jones spoke to the Board regarding Rezoning 2022-08-Z stating that he is not in favor of this rezoning and has concerns of leakage and the number of wells that are around the area.

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

12. Adopt the job classification for a State Court Public Defender.

13. Acceptance of the attached list of streets for perpetual maintenance by the County. (See Attached List).

14. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a Contract with Doug Eaves to provide consulting services regarding Paulding County Revenues.

15. Authorize the County Manager to engage David Hankerson to provide consulting services regarding Paulding County Services.

16. Reappoint EMS Division Chief Tim King to serve on the Northwest Georgia Region One Emergency Medical Advisory Council for the term of June 2022 through June 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

17. 2022-08-Z by JONATHAN JONES – ELITE ENGINEERING requesting to rezone 5.03 acres from R-2 (Suburban Residential) to B-1 (General Business) in order to construct a 4,500 square foot gas station and convenience store. Property is located in Land Lot 789; District 2; Section 3; proposed site is located on the south side of Scoggins Road and east sides of Buchanan Hwy and Paul Harris Road. POST 2. (Tabled from the April 26, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting):

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NEW BUSINESS:

18. Confirm the Chairman's nomination of Randall D. Harris to the position of State Court Public Defender for Paulding County State Court.

Discussed action to confirm the Chairman's nomination of Randall D. Harris to the position of State Court Public Defender for Paulding County State Court. Frank Baker, County Manager stated the Paulding County State Court will open on July 1, 2022 and a Public Defender is needed to help with indigent cases. Mr. Baker recommended Mr. Harris to Chairman Carmichael for nomination.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Chairman Carmichael asked the Commissioners if they would like to make any comments or announcements.

Commissioner Kaecher announced June 5, 2022 is National Cancer Survivor Day at Veterans Park. It begins at 1:30pm and there will be food and entertainment.

Chairman Carmichael read a portion of Governor Kemp's Executive Order stating flags are to be lowered to half-staff on Memorial Day to honor those who lost their lives while serving in the military.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel, seconded by Keith Dunn. 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.