



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

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Joey Meeks, Senior Chaplain, Paulding County Sheriff's Office

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 April 26, 2022 Work Session Minutes, the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the May 4, 2022 Joint Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: May 2022 Employee of the Month, Sam Ballew with the Information Technology Department, aired for the Commissioners and the audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Works Week Proclamation to Kenneth Corbitt, DOT Maintenance Superintendent, John Pavel, Water Department Coppermine Water Reclamation Facility Superintendent and Tommy Leonard, Landfill & Recycling Manager.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. *Award for the SR92 Water Relocation project to the lowest responsive bidder, Mid-South Builders, in the amount of \$7,680,750.00. Water Renewal and Extension funds will be used for this project, it is located in Post 1 and Post 4:*

Discussed action to award for the SR92 Water Relocation project to the lowest responsive bidder, Mid-South Builders, in the amount of \$7,680,750.00. Water Renewal and Extension funds will be used for this project, it is located in Post 1 and Post 4. Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director, stated GDOT is widening SR92 from Burnt Hickory north to the Cobb County line. She stated the widening project impacts our water mains and some sanitary sewer crossings. GDOT is requiring movement of the water mains from beneath the pavement and modifications of the crossings and tie-ins to the mains along the length of the GDOT project. She further stated the project should be substantially completed at 210 consecutive days from the notice to proceed date. The County advertised this project in March and received four (4) proposals.

3. *Award construction of School Road Water Main Extension project to HD Excavations, LLC in the amount of \$630,518.40. General funds will be used for this project and it is located in Post 4:*

Discussed action to award construction of School Road Water Main Extension project to HD Excavations, LLC in the amount of \$630,518.40. General funds will be used for this project and it is located in Post 4. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated this project will extend the water line approximately 8,700 feet along School Road from where it currently ends off Cartersville Highway. The County advertised this project at the beginning of April and received four (4) proposals. She further stated the project should begin no later than June 1, 2022 with a completion date based on the delivery of pipe. Ms. Ashmore stated that all of the pipe is available now and does not expect any interruptions in construction.

Commissioner Stover asked what would be the normal length of time for construction on this project.

Ms. Ashmore stated the normal length of construction would be three (3) months.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

James Stokes, Chief Appraiser with the Board of Tax Assessors, provided an update regarding Assessment Notices. Mr. Stokes stated the Assessment Notices will be sent out on May 27, 2022 with an appeal deadline of July 11, 2022. He stated property values have increased, which has caused the tax assessment to increase. His department is putting out a series of four (4) videos for citizen to view regarding the real estate market, property appraisal, understanding the assessment appraisal, and understanding the property tax bill.

Chairman Carmichael asked when the four (4) videos are going to be produced and available to watch.

Mr. Stokes stated the goal is to have them available by the date of the Assessment Notices.

Commissioner Stover stated the biggest issue is getting the Citizens to realize that the Assessment is not a bill. The Millage Rate is adjusted to accommodate the extra value in the home.

Chairman Carmichael agreed with Commissioner Stover and stated if a Citizen wanted to sell the property, with a higher assessment, that Citizen would make more money.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

4. *Acceptance of the attached list of streets for perpetual maintenance. (See Attachment "A")*
5. *Approve the request by the Water System Department for their authorized purchasing limit on a purchase order for pipe materials to be increased up to \$100,000 thru the end of calendar year 2022 for all posts.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6. *Resolution 22-17 authorization to accept GDOT Grant and Costs Associated with pavement, drainage, fencing and utilities infrastructure to serve future hangar buildings at the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport:*

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-17 authorization to accept GDOT Grant and Costs Associated with pavement, drainage, fencing and utilities infrastructure to serve future hangar buildings at the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport. Scott Greene, Director of Operations, stated this authorization is to accept GDOT funding and to provide a match amount of 23.4% or \$252,000.00. This will allow construction of the FY2022 Project as described. He further stated this is a 3.3 to 1 return on investments and recommends these funds be accepted.

Commissioner Stover asked if this project received other bids.

Mr. Greene stated bids were accepted on May 3, 2022.

Commissioner Stover asked if the rising price of concrete had been discussed.

Mr. Greene stated he knew that asphalt was probably 25% of the project cost. Fortunately, GDOT has accepted that prices are increasing. They will pay the full amount and the County will only pay the matching amount.

7. *Change Order #2 from Steele and Associates in the amount of \$56,672.80 for additional boardwalk footage for the Burnt Hickory Access Improvement project. This will be funded by SPLOST and is located in Post 4:*

Discussed action to approve Change Order #2 from Steele and Associates in the amount of \$56,672.80 for additional boardwalk footage for the Burnt Hickory Access Improvement project. This will be funded by SPLOST and is located in Post 4. Michael Justus, Park and Recreation Director, stated the Access Improvement project was approved roughly a year ago at Burnt Hickory Park. It is approximately 95% complete at this point. The area in question is a wet area and has presented some issues. Staff, Engineers, and Contractors recommend installing a boardwalk over the wet area.

Chairman Carmichael asked if there would be different sizes of rock used in the project.

Mr. Justus stated there would be no rock used. It will be a boardwalk above wet area, much like what is used in State Parks or marshy areas.

Commissioner Stover asked how much footage would be involved in the boardwalk.

Mr. Justus stated it would be 244 feet long.

8. ***Contract with Heath & Lineback Engineers in the amount of \$171,468.92 for preliminary engineering design services for the Seven Hills Boulevard and Gulledge Road Realignment and Intersection Improvement project. General Funds will be used for this project and it is located in Post 4:***

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Heath & Lineback Engineers in the amount of \$171,468.92 for preliminary engineering design services for the Seven Hills Boulevard and Gulledge Road Realignment and Intersection Improvement project. General Funds will be used for this project and it is located in Post 4. George Jones, Transportation Director, stated this project is located on Seven Hills Boulevard from Gulledge Road to just south of Wild Timber Subdivision. Seven Hills Boulevard and Gulledge Road are classified as collectors of higher functional class roadways. Traffic is funneled from these types of roadways to nearby highways. Mr. Jones stated we have worked with Heath & Lineback to provide a concept for capacity and safety of this road. It would be for the above mentioned stretch of this road.

Chairman Carmichael asked when this project would begin.

Mr. Jones stated it would be an 18 month construction time frame.

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 reminded everyone of the Relay for Life Event this Saturday at Veterans Park.

Chairman Carmichael reminded the citizen of the upcoming SPLOST renewal in November. He further stated the park project that was discussed today is being funded through SPLOST. The dollars are used for public safety, roads, and parks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel, seconded by Brian Stover. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Brian Stover. Chairman Carmichael announced the Board would be returning from Executive Session to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Carmichael stated the Board had an additional item to add to the Board Meeting Agenda: ***Approve the Chairman's nomination of Frank Baker for the position of County Manager.***

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