



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 26, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Alan Bathea, St. Paul AME Church

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; 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 July 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the July 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Paulding County UGA Extension Office opens new Sensory Garden aired for the Board and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Daniel Perrin, Lead Communications Officer with Paulding County E-911.

INVITED GUESTS:

Ms. Regan Hammond with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. presented an update regarding the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

BID AWARDS:

- 2. Design and Construction of fiber optic extension 2022 to the low bidder, Parker Construction, in the amount of \$587,208.00:*
Discussed action to award the Design and Construction of fiber optic extension 2022 to the low bidder, Parker Construction, in the amount of \$587,208.00. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated four participants turned in bids on July 8, 2022. This project will extend fiber optics from the Coppermine Sewer Plant to Taylor Farm Park, which will provide wi-fi to the public at the park. Ms. Pollard further stated that 36,000 feet of fiber will be installed between the two locations.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 3. Adopt Solicitor General's job classification for: Administrative Assistant and Investigator.*
- 4. Adopt State Court job classification for: Court Administrator, Legal Assistant and Court Reporter.*
- 5. Approve the request by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office to retire/surplus Deputy Brian Fitzgerald's Service Weapon Glock Model 21, Serial #SWF593, cost \$469.00.*
- 6. Appoint Amy Scheid to the Keep Paulding Beautiful Commission as a representative for Post 2 with a three-year term.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Public Hearing to receive comment concerning the FY2023 Proposed Budget:

Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director presented a presentation and handouts of the information for the FY2023 proposed budget.

Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Carmichael closed the Public Hearing.

8. Public Hearing concerning the JAG Grant to purchase public safety equipment:

Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing for the JAG Grant. Col. Chad Hunton stated that the Grant amount would be \$33,000 with a \$500 match and would provide much needed equipment for the Sheriff's Office.

Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Carmichael closed the Public Hearing.

9. Resolution 22-23 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.005 acres of fee simple right-of-way, 0.011 acres of permanent easement, and 0.282 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project parcel No. 1 Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.009.0000, 19th District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-23 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.005 acres of fee simple right-of-way, 0.011 acres of permanent easement, and 0.282 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project parcel No. 1 Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.009.0000, 19th District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated the County has been in negotiation with the owner of this parcel, as well as the owners of the parcels in the next two agenda items. The negotiations have been unsuccessful. Mr. Phillips stated the County now has the authority to take the property by condemnation in exchange for paying fair market value for the land to the property owners.

George Jones, Transportation Director, stated this property is for the construction of a single lane roundabout. He stated that although this project is on two State highways, SR101 and SR120, this is an important route for the County's citizens. He further stated the County should move forward with the project.

10. Resolution 22-24 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.017 acres of fee simple right-of-way, 0.053 acres of permanent easement, 0.148 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project Parcel No. 3 Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.010.0000, 19th District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-24 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.017 acres of fee simple right-of-way, 0.053 acres of permanent easement, 0.148 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project Parcel No. 3 Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.010.0000, 19th District 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated the square footage and acreage amounts would be reviewed and confirmed prior to the evening session.

11. Resolution 22-25 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.047 acres of permanent easement, 0.068 acres of temporary easement, and 0.475 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project Parcel No. 5, Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.008.0000, 19th District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-25 a Resolution and order authorizing condemnation of a tract of land for the State Route 101 and State Route 120 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 0.047 acres of permanent easement, 0.068 acres of temporary easement, and 0.475 acres of temporary driveway easement being, project Parcel No. 5, Tax Parcel No. 198.3.4.008.0000, 19th District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4, ET SEQ. No remarks were made regarding this agenda item.

12. Purchase of two new pumps in the amount of \$187,781.16 from Xylem Water Systems USA, Inc. to replace pumps at Seven Hills Pump Station. Located in Post 4, funding will be from Water Capital funds:

Discussed action to approve the purchase of two new pumps in the amount of \$187,781.16 from Xylem Water Systems USA, Inc. to replace pumps at Seven Hills Pump Station. Located in Post 4, funding will be from Water Capital funds. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated we have received quotes for the repair of the old pumps and replacement of the old pumps. The cost of repair is approximately 80% of the cost to replace. The price of each new pump is \$86,390.58. Ms. Ashmore requests the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the two new pumps which also includes \$15,000.00 for shipping the pumps.

Chairman Carmichael asked what is the life span of the pumps.

Ms. Ashmore stated they typically last 20 to 25 years.

Commissioner Dunn asked about a Manufacturer's Warranty.

Ms. Ashmore stated the following: 100% warranty for the first 18 months, 50% warranty on 19 months to 39 months, and 25% warranty on 40 months to 60 months. There is a Xylem repair shop locally, if repairs are needed.

Commissioner Kaecher asked where the pumps are coming from.

Ms. Ashmore stated from Sweden or Norway.

Commissioner Stover asked if the pumps can be shipped from somewhere in America.

Ms. Ashmore stated the Xylem Pumps are manufactured overseas.

Commissioner Stover asked if there are any comparable American made pumps.

Ms. Ashmore stated there is not.

13. SR 92 North Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocation Contract for construction management and field services to Atkins North America in an amount not to exceed \$499,088.00. The project is in Post 1, and will be paid from Water Capital funds:

Discussed action to award the SR 92 North Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocation Contract for construction management and field services to Atkins North America in an amount not to exceed \$499,088.00. The project is in Post 1, and will be paid from Water Capital funds. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated this project will include 20", 16", 12", 8", and 6" pipes. This project will last approximately three and a half years.

Commissioner Dunn asked when the project will begin.

Ms. Ashmore stated within the next couple of months. She stated the County is working with GDOT regarding road construction.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Tim Estes stated his concerns with the current voting machines.

Ms. Peggy Estes stated her concerns with the current voting machines

Ms. Diane Frank stated her concerns with the County using the current voting machines.

Ms. Diane Little stated her concerns regarding the current voting machines.

Ms. Donna Walker stated her concerns regarding the current voting machines.

Mr. Tim Suddreth stated his concerns with the current voting machines.

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

Chairman Carmichael thanked Pastor Bathea for coming and thanked him for staying for the entire meeting.

Pastor Bathea stated he enjoyed the meeting and is proud the Commissioners are seeking to do what's best for the community.

Chairman Carmichael reminded everyone that school begins next week and buses will be on the road. He asked everyone to be careful.

Commissioner Kaecher reminded everyone of the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Phase 2 of Mulberry Rock Park on Friday, August 5th at 10:00 am located in the back of the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate/Potential Litigation, seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway; Post IV Brian Stover. Chairman Carmichael reminded the audience that the Board would adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.