



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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE:** Jayson Phillips, County Attorney

**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 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Team Paulding: Spring Kicks Off with Events Around the County aired for the Commissioners and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Deputy Vanessa Newsome with the Marshal Bureau.

**INVITED GUESTS:** None

**BID AWARDS:**

2. *Award the SR120 Connector at SR120 Intersection Project to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$399,527.88:*

Discussed action to award the SR120 Connector at SR120 Intersection Project to the low bidder, Bartow Paving Company Inc., in the amount of \$399,527.88. George Jones, Transportation Director stated this will consist of adding a left turn lane on Buchanan Hwy onto Scoggins Road and a Right turn lane turning onto Buchanan Hwy from Scoggins Road. Mr. Jones stated GDOT originally had this project on their quick response program, but after the estimate came back over the \$200,000.00 max they asked the County to design and manage the construction and they would provide \$200,000.00 towards the project. He further stated that the remaining funds will come from SPLOST funds.

3. *Award the Wastewater Master Plan Update Contract for engineering services to Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$589,945.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund:*

Discussed action to award the Wastewater Master Plan Update Contract for engineering services to Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$589,945.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Department stated this update will develop a plan for the sanitary sewer system that is necessary to sustain and support growth. It will make recommendations on improvements for all portions of the sanitary sewer system including the lines, pump stations and the treatment plant. She further stated the last update was in 2006.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:**

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director announced that Paulding County has been promoted from a AA rating to a AA+ rating due to strong budgeting performance and maintenance of improved reserves.

**Chairman Carmichael** recognized and thanked the Finance Department Staff for their hard work in helping the County reach the AA+ Rating. Reaching.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

4. ***Authorization to purchase five (5) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's office in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. SPLOST and JCSA Funding will be used.***
5. ***Adopt Resolution 22-15 authorizing the Designation of Signature Authority for the submission of Local Road Activity forms and supporting documentation reporting changes to the County's road system in compliance with Georgia Department of Transportation reporting requirements in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 32-4-41.***
6. ***Approve the conveyance of underground power easements to Georgia Power Company on County Property along Carter Road and US 278.***
7. ***Authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Georgia Board of Regents to provide support to the Paulding County Extension Office.***
8. ***Approve action to extend the Contract with Paymentus to provide credit card services through June 30, 2026.***
9. ***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	Unit 000 SUV	2003 FORD EXP	1FMZU62K33UC34946
SHERIFF	Unit S-85 CAR	2003 FORD CV	2FAFP71W53X170819
SHERIFF	Unit P-10 CAR	2008 FORD CV	2FAFP71V28X170016
SHERIFF	Unit P-44 CAR	2009 FORD CV	2FAHP71V89X139945
SHERIFF	Unit S-155 CAR	2007 FORD CV	2FAFP71W67X134529

10. ***Acceptance of the attached list of streets for perpetual maintenance: (See Attached List). (See Attachment "A")***

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

11. ***Ordinance 22-06 adopting amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Animal Control:***

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 22-06 adopting amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Animal Control. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated it has been a long time since there has been an overall overhaul on the Animal Control Ordinances. He further stated this will revise definitions and clarify which types of animals Animal Control has jurisdiction over. He further stated this will also update the dangerous/vicious dog Ordinance bringing it into compliance with the State laws.

12. ***Ordinance 22-07 authorizing the Executive Assistant to The Board of Commissioners to accept service of process and authorizing the County Attorney to statutorily waive service of process on behalf of Paulding County:***

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 22-07 authorizing the Executive Assistant to The Board of Commissioners to accept service of process and authorizing the County Attorney to statutorily waive service of process on behalf of Paulding County. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated Governments are sued all the time. When the Board of Commissioners is sued this will allow the County Clerk to accept service on behalf of the County, but not if a County official gets sued individually. He further stated this will allow the County Attorney to waive service to allow 60 days to respond rather than 30 days if the Official or the Clerk accepts service.

13. ***Amendment Number 1 to the Flow Service Provider Contract with ADS Environmental Service Provider Contract in an amount not to exceed \$445,309.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund:***

Discuss action to award Amendment Number 1 to the Flow Service Provider Contract with ADS Environmental Service Provider Contract in an amount not to exceed \$445,309.00 from Renewal and Extension Fund. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director stated this will include 7 (seven) monitors. This will expand the monitoring network into the Pumpkinvine and Sweetwater Basins to provide data. She further stated the data is needed to calibrate a model of the system to develop under the Master Plan.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked if the monitors will be located in the main office or at the basins.

**Ms. Ashmore** stated the monitors would be throughout the collection system.

**CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

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