



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION &
PLEDGE:** Pastor Gene Morehouse, Westside Christian Church

MINUTES: The January 28, 2020, Work Session Minutes, and the January 28, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes, were available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Positively Paulding video of David Davis, Employee of the Month for February, aired for the public.

INVITED GUESTS:
Mr. David Haynes with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Long Range Transportation Plan Manager presented the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Process. Mr. Haynes gave some history and context about the ARC Program.

Chairman Carmichael recognized Michael Hughes for being the newly selected EDO CEO.

Michael Hughes stated he is excited to serve Paulding County and to be a part of our team.

Chairman Carmichael stated he is excited to have all of the CEO's unified.

BID AWARDS:

- 1. Award the purchase of a Utility Tractor to the lowest bidder, Cobb County Tractor, in the amount of \$59,917.00. This item will be for the Department of Transportation and will be funded through general funds:**
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this item replaces a tractor that was stolen last year. Ms. Pollard also stated there will be some insurance proceeds going towards this item as well.
- 2. Award the purchase of two Cargo Vans to the lowest bidder, Hardy Family Ford, in the amount of \$50,429.00 each. These vans are for the Animal Control Department and will be funded through SPLOST:**
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this was included in the budget state contract pricing of \$50,432. Hardy Family Ford agreed to sell the two vans for \$50,429 each.

Chairman Carmichael asked if they need to be modified for Animal Control's use.

Ms. Pollard stated they will have modifications for cargo space in the back.

Chairman Carmichael asked if the modifications will have to be contracted out.

Ms. Pollard stated they will need to be contracted.

- 3. Award purchase of shelving for the Detention Center to the lowest bidder, American Specialties in the amount of \$65,222.85. The shelving will be funded through jail proceeds. Post II**
Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is one of the final FFE items for the jail and to reduce the costs, I believe they will install this themselves.

Chairman Carmichael applauded the Sheriff's Office for using inmate labor to save money.

4. Award purchase of AV Equipment for the Courthouse to WHPLATTS Company in the amount of \$400,000.00. This equipment will be funded through general funds. Post II

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this project was discussed during the budget but didn't have an amount during that time. We are using a co-op program called US Educational Technology Purchasing Alliance that has been bid out. We have letters from the judges requesting this item. Frank Baker, County Administrator stated the system has been failing for some time. He thanked Will Lyons, IT Director for the years of service. Mr. Baker stated when the public comes in to present their cases, the audio and visual system is a big part of that.

Chairman Carmichael also thanked Daniel Rodriguez for his work in IT.

5. Award the Construction Contract for Fire Station #12 to the lowest, responsible bidder, Bayne Development Group in the amount of \$1,539,707.00. The Fire Station will be funded through SPLOST. Post IV

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this received seven bids ranging from \$1,539,707-\$1,808,000. Fire Chief Joey Pelfrey stated we have gotten over 16,000 calls in the past year, most of the calls coming from Fire Station #1 in the City of Dallas. Chief Pelfrey stated having this new station will take some of the burden off of Station #1 and the Yorkville Fire Station. This station will be located near Poole Elementary School and not far from the Airport. Chief Pelfrey also stated GIS mapped out the territory, and it shows there are about 1,230 homes in the area. Some may get a reduction on their insurance rates because of this.

Commissioner Stover thanked past Commissioners, along with David Carmichael, Ron Davis and Scott Greene for moving this project along.

Fire Chief Joey Pelfrey also stated this Fire Station will help reduce response times.

Chairman Carmichael asked if he had a prognosis of any additional fire stations.

Chief Pelfrey stated they are looking into the Cartersville area.

Commissioner Davis thanked Chief Pelfrey for his efforts.

Chief Pelfrey recognized Bruce Coyle on his hard work during this process.

6. Award the horizontal directional drilling of an 8-inch HDPE water main for culvert replacements along Swan Drive to Alpha Boring with a cost not to exceed \$54,032.00. Post III

Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director stated this is two 300 ft. sections of pipe that need to be replaced around two different culverts. Most companies only do the drilling or the connections, but not both. Our most cost effective pricing is with two local contractors. Alpha Boring would do the horizontal directional drilling and pulling of the HDPE, and Ballew Contracting Company would be making the connections on either ends of the pipes. Ms. Ashmore thanked Darrell Vaughan for moving this project forward.

Chairman Carmichael asked what will happen if they hit rock.

Laurie Ashmore stated she doesn't have an answer at this time.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, gave the Board of Commissioners a Mid-year update. Ms. Pollard stated we are 58% into the year. She provided handouts, which she stated, would be available for the public online. She went over the revenues and expenses.

Amy Tisenchek with CPS gave a Jail Update. Ms. Tisenchek showed progress photos, went over the budget and the timeline of the projected finishing dates. Ms. Tisenchek stated the staff and inmates should be moving in mid-late April of 2020.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Ronald McClung spoke to the Board of Commissioners regarding Resolution 20-06 and thanked them along with County administrator Frank Baker for all of their efforts in getting this area recognized. Mr. McClung expressed his excitement of the signage installation.

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

- 7. Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to approve the amendment to the Development Agreement between Paulding County and COSTCO Wholesale. Post I
- 8. Approve request for Assistant Director-Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs position and adopt corresponding job classification.
- 9. Declare items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or trade:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Environmental	Unit 354	2001 Ford Ranger	1FTYR10D31TA72098

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10. ***Discussed action to adopt Resolution 20-05 a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Georgia recognizing 911 Telecommunications Officers as First Responders in Paulding County, Georgia, and for other purposes:***
David Mumford, E-911 Communications Director stated this Resolution is not saying that E-911 communicators do the same job as the first responders that arrive on the scene, but we do an equally critical job as them. Mr. Mumford also stated Paulding County will be the first County in Georgia to make this recognition, and hopes this will set an example for other counties.

- 11. ***Discussed action to adopt Resolution 20-06 to recognize the Sudie Community and to authorize signage being placed on Villa Rica Highway, Hiram-Sudie Road and Scoggins Road at a radius of approximately 3,500 feet from the center of the intersection of these roadways. Implementation shall be subject to final GDOT approval, since all roadways are under their jurisdiction:***
Frank Baker, County Administrator stated there used to be a U.S. Post Office, a cotton gin and a general store at the intersection, this was the center of this community. There will be signage at each of the highways that read, "Entering the Sudie Community".

Chairman Carmichael stated this is a great County with great history.

Commissioner Hart stated he recalled a time where he would meet people like Mr. McClung and stated he is thankful for things like this because we need to remember where we came from.

- 12. ***Discussed action to approve the request for a Law Clerk position for Juvenile Court:***
Frank Baker, County Administrator stated one of the most important tools for a judge is a Law Clerk. They are so invaluable and will be able to assist the judge with a number of things. Carolyn Altman, Juvenile Court Judge stated this would promote efficiency of the Court. There are a number of complicated and overlying issues that go on in a case, so maintaining clarity for proceedings will be of high value for us.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

George Jones, Director of Transportation stated there was a flood this past Thursday that washed away Gore Lake Road. We planned to close down that road starting next week to put in headwalls. This added about 5 more days of work. If the rain stops, the road will close again for approximately 20 or more days.

Chairman Carmichael announced the release of a new movie called "Last Full Measure" part of the movie was filmed at the Paulding County Airport.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Davis; motion carried three (3) for and two (2) absent. Upon Adjournment, Commissioner Hart and Commissioner Stover were not present for this vote.