



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 10, 2022**

**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 October 25, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the October 25, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Carrie Fitzgerald, with the Sheriff's Office aired for the Commissioners and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Deputy Zachary Dubreuiel, with the Sheriff's Office.

A check was presented to Tim Earley, CEO of Make-A-Wish Georgia from the Paulding Ride for Wishes Event and a video from the event aired for the Commissioners and audience.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

- 2. Award the Contract for P25 Emergency Radio System including system buildout price and warranty support in the amount of \$39,832,078 SPLOST funds will be used.*

Award the Contract for P25 Emergency Radio System including system buildout price and warranty support in the amount of \$39,832,078 SPLOST funds will be used. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated there were three (3) bids for this project. Mr. Mumford stated the current Radio System is outdated and replacement parts are no longer made. This system will increase the coverage to the surrounding agencies, as well as, connect with the school systems resource officers and busses.

Mr. Jeff McNally with TUSA stated they looked at all three (3) bids scoring them 70% on performance and 30% on pricing. The vendor with the best overall score is who is recommended for the project.

Mr. Clay Whitehead with Motorola stated this will increase County wide coverage for any First Responders. This will meet the predicted growth for the next several decades. This equipment will be compatible with our surrounding Counties when crossing County lines. This Contract will come with a 15-year support plan as well as maintenance/servicing. Mr. Whitehead stated there will be nine (9) new towers, as well as the three (3) current towers to support the new system. This will provide the ability to track fire apparatus and police vehicles to see who is closest to the emergency.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the new tower on Hiram Sudie will reach to the Douglas County Line.

Mr. Whitehead stated that it will reach two (2) miles past the County line and will go through testing to insure that requirement is met.

Chairman Carmichael asked if there will be training for this new system.

Mr. Whitehead stated that all personnel will be trained on how to operate the new system.

Commissioner Kaecher asked how long it would take for the system to be online.

Mr. Whitehead stated it will be 18 months after approval.

Chairman Carmichael stated that 15 of our surrounding Counties already have this system.

Mr. Mumford stated this project has been in the works for about 10-years.

3. *Award Woodrow Kay Culvert Replacement Project to the low bidder, Summit Construction and Development, LLC in the amount of \$362,550.00:*

Award Woodrow Kay Culvert Replacement Project to the low bidder, Summit Construction and Development, LLC in the amount of \$362,550.00. George Jones, Transportation Director stated there were three (3) bids submitted for this item. The Transportation Department recommends to the lowest responsive bidder. Mr. Jones stated this bid was 10% over the Engineers estimate and 46% lower than the next lowest bid. Mr. Jones further stated this will replace three (3) rotten metal culverts with larger culverts which should reduce the amount of blockages.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Sheriff Gary Gulledge gave a Sheriff Office Update for January – October of 2022.

Chairman Carmichael asked how many vacancies the Sheriff's Office currently has.

Sheriff Gulledge stated last time he checked there were 50+ vacancies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 4. *Approve action to transition current Defined Compensation Plan with AIG Valic to ACCG.***
- 5. *Authorize the Chairman to execute an Interparcel Access Easement Agreement allowing for a motor vehicle driveway to serve one (1) single family residence to Landshark Investments, LLC through a County Detention Lot to have access to Boulder View Parkway, located in the Georgian Park Subdivision.***

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6. *Award the Phase 3 portion of the Radio System Consulting Services to TUSA, in the amount of \$360,835.00 SPLOST funds will be used for this project:*

Discussed action to award the Phase 3 portion of the Radio System Consulting Services to TUSA, in the amount of \$360,835.00 SPLOST funds will be used for this project. David Mumford, E-911 Director stated TUSA has overseen several projects and he is very impressed with their services.

7. *Commit 10% of system price portion of the Radio System Contract within the fund balance as a contingency until the project construction is complete, this will come from general funds:*

Discussed action to commit 10% of system price portion of the Radio System Contract within the fund balance as a contingency until the project construction is complete, this will come from general funds. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated setting aside 10% for contingency (approximately 2.8 million dollars) until the completion of the project would allow for any unforeseen situations that may arise during the construction of the nine (9) tower sites. Ms. Pollard further stated that if the funds were needed for a Change Order it would be brought back before the Board for approval.

8. *Resolution 22-39 authorizing reimbursement of expenditures should tax exempt financing be utilized for all or a portion of financing this radio system project:*

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-39 authorizing reimbursement of expenditures should tax exempt financing be utilized for all or a portion of financing this radio system project. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a backup plan that requires financing. This would allow us to reimburse ourselves for money that was spent on the project. Ms. Pollard further

stated if the financing was needed it would have to be brought back before the Board for approval.

Chairman Carmichael asked Ms. Pollard if she knew how much the County receives from SPLOST each month.

Ms. Pollard stated the County receives approximately 2.5 million dollars a month from SPLOST.

9. ***Authorize the Chairman to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. for continuing supportive engineering services at a rate of \$114.50 per hour, not to exceed \$65,000 this Agreement will be funded through General Funds:***
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. for continuing supportive engineering services at a rate of \$114.50 per hour, not to exceed \$65,000 this Agreement will be funded through General Funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated the Department of Transportation Engineering Division currently has 2 vacancies, Engineering Division Manager and Pre-Construction Manager, leaving the Engineering Division at a 25% capability. Due to the current workload of in-house design, consultant management, development review and storm water projects Heath & Lineback' expertise is needed to keep up with the demand. He further stated this will be in 4-month intervals to provide engineer support to supplement DOT staff.

Commissioner Kaecher asked if this could be funded by SPLOST.

Mr. Jones stated that you can use SPLOST funds, however, with maintenance projects, General Funds are preferred. SPLOST funds are more for improvements, additions and upgrades.

Commissioner Galloway asked the time period of this Agreement.

Mr. Jones stated that this would be in 4-month intervals, allowing the current vacancies to be filled with qualified individuals.

10. ***Approve a Change Order to increase the Garney Construction Contract, part of the Landfill Phase 1 Cover Installation Project by \$95,998.88 making the new Contract total \$1,329,739.88. Landfill Post Closure funds will be used for this project, located in Post:***
Discussed action to approve a Change Order to increase the Garney Construction Contract, part of the Landfill Phase 1 Cover Installation Project by \$95,998.88 making the new Contract total \$1,329,739.88. Landfill Post Closure funds will be used for this project, located in Post 4. Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director stated this is for seven (7) Change Orders and one (1) Credit totaling \$95,000.00. The plans were based on 2005 areal photography. The credit was for an over estimated amount of geo-synthetic clay liner resulting in a \$70,000.00 credit.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Mr. Frank Baker thanked Commissioner Kaecher and Tara Palmer for their hard work and time spent working on the Defined Compensation Plan with ACCG.

Commissioner Stover spoke on the grand opening of the West Metro Driving School on Saturday the 12th from 10-2 at 120 East Paulding Drive.

Commissioner Galloway congratulated and thanked the Elections team on a job well done on the past election.

Commissioner Dunn thanked Sheriff Gary Gullledge, Chief Joey Pelfrey, David Mumford and the TUSA team on the future Radio System.

Commissioner Kaecher reminded everyone that tomorrow, November 11th there will be a Veterans Ceremony in Veterans Park at 11:00 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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