



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 14, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Tommy Leonard, Chaplain Paulding County Public Safety

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

MINUTES:

1. *The August 24, 2021 Work Session Minutes and the August 24, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Charles Caprio with our Information Technology Department aired for the Commissioners and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented an Appreciation Proclamation to Best Friends Animal Rescue.

The Board of Commissioners congratulated the Paulding County Human Resources Department for being awarded the ACCG - Group Health Benefits Program, Health Promotion & Wellbeing Grant from ACCG, Georgia’s County Association.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award the FY 2022 Right of Way Vertical Mowing Project I to the lowest, responsive bidder, NGL & Erosion Control Group, in the amount of \$60,016.00. Post 1, 2, 3, and 4:*
Discussed action to award the FY 2022 Right of Way Vertical Mowing Project I to the lowest, responsive bidder, NGL & Erosion Control Group, in the amount of \$60,016.00. Post 1, 2, 3, and 4. George Jones, Director of Transportation stated that this will consist of side mowing and trimming of the tree branches that are a threat to encroaching the sides of the right of way travel lanes on County roads. This will cover 75 miles over a total of 73 County roads. This Bid was in line with the amount we have paid the last few years, around \$800 per mile. There will be a 3 month timeframe for this project from the NTP issuance.
3. *Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Magnum Construction for a new pavilion and a covered outdoor basketball court at Taylor Farm Park for an amount not to exceed \$963,454.67. This project is in Post 3 and will be funded by SPLOST:*
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Magnum Construction for a new pavilion and a covered outdoor basketball court at Taylor Farm Park for an amount not to exceed \$963,454.67. This project is in Post 3 and will be funded by SPLOST. Michael Justus, Parks & Recreation Director stated this Contract is to build two new pavilions. This Contract also includes demolishing the leaning pole barn currently there that’s roof is coming off and putting a new pole barn in its place with a concrete slab underneath, that is currently dirt. It also includes adding two outdoor, covered basketball courts. There are currently no basketball courts on County property. This Bid came in half a million dollars under the County Engineers estimate.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 4. *Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of Agreement for the adoption of GDOT Procurement Policy for the Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services.***

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. *Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Thompson Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$155,121.24 for preliminary engineering design services for the Merchants Drive, Macland Road, and Butler Industrial Drive Intersection improvement project. Post 1:***
Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Thompson Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$155,121.24 for preliminary engineering design services for the Merchants Drive, Macland Road, and Butler Industrial Drive Intersection improvement project. Post 1. George Jones, Director of Transportation stated this intersection is currently signalized however there are nonstandard geometrics on the Macland Road approach as it merges onto Merchants Drive. When merging right onto Merchants Drive using the slip-ramp you have to look over your shoulder to see oncoming traffic. Turning left onto Merchants Drive off of Macland Road there is a short storage space fitting only two vehicles at a time which backs up traffic. This project will add turn-lanes and improve the geometrics reducing crashes and improving this intersections capacity. This Contract is cost plus fixed fees, we will only pay for the hours we utilize.

Commissioner Dunn asked how many accidents accrue at this intersection.

Mr. Jones stated that at a signalized traffic light there is a higher amount of crashes than at a non-signalized traffic light. The goal is to reduce the severity of the crashes and improve the flow of traffic.

- 6. *Development Agreement with Crim Development Inc. and Mark and Leigh Caffrey to realign the Rakestraw sewer force main in an amount not to exceed \$101,151.00. Post 3:***
Discussed action to enter into a Development Agreement with Crim Development Inc. and Mark and Leigh Caffrey to realign the Rakestraw sewer force main in an amount not to exceed \$101,151.00. Post 3. Laurie Ashmore, Director of Water Systems stated that the Rakestraw sewer force main is a critical arterial force main in our Sewer System transporting all flow coming from the southern end of the Pumpkinvine Basin as well as properties in Hiram that are flowing down stream in an easterly direction to the Rakestraw pump station then pumped back over to Coppermine along Hwy 278. This force main is currently located outside of its easement. At this time this site is under contract and it is in conflict with the current development. This Development Agreement will be a unit-price Contract that will not exceed \$101,151.00. This will be a one-time Contract. Crim is developing on behalf of a Tire Retailer. This Agreement will transfer to the property owner if the terms are not met.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Chairman Carmichael recognized interim District Attorney, Matthew Rollins for the job he does as well as Post IV Commissioner, Brian Stover for helping with parking at Paulding Meadows.

Chuck Hart thanked Ms. Palmer, Human Resources Director for all that she does for this County.

Brian Stover recognized Jeff Butterworth with Georgia Power for his involvement with Community Development.

Sandy Kaecher encouraged everyone that didn't attend Paulding Meadows to try to go next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brian Stover made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation & Real Estate, seconded by Chairman Carmichael. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

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