



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
November 09, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Pastor Johnny McBurrows, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV (via phone); Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

MINUTES:

- 1. The October 26, 2021 Work Session Minutes and the October 26, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Tina Godsey with Superior Court aired for the audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Deputy Bruce Brott with the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office.

Presentation from Paulding County Rides for Wishes to the Make a Wish Foundation.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

- 2. Award the State Courtroom No. 1 Millwork package to the lowest responsive bidder:*
Award the State Courtroom No. 1 Millwork package to the lowest responsive bidder. Frank Baker, County Administrator requested this item be removed from this agenda and be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 14, 2021.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Sheriff Gary Gulledge Re: Sheriff’s Office Update

Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director, Re: Building permits & Building License Update

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

- 3. Action to adopt DOT job classification for Right-of-Way Administrator.*
- 4. Adopt Department of Transportation job classification for Engineering Technician.*
- 5. Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with Spencer Schlampp, for the mitigation of site traffic concerns on Old Dallas Acworth Road and driveway accessibility along Dallas Acworth Highway.*
- 6. Appoint Johnny McBurrows to the Board of Health to serve a six-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2027.*
- 7. Reappoint Peggy Wills to the Board of Elections to serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.*
- 8. Appoint Angela Jones to the Board of Elections to serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.*

9. *Adopt the Paulding County Board of Commissioners proposed Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2022 Calendar Year.*
10. *Adopt the proposed application and public hearing dates for the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Stream Buffer Development Waiver Review Committee and the Development Waiver Review Committee for the 2022 Calendar Year.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

11. *Resolution 21-34 Authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a Grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code:*

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 21-34 Authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a Grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this Grant funds the operation of the transit busses that run out of the Senior Center. The cost of operation is about \$234,000.00. This is a 50/50 grant and we will be applying for half (\$117,000.00) and expect to receive half of that. Federal funds are about 25% of the operation and County funds are about 75% of the total operation. We will be applying for a replacement of 2 vehicles. State requires after a bus reaches 100,000 miles we apply for a replacement bus at a cost of \$14,463.00. Ms. Pollard stated that the total we will be applying for will be \$378,635.96 of that, our Federal request is \$23,278.76 and expect to receive about \$174,000.00.

Chairman Carmichael asked where these numbers were derived from.

Ms. Pollard stated that several years ago with the 2010 CENSUS we were switched from a rural County to an urban County which reduced our funding.

12. *Change Order No. 1 for Steele and Associates in the amount of \$35,750.00 to address additional culvert placement and bridge span increases across existing creeks, for the Burnt Hickory Park Improvements Project (funded through SPLOST):*

Discussed action to approve Change Order No. 1 for Steele and Associates in the amount of \$35,750.00 to address additional culvert placement and bridge span increases across existing creeks, for the Burnt Hickory Park Improvements Project (funded through SPLOST). Post 4: Alex Wilson, Recreation Deputy Director stated this is the current trail project at Burnt Hickory Park adjusting the placement and extending the 4 bridges along the creek. Mr. Wilson stated that there has been 3 culverts in wash areas that could potentially cause maintenance issues down the road.

Chairman Carmichael asked if there is an estimated date of completion.

Mr. Wilson stated the completion date should be 60-90 days from the start of working on the bridges. Right now the Contractors are waiting on the completion of the first bridge before they are able to cross the creek to begin their work.

Chairman Carmichael asked if you will be able to ride bikes across the bridge.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that you will be able to ride bikes over the bridge.

13. *Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to secure funding for the Atlanta Regional commission (ARC) Regional Connected Vehicle Deployment Program, in the amount of \$54,297.15 with the County providing \$10,859.43 in match funds:*

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into an Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to secure funding for the Atlanta Regional commission (ARC) Regional Connected Vehicle Deployment Program, in the amount of \$54,297.15 with the County providing \$10,859.43 in match funds. George Jones, Transportation Director stated Connected Vehicles (C.V.) technology will be at seven (7) County maintained intersections along Bill Carruth Parkway. Mr. Jones stated that 80% will be funded through GDOT with 20% matched funds from the County out of general funds. This Agreement will improve the efficiency and safety along the Parkway.

Commissioner Dunn asked if this would be the first C.V. Deployment in the County.

Mr. Jones confirmed that this was going to be the first.

Chairman Carmichael asked Mr. Jones if this program will be the precursor for driverless cars.

Mr. Jones stated that this technology will improve the safety and efficiency at these intersections.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Hart reminded everyone to not forget the Veterans on Thursday.

Chairman Carmichael stated that there will be a lighting of the Veterans tree on November 10th.

Frank Baker stated the lighting of the Veterans tree will be at 6:15pm as well as a few speakers.

A video tribute honoring Paulding County Employee Veterans aired for the Commissioners and audience.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Chairman Carmichael re-opened Regular Session.

Keith Dunn made a motion to add New Business item authorizing the Chairman to enter into a Contract on behalf of the County for the acquisition of the Monk properties on Cochran Road at the agreed price of \$18,000.00 per acre. Property consisting of approximately 75 acres to be used for the Richland Creek Reservoir watershed protection and greenspace for outdoor activities. Parcel ID 016.3.2.001.000 & 015.4.1.002.0000. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover (via phone).

ADJOURNMENT: Chuck Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Carmichael. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Chuck Hart, Post IV Brian Stover (via phone).