



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 22, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Pastor Jeffrey Wimbush, Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church

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 February 8, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review:***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding Re: Paulding County Fire/Rescue’s New ALS Trucks aired for the Board and audience.

Fire Chief Joey Pelfrey spoke on the Fire/Rescue's New ALS Trucks. Chief Pelfrey stated in 2019 staff began to see the need for this program due to the amount of cardiac calls received. We saw an 11% increase in calls from 2020 to 2021. Our focus was on respiratory, cardiac and trauma, staff began to train and receive licenses to be able to provide these lifesaving measures to provide better help for our Citizens. This program could not be successful without good people. He further stated these quick response vehicles allow us to get on site faster, elevating the standard of care in Paulding.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Captain Mark Morgan, with the Paulding County Fire Department.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Detective John Wieck with the Criminal Investigations Division of the Sheriff's Office.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

- 2. *Award the SPLOST purchase of (15) 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV to Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$472,906.00:***

Award the SPLOST purchase of (15) 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV to Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$472,906.00. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated these vehicles are replacements that were approved in the FY 2022 budget and that Hardy Family Ford matched the State Contract pricing.

- 3. *Award the SPLOST purchase of (5) 2022 Ford Explorers to Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$153,585.00:***

Award the SPLOST purchase of (5) 2022 Ford Explorers to Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$153,585.00. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated these vehicles are replacement vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office and Hardy Family Ford matched the State Contract pricing.

- 4. *Approve the Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement for purchase of software licenses in the amount of \$891,623 to the lowest responsive bidder, SHI. This bid replaces the bid award from 12/7/2021 because the bidder withdrew the bid:***

Approve the Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement for purchase of software licenses in the amount of \$891,623.00 to the lowest responsive bidder, SHI. This bid replaces the bid award from 12/7/2021 because the bidder withdrew the bid. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this item was approved in December but after an audit of the number of licenses needed the bidder in November could not meet the need, so it went out for bid again. Ms. Pollard further stated that Microsoft now requests every component to have a License so that increases the amount.

5. Award the Turf Mowing Contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Kelly Landscapes Management, in the amount of \$199,422.64:

Award the Turf Mowing Contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Kelly Landscapes Management, in the amount of \$199,422.64. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this was advertised and there were 3 bidders. After review of the bids, the low bidder did not qualify due to an unbalanced bid, the next lowest bidder was recommend. This Contract consists of litter pickup on 64.7 acres on right of way adjacent to various County roads, during the growing months. It also consists of mowing, string trimming, edging, and litter pickup scheduled to be performed every two weeks from late March through October, a total of 17 cycles, along with 3 cycles of fertilization and herbicide treatment.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Sheriff Gary Gulledge gave his annual report to the Commissioners and audience. He thanked the Human Resources Department and the Finance Department for their continued help. He also address the need for the new vehicles listed under the bid awards today. Stating that with the amount of miles these officers put on the vehicles we have to have them replaced regularly for the safety of the officers and Citizens. He explained how important SPLOST is and that the public is told beforehand what the money will be used for. This allows his officers to have the equipment they need to do their jobs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

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

6. Authorize the Chairman to approve the transfer of 2,530.95 sf (0.058 ac) of right of way to GDOT for PI# 621720, for a purchase price of \$1,800.

7. Accept the following streets for perpetual maintenance by the County:

Woodland Crossing (Post 4)

Briar Way

Ridgewood Way

Woodford Place

Woodland Court

8. Declare the following item listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or trade:

Surplus Items			
<u>Department</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Sheriff Dept	Unit S-91 Car	2007 Ford CV	2FAFP71W07X134526
Sheriff Dept	Unit 32 Car	2004 Ford CV	2FAFP71W74X116021
Fire Dept	Unit 499 Truck	1995 Internat	1HTSDADR6SH684829
Fire Dept	Unit 540 Truck	1992 Internat	1HTSDPCR7NH446576

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Approve the May 1, 2022 Employee Benefits Plan renewal as presented:

Discussed action to approve the May 1, 2022 Employee Benefits Plan renewal as presented. Tara Palmer, Human Resources Director stated the County is currently with Anthem and to renew with them there would be an increase of 26.3% about \$4,000,000.00. We went back to them and they lowered the increase to 10%. We then went out for bid and received a bid from Aetna with no increase. She further stated this is the second year in a row that we can say we have had no increase for the Commissioners or the employees. This plan is almost identical to the current plan and has an element of mental health that we are excited about as well as an increase to our wellness fund by \$30,000.00 to use on the wellness programs for our employees. Ms. Palmer thanked NFP who worked really hard to negotiate and get competitive quotes.

10. Approve Resolution 22-07 Extending the Moratorium of Acceptance of Residential Rezoning Requests until March 8, 2022:

Discussed action to approve Resolution 22-07 Extending the Moratorium of Acceptance of Residential Rezoning Requests until March 8, 2022. Ann Lippmann, Community Development director stated in 2021 the Board adopted a Moratorium on acceptance of rezoning requests for residential subdivision while staff was in the process of reviewing the Code of Ordinance, the Development Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing was held at the planning and zoning commissioner meeting on February 22, 2022 on the new Unified Development Ordinance. She further stated that in order to allow for additional public input they are requesting to extend the moratorium until March 8, 2022.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Scarlett Cogland thanked the Commissioners for not moving the Senior Citizens Center.

Ms. Angela O'Connor spoke to the Commissioners regarding the pending new location of the Public Defender's Office. Ms. O'Connor stated that she feels the plans to move her office to another location would provide security risks for her and her staff.

Chairman Carmichael made a motion to allow Ms. O'Connor additional time to speak until she was finished, seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.

Ms. O'Connor continued by stating that she believes there is extra room on the third floor in the Justice Building that can accommodate the ARPA Staff. She further stated that everyone in her office is against and opposed to moving to an unsecured location off campus. She thanked the Commissioner for the extra time.

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

Commissioner Kaecher stated she believes when these buildings were built we did not prepare for future growth and now we are out of room in both buildings.

Commissioner Hart thanked the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department staff for coming out to support the awards.

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

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 III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover.