



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 08, 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:

- The July 25, 2023 Work Session Minutes, July 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, and the July 25, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes for 9:00 am and 6:30 pm were available for review.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Team Paulding: Employee of the Month Christina Kelly with Paulding E-911 aired for the Board and audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Paulding 811 Day Proclamation to Joe Ordway of AT&T, Paulding UCC Chairman and Aundrea Biles of Paulding County DOT Utilities Coordinator and Paulding UCC Secretary.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: The Chairman read the following consent agenda item:

- Approval of the dedication of 13,671 sf (0.314ac) of new sanitary sewer easement area to Paulding County to maintain the sanitary sewer and transfer of 11,230 sf (0.258 ac) of abandoned sanitary sewer easement to ADC Hiram, LLC.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approval of a Development Agreement name change for Bickers Construction, Inc. to Bremen Ventures, LLC and Paulding County for a developer funded \$956,000 capital contribution for the Hwy 120 Booster Station Upgrade:*

Discussed action to approval of a Development Agreement name change for Bickers Construction, Inc. to Bremen Ventures, LLC and Paulding County for a developer funded \$956,000 capital contribution for the Hwy 120 Booster Station Upgrade. Located in Post 1. Ray Wooten, Water and Sewer Director stated Bickers Construction, Inc. signs for more than one company and requested the Development Agreement be assigned to Bremen Ventures, LLC. He further stated the Contract will remain the same, except for the name.

- Action to reclassify the listed surplus items for disposal through donation to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center:*

Surplus Items			
Department	Item Name	Make/Model	Serial Number
Sheriff	Unit 2	2005 Ford CV	2FAFP71W25X146576
Sheriff	Unit P-1	2011 Ford CV	2FABP7BV5BX155773
Sheriff	Unity P-33	2008 Ford CV	2FAFP71V28X172090
Sheriff	Unit P-48	2008 Ford CV	2FAFP71VX8X170006

Sheriff	Unit P-64	2010 Ford CV	2FABP7BV4AX129020
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Discussed action to reclassify the listed surplus items for disposal through donation to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Frank Baker, County Manager stated this item was approved for auction or trade at the July 25, 2023 Board Meeting. He further stated after speaking with Sheriff Gullledge, the Sheriff's Office wanted to surplus those items to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Ga. to be used in EVOC training.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the vehicles were going to the Training Center or to Forsyth County.

Mr. Baker stated they will go to the State Training Facility located in Forsyth, Ga.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Resolution 23-16 adopting the County M & O Millage Rate at 4.22 mills:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-16 adopting the County M & O Millage Rate at 4.22 mills. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is an annual process. She further stated we have completed three (3) public hearings regarding the millage rate. We are not proposing an increase.

6. Resolution 23-17 adopting the Debt Services Millage Rate at 1.20 mills:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-17 adopting the Debt Services Millage Rate at 1.20 mills. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the County has an amount of debt, and is required to pass a rate that will pay the principle interest on that debt. The debt is approximately \$11,000,000.00 and 1.20 mills will allow for payments.

7. Resolution 23-18 adopting the Fire Tax Millage Rate at 2.3 mills:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-18 adopting the Fire Tax Millage Rate at 2.3 mills. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated in the year 2006, voters approved a Special District for Fire Service. The previous year's rate was 2.5 mills. We recommend 2.3 mills to fund operations of the Fire Department.

8. Resolution 23-19 adopting the County School Tax Millage Rate at 17.675:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-19 adopting the County School Tax Millage Rate at 17.675 mills. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a slight reduction from last year's amount of 16.75 mills. To get a lower rate this year from the School Board, we offered a lower rate in tax collection. She further stated the School Board sends a letter stating the rate amount to collect. The County has to recommend that amount.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated based on Case Law the County has no discretion other than to adopt the rate from the School Board.

9. Resolution 23-20 authorizing the Tax Commissioner to retain a 2.09% fee for the collection of School Tax:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 23-20 authorizing the Tax Commissioner to retain a 2.09% fee for the collection of School Tax. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is a slight reduction from last year's rate of 2.5%. She further stated this fee offsets the cost associated with the collection of the School Tax.

Commissioner Galloway stated there might be some confusion with the public believing this amount would be in addition to their tax bill. She further stated that is not true. It is an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County Government and the School Board.

Ms. Pollard agreed and stated when the public pays the School Tax to the Tax Commissioner, a portion is withheld (2.09% for this year), and the balance forwarded to the School System.

10. Award to Kendall supply, Inc. a Contract for construction services to install a Sensus Base Station in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund:

Discussed action to approve an award to Kendall Supply, Inc. a Contract for construction services to install a Sensus Base Station in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund. This project is located in Post 2. Ray Wooten, Water and Sewer Director stated the County currently has 56,120 customers on a meter. This project will increase

the current level of meters per Base Station from 14,000 meters to 19,000 meters. He further stated this project will help track leaks and control water loss.

Commissioner Galloway asked how much money is saved in time and salaries with this project.

Mr. Wooten stated he does not have a number calculated. He further stated he could provide that information to her.

11. *Development Agreement between AMH Development Georgia GC TRS, LLC and Paulding County for a developer funded force main design and installation from the Cadillac Lift Station to the Coppermine WRF:*

Discussed action to approve a Development Agreement between AMH Development Georgia GC TRS, LLC and Paulding County for a developer funded force main design and installation from the Cadillac Lift Station to the Coppermine WRF. Located in Post 1. Ray Wooten, Water and Sewer Director stated the majority of flow going into Coppermine WRF goes through the Rakestraw Pump Station. The Water Department is in the process of splitting the flow by taking a portion down to the Cadillac Pump Station. A new line will be built from Mt. Tabor Church Road and Bobo Road parallel to the existing main with 20-inch pipe to reduce the rate of flow by 40%. This Agreement is for the Developer to design and build a new force main from the existing Cadillac Pump Station to the Headworks at Coppermine WRF.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the project is Developer Funded.

Mr. Wooten stated that is correct. They will design and build the project.

12. *Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:*

Discussed action to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the process started in February or March. The Budget was published on June 1st for public review. She further stated Public Hearings were held at the last meetings as required by law. Between June 1st and August 1st, a few minor changes were made to the Budget.

Chairman Carmichael asked if Ms. Pollard could give an example of a duplicated service where a Grant was not given.

Ms. Pollard stated the best example would be on a Public Safety Grant for hiring officers. The County can only hire officers with Grant money for a service not currently provided. It has to be in addition to current services.

Ms. Pollard thanked and gave appreciation to the Department Heads for their hard work on the Budget. She also thanked the Board of Commissioners for their time and effort in preparing the budget.

Commissioner Galloway thanked Ms. Pollard for her hard work and her accessibility to the Board and public.

13. *Ordinance 23-08 adopting Amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Tethering of Animals and Spay/Neuter Requirements for Classified Dogs:*

Discussed action to adopt Amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Tethering of Animals and Spay/Neuter Requirements for Classified Dogs. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated this is two (2) Amendments to the Code of Ordinances. The first Amendment is to prohibit tethering of a pet where you are not in attendance. The second Amendment is to require an animal to be spayed or neutered, if it is classified as dangerous or vicious, in order to keep and maintain the animal.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Commissioner Kaecher wished her husband a Happy Birthday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Virginia Galloway 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 Virginia Galloway, Post IV Brian Stover.

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