

**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 27, 2019
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Joey Meeks, Senior Chaplain, Paulding County Sheriff's Office

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Ron Davis, 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: The August 13, 2019, Work Session Minutes, and the August 13, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board of Commissioners recognized Linda Taylor on her retirement with 40 years of service to Paulding County.

The Board of Commissioners recognized Christine Stinchcomb for her outstanding accomplishment of being awarded Member of the Year on a State Level with the Paulding County Tax Appraisers Office.

INVITED GUESTS:

Mr. Mark Townsell, Partnership Specialist Atlanta Regional Census Center, gave some important information to the Board and citizens regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. Mr. Townsell spoke on how easy it will be to participate and how secure the information is. He also explained the importance of having everyone counted and how the count effects our community.

BID AWARDS:

Award the construction contract for the Ridge Road, Cohran Store Road and Bob Hunton Road Roundabout Project to the lowest, responsive bidder, Bartow Paving, in the amount of \$1,894,934.11. (Post 2 & 3):

Discussed action to award the construction contract for the Ridge Road, Cohran Store Road and Bob Hunton Road Roundabout Project to the lowest, responsive bidder, Bartow Paving, in the amount of \$1,894,934.11. (Post 2 & 3) Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated there were four bids received. George Jones, Transportation Director, stated that currently this operates as a multi stop; a roundabout would be the best solution for this area. This company has experience in this type of work and the County has worked with this company before. He further stated that the bid was 12% lower than the engineer's estimate.

Award the purchase of stream mitigation credits required for the Richland Creek Reservoir Project up to 30,597.4 stream credits. (Post 4):

Discussed action to award the purchase of stream mitigation credits required for the Richland Creek Reservoir Project up to 30,597.4 stream credits. (Post 4) Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated that the County would need to use both of these companies to purchase credits; this will allow the County to purchase right at 20 credits. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director stated there is a demand for credits at this time. She further stated this is the first step in filling the remaining 30,000 needed.

Award the contract for timber harvesting associated with the Richland Creek Reservoir Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Triple J Logging, in the amount of \$1,202,884. (Post 4):

Discussed action to award the contract for timber harvesting associated with the Richland Creek Reservoir Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Triple J Logging, in the amount of \$1,202,884. (Post 4) Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated there were two bids received for this project. Kelly Comstock with Brown and Coldwell stated this is one of the last things we have to do for this project. This calls for a harvester to take out all the trees and under growth down to 6 inches. Mr. Comstock explained the need for this project to be finished by December 1, 2019 so we can start filling on December 15, 2019. There is a large difference between vendors, due to limited availability of vendors able to start and finish in the period needed.

Award the construction contract for the Hangar 1 Renovation at the Paulding Airport to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Striker Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$329,329.00. (Post 2):

Discussed action to award the construction contract for the Hangar 1 Renovation at the Paulding Airport to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Striker Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$329,329.00. (Post 2) Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated there were five bids received and she feels confident this is a good bid. She further stated the funds would come from the General Fund. Scott Greene, Director of Operations, stated this airport project has been a long time coming. By going with Striker Contracting, there is significant savings and they have a good rating and experience. Commissioner Davis asked if the work would be done while the planes were in the hangar. Mr. Greene stated the plane would need to be moved out of the hangar for the work to start. The time is 100 days after the notice to proceed has been issued. Chairman Carmichael asked if the Fire Department would be inspecting the hangar. Mr. Greene stated the staff as well as the Fire Department would inspect this project as they do all projects and Chief Pelfrey will work with staff to ensure that all the requirements are met. Commissioner Davis thanked Commissioner Kaecher for her decision to table this item; in the end, this saved taxpayers money on the project. Commissioner Kaecher thanked Terry Tibbitts for his patience on the project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Cathy Helms spoke in opposition of Rezoning Case 2007-04-Z.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairman Carmichael read the two (2) consent agenda items:

1. Adopt Ordinance 19-04 amending Ordinance 70-53, approving speed limits, and approving the use of speed detection devices on certain county roads.
2. Adopt Resolution 19-25 a Resolution of Paulding County, Georgia supporting the 2020 Census.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 19-24 confirming Executive Session at the August 13, 2019 2:00 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting for the purpose of Pending and Potential Litigation:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 19-24 confirming Executive Session at the August 13, 2019 2:00 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting for the purpose of Pending and Potential Litigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application:

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Chairman Carmichael opened the public hearing and asked Col. Chad Hutton to speak. Col. Hutton explained the process to receive the grant and how these funds help supplement the equipment budget. He further explained the funds for this grant would replace tactical vests for the officers, and replace some out dated night vision equipment.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Carmichael closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing on Rezoning Case 2007-04-Z. (Post 3):

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Chairman Carmichael opened the public hearing and asked Chris Robinson to speak. Chris Robinson provided some background information on this item to the Board.

Mr. Bruce Kitchens asked what the law was for bringing something back before the Board after it has been sitting for so many years; he believes it needs to be sent back before the Planning and Zoning Board.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated this application went before the Planning and Zoning Board in 2006 and 2007, that board made a recommendation of approval and forwarded it to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. The Board of Commissioners tabled the application. Mr. Charles Brock asked for this application be considered again because he was never given an answer. As County Attorney, the recommendation was the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing on applications when there is more than a three-month delay.

There were questions regarding LLC's and the law around them being dissolved. Mr. Phillips stated Georgia Law Code 14 allows interested parties to clear up any issues hanging out there and handle the affairs.

Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated this development would not go to the Ridge Road sewer it would go to the Ingles lift station that pumps to the Coppermine station.

Commissioner Davis stated the Board has worked hard to get sewer in the area, it was not popular but something that had to be done.

Commissioner Hart stated this is a situation, in which, developers have put in sewer over the years.

Ms. Cathy Helms stated this needs to go back before the Planning and Zoning Commission, there is a reason we do not accepting PRD's anymore.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Carmichael closed the public hearing.

Resolution 19-26 approving deannexation of tax parcel 140.3.2.002.0000. (Post 1):

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 19-26 approving deannexation of tax parcel 140.3.2.002.0000. (Post 1) Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director stated this is a request to deannex a parcel. In order to do this the first step is for the County Board of Commissioners to accept taking the parcel back. The reason for this request, the City of Hiram does not have a R55 Zoning Category.

Adopt revision to Civil Service Rules, Chapter IV, Recruitment and Selection, Section 7, "Employment of Relatives":

Discussed action to adopt revision to Civil Service Rules, Chapter IV, Recruitment and Selection, Section 7, "Employment of Relatives". Brian Acker, Human Resources Director, stated there have been recent discussions of broader consideration of relatives and employment. This would help the departments like Fire and Sheriff where there are different locations but multiple family members with the same career choices. This change does have some restrictions; good hiring practices would need to be followed over all. Chairman Carmichael asked if this would be inappropriate and the Department Heads would have to take that in to consideration to avoid conflict of interest when evident. Commissioner Davis stated if this was to be done then this is the manner in which to do it, but feels the policy in place now is the better one. Commissioner Kaecher stated her father and brother are both police officers and that is the reason she is supporting the policy change. She further stated we do not want to miss potential good employees. Commissioner Hart stated he had concerns but reach out to citizens and feels we would be missing out on people that live in Paulding and want to work in Paulding. Commissioner Stover stated it is harder and harder to find employees to work for you this is just another avenue to employ good people.

Approve issuing a notice to proceed with the East Hiram Sewer Improvement Project to John D. Stephens and approve the 30% Guaranteed Maximum Price not to exceed \$9,181,364.50. (Post 3):

Discussed action to approve issuing a notice to proceed with the East Hiram Sewer Improvement Project to John D. Stephens and approve the 30% Guaranteed Maximum Price not to exceed \$9,181,364.50. (Post 3) Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated with the changes in this area and new developments, the project provides provisions for future flow from the existing Nebo/Ingles lift station and redirect flow into the Nebo lift station then into Cobb County via the new East Hiram Project. Commissioner Davis asked if this went before the Water and Sewer Advisory Board. Ms. Ashmore stated that it did and was approved by that Board. This project will be funded through General Funds and Water System Funds.

Approve the amendment to the scope of services with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Coppermine WRF Treatment Capacity Expansion Project to include Reuse Pump Station Upgrades and Equipment Tax Incentives Assistance at a total cost of \$35,800. (Post 3):

Discussed action to approve the amendment to the scope of services with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Coppermine WRF Treatment Capacity Expansion Project to include Reuse Pump Station Upgrades and Equipment Tax Incentives Assistance at a total cost of \$35,800. (Post 3) Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated recent upgrades to the Coppermine Water Reuse Facility Headworks and planned expansion in the current design project has lead operations staff to recognize the need to improve the operation and capacity of the Plant Reuse Pump

Station. Ms. Ashmore further stated we want to take advantage of the tax savings we are eligible for and tax rebates. This project will be funded through the Water System funds.

Purchase Kubota Membranes on Quotation Number 081419-1-BEC-RO (Attached) in the amount of \$546,980.00, for the replacement of existing membranes at the County's Wastewater Treatment Plants:

Discussed action to purchase Kubota Membranes on Quotation Number 081419-1-BEC-RO (Attached) in the amount of \$546,980.00, for the replacement of existing membranes at the County's Wastewater Treatment Plants. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated we are coming to you early in the fiscal year for this purchase. This is to replace damaged membranes at the County's Wastewater Treatment Plants. There is a three-month lead-time for the replacement, which will be done by staff.

Resolution 19-27 requesting that the Federal Aviation Administration release approximately 2.964 acres from Federal Obligations for the purpose of constructing the New Aviation Academy:

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 19-27 requesting that the Federal Aviation Administration release approximately 2.964 acres from Federal Obligations for the purpose of constructing the New Aviation Academy. Terry Tibbitts, Airport Director stated this is necessary to build the Aviation Academy. By state law they have to own the property, they are going to build on. This is the second property looked at. The first property chosen, the FAA did not want to release and asked to look for an alternative property. That is the property listed in this Resolution for your approval today. Once the Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution then it will go before the Airport Authority at a special called meeting for adoption. The FAA requires both co-sponsor support in order to make an official request. Commissioner Davis asked if this site location meets all the requirements of the School System. Mr. Tibbitts confirmed the site did meet the requirements. Chairman Carmichael stated that all of the Delegation was in support.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ron Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Pending and Potential Litigation, seconded by Sandy Kaecher; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Carmichael stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Ron Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Kaecher; motion carried unanimously.