



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 14, 2023**

**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 February 28, 2023 Work Session Minutes and the February 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Alexander Fricke with Building Maintenance aired for the audience and Commissioners.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- 2. Appoint Vince DiCecco to the Cemetery Preservation Commission as the Post 1 appointee with a term of March 14, 2023 through December 31, 2023.*
- 3. Adopt Ordinance 23-04, Text Amendment amending Title 1: Administration, Title 2: Zoning and Appendix of the Unified Development Ordinance for Paulding County, Georgia (UDO) and for other purposes.*
- 4. Approve a Contract for the purchase of approximately 155.51 acres of real property (Paulding County Tax Parcel 132.1.2.001.0000) from the Estate of James A. Morgan in the amount of \$3,498,975.00, and to allow the Chairman to execute any and all documents related thereto. The property is located immediately north of, and adjacent to, the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Professional Services Agreement with Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. for continuing supportive engineering services, at a rate of \$114.50 per hour, not to exceed \$65,000.00. Funded by General Funds:*

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into 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 \$65,000.00. Funded by General Funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated DOT continues to be very busy and has three (3) staff vacancies. Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. has worked with the County and has managed Engineering Design Projects for many years. Mr. Jones asked the Board to renew the Contract for four (4) months.

Chairman Carmichael stated he was concerned about the staffing level and asked if the County had received any applications for the open positions.

Mr. Jones stated we received one (1) application this week. He further stated it is hard to compete with private companies when there are few applicants.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the County is advertising outside the Atlanta area.

Mr. Jones stated the County is advertising on the Standard Professional and Engineering websites.

Commissioner Galloway commented the County pays less than the private sector and asked where the County lines up with the private sector.

Mr. Jones stated the County is 35% to 45% less than the private sector.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the amount to be paid to Heath & Lineback is higher than if the positions were filled.

Mr. Jones stated it is higher.

Commissioner Stover stated he does not like to use outside consultants because of the cost involved. He hopes the County can hire staff quickly.

Commissioner Dunn stated this is necessary because these projects have to be engineered in order to get the construction side started. He further stated we don't have another choice but to get this work done.

Commissioner Kaecher asked if engineers coming out of college can name their pay.

Mr. Jones stated college graduates have multiple opportunities after graduation to obtain a job. They will pick the best opportunity for them.

6. ***Resolution 23-04 and an Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a public sewer line comprised of 2,471.00 square feet of Permanent Sewer Easement and 2,788.00 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 3 A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.1.015.0000, located in land lots 761 of the 2nd District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 AND 32-3-4, ET SEQ. (Post 3):***

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-04 and an Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a public sewer line comprised of 2,471.00 square feet of Permanent Sewer Easement and 2,788.00 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 3 A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.1.015.0000, located in land lots 761 of the 2nd District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 AND 32-3-4, ET SEQ. (Post 3).

7. ***Resolution 23-05 and Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, of a public sewer line comprised of 960.24 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 4, A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.4.003.0000, located in land lot 823 of the 2nd District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 and 32-3-4 ET SEQ. (Post 3):***

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-05 and Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, of a public sewer line comprised of 960.24 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 4, A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.4.003.0000, located in land lot 823 of the 2nd District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 and 32-3-4 ET SEQ. (Post 3).

8. ***Resolution 23-06 and Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, of a public sewer line comprised of 269.00 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 5, A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.4.013.0000, located in land lot 824 of***

the 2nd District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 and 32-3-4 ET SEQ. (Post 3):

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-06 and Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the construction, of a public sewer line comprised of 269.00 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement, being Project Parcel No. 5, A/K/A Tax Parcel No. 180.2.4.013.0000, located in land lot 824 of the 2nd District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 22-3-140 and 32-3-4 ET SEQ. (Post 3).

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated these three (3) parcels are part of the Hwy 92 Project south of Hiram. We have not had any success in legally contacting the land owners. The Resolutions allow the Condemnation process so the project can move forward. He further stated the County will pay Fair Market Value for the properties as appraised.

Chairman Carmichael stated he was surprised the County has not made contact with the owners.

Mr. Phillips stated they will continue trying to contact the owners. He further stated if the Resolutions are passed and contact is made with the land owners, we will try to move forward without filing Condemnation action.

9. *Contract with Talitrix to utilize their tracing services and software:*

Discussed action to authorize the County Manager to sign a Contract with Talitrix to utilize their tracing services and software. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the District Attorney's Office requested a Monitoring System for inmates in this year's Judicial ARPA Grant.

Matthew Rollins, Paulding County District Attorney, stated the Court has been using Talitrix Monitoring for about two (2) years as a condition of Bond, or as a condition of Probation. The Talitrix System provides more information at a lower cost than other systems. He further stated the ARPA Grant has provided \$100,000.00 for those defendants who can't afford to pay for the monitoring. This will provide an option for the Judge.

Chairman Carmichael asked when the ARPA Funds end.

Mr. Rollins stated the funds will end in two (2) years. At that time, we will have to decide how to fund the program. We understand nothing is guaranteed past the two (2) years.

Commissioner Stover asked about the price of the system.

Mr. Rollins stated the system cost is \$5.00 per day. There is a replacement band cost of \$200.00. If the defendant damages the system, that would be a new criminal charge, which would involve restitution.

Commissioner Stover asked if this system can provide more information than the normal ankle bracelet.

Mr. Rollins stated Talitrix has a more accurate location system and biometrics. Also, since Talitrix monitors the system, and not a separate company, the reports are not delayed.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the Sheriff's Office is involved in this program.

Mr. Rollins stated Talitrix provides information to his office and his investigators. That information is processed and provided to appropriate agencies.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there are Constitutional issues with the biometrics portion of the system.

Mr. Rollins stated there are no Constitutional issues with monitoring the biometrics.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the Defendant asks for this monitoring system.

Mr. Rollins stated it is usually a condition of the Bond Order, which is agreed upon by the Defense Attorney and the Prosecutor. The Bond Order is then presented to the Judge.

Commissioner Galloway asked if we are now going from charging everyone for this system to offering it to everyone for free.

Mr. Rollins stated the ARPA Funds are providing an opportunity for those who don't have the ability to afford the system.

Commissioner Stover commented the cost of the monitoring system is more cost effective than the defendant sitting in jail.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the system can be damaged.

Mr. Rollins stated the system can be damaged, but the system will know when the damage occurred.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Hearing none, the Chairman moved on to the next item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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