



PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

January 11, 2022

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor John Morgan, with Care at Westridge Church

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; 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 December 14, 2021 Work Session Minutes and Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Video of Employee of the Month Ms. Jessica Singleton, with the Water System Department. aired for the Board and audience.

Mr. Robert Owens read the Paulding County Board of Commissioners Mission, Vision, and Values Statements.

Board of Commissioners Reaffirmation of Department Heads.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award of the State Courtroom No. 2 Millwork package to the lowest responsive bidder, M & N Millworks in the amount of \$71,600.00:*
Approve the award of the State Courtroom No. 2 Millwork package to the lowest responsive bidder, M & N Millworks in the amount of \$71,600.00. Scott Greene, Director of Operations stated there were seven companies that put in bids for this project. After review only one was in line with the budget for the project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Tara Palmer, HR Director, stated the County was awarded the Safety Grant Award, this is the third year the County has received this Grant. The Grant funds will be used for the Sheriff's Office for dash cameras, masks, gloves and ear pieces among other items. She further stated she hopes to continue to receive this grant in order to help County Departments with specific needs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairman Carmichael and Post Commissioners read the following consent agenda items:

3. *Confirm the 2022 Paulding County Transfer Station designated Holiday Schedule.*
4. *Authorize the Chairman to execute a no increase renewal with NGL & Erosion Control for the FY 2022 Countywide Shoulder Maintenance Services Contract, in the amount of \$854,622.00. The contract provides multiple cycles for mowing, trimming and litter pick up on 521 miles of County roads and 21 miles of four lane State Highways.*
5. *The Paulding County Sheriff's Office requests approval to retire/surplus Deputy Courtney Thornhill's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #SWF597, Cost \$469.00.*
6. *Acceptance of the listed street in Brookside Phase 3 for perpetual maintenance:*
-Valley Brook Way
-Hemlock Glen

-Sweetgum Trace

-Redbud Run

- 7. Paulding County Airport Authority Board, with a four-year term ending December 31, 2025:**
Sam Hill BOC Appointment
- 8. Appoint Tommy Morris and Alex Crenshaw to the Greater West Georgia Development Authority with a two-year term ending December 31, 2023.**
- 9. Fire Advisory Board, with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Emory Gordy Chairman's Appointment
Matt Mason Post I Appointment
Randy Richards Post II Appointment
Robert Owens Post III Appointment
Chris Wheeler Post IV Appointment
- 10. Planning and Zoning Commission, with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Debra Sever Chairman's Appointment
James Steele Post I Appointment
Ellis Astin Post II Appointment
Roger Leggett Post III Appointment
Jody Palmer Post IV Appointment
- 11. Paulding County Water/Sewer Advisory Board, with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Bobby Hollis Chairman's Appointment
Bobby Maddox Chairman's Appointment
David Barnett Chairman's Appointment
Jeremiah Fields Post I Appointment
Michael Craton Post II Appointment
Jim Smith Post III Appointment
Wayne Kirby Post IV Appointment
- 12. Appoint Todd Tibbitts to the Cemetery Preservation Commission as the Chairman's appointee, with a one-year term ending on December 31, 2022.**
- 13. Zoning Board of Appeals, with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Lamar Clark Chairman's Appointment
Dave Roberts Post I Appointment
Jack Hart Post II Appointment
Robert Owens Post III Appointment
Jerry Johnson Post IV Appointment
- 14. Animal Control Hearing Board, with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Jason Flatt Chairman's Appointment
Jessica Gullett Post I Appointment
Jennifer Farrell Post II Appointment
Mandie Brauer Post III Appointment
Suzanne Baker Post IV Appointment
- 15. Appoint Randy Pullen as the Chairman's appointee to the Board of Ethics with a four-year term.**
- 16. Economic Development Inc. for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**
Sandy Kaecher Chairman's Appointment
Keith Dunn Post Commissioners Appointment
Matt Buzzellie BOC Appointment
Greg Perry BOC Appointment
- 17. Appoint Geof Hutton, as the Chairman's appointee to the Industrial Building Authority with a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 18. Public Hearing for the SR 92 Hiram Sewer Extension.**

Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing and asked Ms. Ashmore to speak on the SR 92 Hiram Sewer Extension. Ms. Ashmore stated that the public hearing was a requirement of the submission for the State Revolving Funds and deferred to Mr. Tim Blades with Prime Engineering who gave a presentation on the project.

Ms. Doris Devey asked how this would affect the homeowners with entering and exiting their property.

Mr. Blades stated the contractor has taken this into consideration and will be coordinating with the homeowners. He further asked to speak with Ms. Devey after today's meeting to show her a map outlining the specific location of the area.

Chairman Carmichael closed the Public Hearing.

19. Accept on behalf of the Paulding Judicial Circuit the approved American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA) that was awarded to the Paulding County Judicial Circuit:

Discussed action to accept on behalf of the Paulding Judicial Circuit the approved American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA) that was awarded to the Paulding County Judicial Circuit. Matthew Rollins, Acting Paulding County District Attorney, stated because of COVID the Court System was shut down for a period of time in 2021, which caused a backlog of cases. The Superior Court applied for assistance through the Chief Superior Court Judge, Tony Beavers and was awarded the full amount applied for. This Federal Grant will allow for the Court System to hire, on a temporary basis, a second Juvenile Court Judge and additional personnel which will allow the Court System to increase the number of cases heard in order to address the backlog. The County will pay for the temporary staff and the Grant will reimburse the County.

20. Authorize the emergency gravity sewer line replacement under Highway 381 into Homestead Drive along with the pavement repair of the roadway with Wade Coots Company in an amount not to exceed \$212,515.00:

Discussed action to authorize the emergency gravity sewer line replacement under Highway 381 into Homestead Drive along with the pavement repair of the roadway with Wade Coots Company in an amount not to exceed \$212,515.00. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated Summerset Pump Station serves Somerset and other upstream residential neighborhoods. Timberland Subdivision has over 200 homes and a single entrance, this is one of the affected neighborhoods. This sewer line is in need of emergency repair, after extensive exploratory work to access the condition of the line. This project will include replacing the pipe, boring and pavement replacement.

21. Authorize the Chairman to execute a Letter of Support to GDOT, for a single lane roundabout at the intersection of Hiram Sudie Road (SR 120 Connector) and Davis Mill Road:

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to execute a Letter of Support to GDOT, for a single lane roundabout at the intersection of Hiram Sudie Road (SR 120 Connector) and Davis Mill Road. George Jones, Transportation Director stated one of the requirements from GDOT was to have a letter of support from the Governing Authority of the County supporting the project.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Chairman Carmichael stated that he was up late for the Georgia vs. Alabama game and was excited Georgia won. He further stated he wanted to recognize the work of the Post Commissioners in 2021 and appreciated the strength and background they bring to the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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 II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

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