



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Chaplin Tommy Leonard, Paulding County Public Safety

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 February 11, 2020, Work Session Minutes, and the February 11, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes, were available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Positively Paulding: The Paulding County Sheriff’s Office is hiring, today we debuted their new recruitment video.

The Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Sgt. Fred Berke with the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office.

INVITED GUESTS:

Stacy Hamby, with the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce went over the statistics from 2019, highlighted some moments of 2019 with past events and encouraged others to participate in being a member with the Chamber of Commerce.

BID AWARDS:

1. ***Award the FY 2020 Roadway Side Cutting / Trimming Maintenance Project to the lowest, responsive bidder, Lovin Contracting, in the amount of \$49,959.70, Post IV.***

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated there were four participants that responded to this bid. She also stated we have used Lovin’ Contracting in the past and have been recommended by DOT. George Jones, Director of Transportation stated that we decided to write a separate contract with specifications including cleaning after themselves and having the contract in mileage instead of hours. The number we got for this bid is 15% higher than what we got in 2013 but that is due to inflation.

Brian Stover asked when they will start.

George Jones stated they will start as soon as we have an NTP, and meet with them preconstruction.

2. ***Award the Costco Signal Project Bid Number: 20022-1508, to the lowest responsive bidder, Reedwick LLC, in the amount of \$119,360.00, Post I:***

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated the Board had approved a Costco Intersection Improvement project, which included a signal that will be a part of this award. George Jones, Director of Transportation, stated \$175,000 was allocated towards this project. There were six bidders with Reedwick, LLC being the lowest at \$119,360. The County is providing the traffic signal poles for this installation, so that is an additional cost of \$14,600. At this time, we are about \$133,960 in for this project so we are under our \$175,000 estimate.

Commissioner Davis asked what the time frame is on the light installation and how the installation will affect traffic on Hwy. 120?

George Jones stated the installation, is scheduled for completion by February 1, 2021. Work zones will be set up on Hwy. 120, to allow traffic flow in a reasonable manner and to make sure it is safe for workers. We plan to avoid lane closures during peak hours.

3. ***Award the purchase of wireless access points for the Adult Detention and Law Enforcement Center to the lowest responsive bidder, PCS in the amount of \$89,060.40, Post II:***
 Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this provides a wireless access point. They had originally not included enough access points so this is a little more than they initially intended. She also stated a portion of this will be funded through FFE and the overage amount will come from the General Fund balance.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:

Sheriff Gary Gullledge gave updates and statistics from the Sheriff’s Office for 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Wayne McCollie, spoke regarding his support for Resolution 20-09 and asked the Board to approve the item.

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

4. The Paulding County Sheriff’s Office request to retire Service Pistol Glock 21 TYN930 to Corporal John Ritch upon his resignation with the Sheriff’s Office. Corporal Ritch meets the requirement of a minimum of 15 aggregate years of service with the Sheriff’s Office.
5. Accept the donation of an exclusive sanitary sewer easement from Greystone Power for the East Hiram Sanitary Sewer Project. Post III
6. Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with North Georgia Amateur Association to provide officials for competitive recreation sports.
7. Re-appoint Don Benson to the Region One DBHDD Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Advisory Council with at term ending December 31, 2022.
8. Approve the renaming of a portion of Chester Harris Drive to Chestnut Drive. Post IV
9. Declare the following eleven items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction or trade:

| <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Item #</u> | <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>Serial #</u> |
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| Community Development | Truck Unit 412 | 2004-F-150 | 2FTRF18284CA38995 |
| DOT | Truck Unit 87 | 2002 Ford F-250 | 1FTNF21L32EB36668 |
| DOT | Truck Unit 96 | 2003 Ford F-150 | 2FTRF1823CA46757 |
| Fire Dept. | Truck Unit 542 | 1993 Ford F-450 | 2FDLF47M8PCB03029 |
| Recreation | Truck Unit 427 | 2000 Ford F-150 | 3FTZF1724YMA79622 |
| Recreation | Truck Unit 448 | 1997 Ford Ranger | 1FTCR10A6VUB16658 |
| Recreation | Car Unit 637 | 1998 Ford Escort | 3FAFP15PXWR192561 |
| Recreation | Mover Unit 648 | 2006 Exmark 72” | 635531 |
| Sheriff | Scooter Unit S-142 | 2006 TGB Sunset | RFCKU11177Y103355 |
| Water & Sewer | Unit 235 Light Tower | 1999 Amida AL 4060 | 9906-57280 |
| Water & Sewer | Unit 730 Light Tower | 2007 Allmand | 236PRO07 |

10. Declare the following item as surplus, and approve donation to the Airport Authority:

| <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Item #</u> | <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>Serial #</u> |
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| DOT | Truck Unit 98 | 2003 Ford F-150 | 2FTRF18233CA46758 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

11. ***Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to sign the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Regions Bank for a five-year period beginning on January 15, 2021:***
 Scott Greene, Director of Operations stated Regions Bank leases the County owned building in Dallas. This is one of many renewals with Regions Bank, they have been tenants in this building for 20 years. Mr. Greene states Regions asked to do the renewal early to have certainty with

future planning. Regions accepted the lease renewal with an increase \$213.20 a square foot, that is increasing from \$65,000 a year to \$78,000 for year one of the agreement. In this agreement, we will have an escalation of 3% per year for the five-year term so we will top out at about \$88,000. It is a significant increase reflecting the market.

12. Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lease Agreement with American Tower Co. to extend the cell tower lease for 150 County Services Lane until January 19, 2060:

Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated currently the tower is on County owned property, at our Landfill. The County has had a lease for several years but currently the County is not receiving rent on the tower; this agreement will change that. She continued stating the reason for long-term leases with cell towers is due to tenant investments.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated the County used a consultant from ACCG to help negotiate this lease agreement.

Commissioner Davis asked if this was exempt from the requirement of one-year leases for Governments.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated yes this would be exempt from that requirement.

13. Discuss action to adopt Resolution 20-08 amending the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan for Paulding County Employees establishing eligibility criteria and an enhanced early retirement plan design for certain public safety employees:

Brian Acker, Director of Human Resources stated there will be a 4% mandatory contribution from the first responders to help pay for the plan. We are looking at an effective date of April 1, 2020. The nature of the formula for this is "Rule of 80" where the earliest retirement age in this without any reduction in benefit would be 59. Age plus years of service gets you to 80, and would allow for an early retirement. There are still options for early retirement for those that do not meet this formula but depending on age and years of service, may be reduced.

14. Discuss action to adopt Resolution 20-09 a Resolution recognizing Paulding County, Georgia as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County":

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney read the Second Amendment and spoke about how this Resolution will protect the right against unlawful interference against the Second Amendment and the Georgia Constitution.

15. Discuss action to approve the Ordinance 20-02 amending the Paulding County Code of Ordinances Chapter 66 "Sewers", Section 66-127 "Sewer Connection Required":

Laurie Ashmore, Water System Director stated section 66 addressed the mandatory connection in the Sweetwater or Pumpkinvine basin. In order to change this there is a need to go before the Development Weaver Review Board, to avoid and expedite this process section 66-127 of this Ordinance merely deletes wording to allow the opening up of all County Sewer Basins.

16. Discuss action to approve Contract for Employee Benefit Plan Consulting Services:

Frank Baker, County Administrator stated this is simply an action item to approve a broker that will assist us in moving forward for the healthcare for our employees this year. He also stated the Brokerage Firm would be NFP.

17. Discuss action to adopt Resolution 20-10 requesting state legislation authorizing the creation of a State Court in Paulding County:

Frank Baker, County Administrator stated having a State Court would be beneficial because of the amount of cases that go through the system. The State Court would take on most of the misdemeanor cases, which would help the Probate Court and Superior Court run more efficiently. Mr. Baker clarified this is not to build a State Court building, but to create a new court in our existing building. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney went into detail about what type of cases the State Court would handle and how it would help the other courts. Mr. Phillips stated this will be funded by County dollars but states it is beneficial based on our County's population. Mr. Baker added that this puts cases where they need to be especially based on the size of our County.

Commissioner Davis thanked the General Assembly for kick starting the conversation about a State Court in our County.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: