

**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 23, 2019
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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 July 9, 2019, Work Session Minutes, and the July 9, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes, were available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Positively Paulding video of the Greystone Groundbreaking Ceremony aired for the audience.

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners presented the Public Safety Appreciation Award to Taylor Cantrell Lead Communications Officer with the Paulding County Emergency 911 Department.

The Board of Commissioners presented Certificates of Recognition to Mr. Frank Phillips, Pastor with Hope Church and Mr. Raymond Phillips in honor of their efforts.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

Award the purchase of in-car camera system to Watch Guard in the amount of \$493,865:

Award the purchase of in-car camera system to Watch Guard in the amount of \$493,865. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated currently the Sheriff’s Office is working with two vendors and wants to consolidate to one. This bid allows for 95 cameras to be installed in the police vehicles. Col. Chad Hutton stated the Sheriff’s office found that this company had better customer services and better quality videos from the car cameras. He further stated, with the current system some of the cameras are out dated and there is no longer software to support the; the outdated cameras were pulled from patrol cars. Installation of camera’s and software is a long process, he stated with the vendor only able to complete 12 installations a month so the Sheriff’s Office wants to start early with the installation to try to have them up and running to meet the opening of the new Jail and Sheriff’s Offices.

Award the contract to construct a deceleration lane on Macland Road to the lowest bidder, Kennedy & Tillman LLC in the amount of \$137,256.50:

Award the contract to construct a deceleration lane on Macland Road to the lowest bidder, Kennedy & Tillman LLC in the amount of \$137,256.50. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, stated they received six bids for this contract. Laurie Ashmore, Water Systems Director, stated this is for the Macland Road entrance and the deceleration lane would help with public safety.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

Ron Davis made a motion to move the Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items to this section of the agenda, seconded by Chuck Hart; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Williams spoke to the Board regarding the rezoning application 2019-11-Z by Alpha Omega Stor-All Management, LLC stating the rezoning from B-1 to B-2 and allowing this business to come into the area would be detrimental to the surrounding homeowners and the value of their homes.

Mr. Tom Morris spoke to the Board regarding rezoning application 2019-11-Z by Alpha Omega Stor-All Management, LLC stating that he does not live in the adjoining neighborhood and is not opposed to new businesses coming into the County but wants as B-1, not B-2. He further stated he does not feel

there is a need for this type of business in this area and encouraged the commissioners to vote no on the rezoning application.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairman Carmichael read the one (1) consent agenda item:

1. Appoint Kimberly Freedman to the Paulding County Library Board for a three-year term, term running from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing on FY 2020 Budget.

Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing on FY 2020 Budget and asked Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director, to speak. Ms. Pollard provided a power point and handouts regarding the FY2020 Budget. She explained the budget process, and commented the commissioners are still actively working on the budget, which will be on the August 13, 2019 agenda for consideration.

Ms. Nancy Hollingshead spoke regarding the 5% raise for County Employees that is in this budget. She stated the raise is across the board not by merit, she would like to see a merit system for raises. She further asked the Board to consider the elderly when setting the millage rate.

Ms. Debra Severs spoke to the Board and asked them to consider focusing on bringing in more business. She asked them to be more proactive and intentional in the way Paulding looks at business and what we allow to come into Paulding.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Carmichael closed the public hearing on the FY2020 Budget.

Extend the terms of engagement initially set up in March and approve a contract with the law firm of Bentley, Bentley & Bentley not to exceed \$150,000:

Discussed action to extend the terms of engagement initially set up in March and approve a contract with the law firm of Bentley, Bentley & Bentley not to exceed \$150,000. Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director, stated that in March of 2016 the County contracted with this firm to assist with legal advice regarding the Paulding County Zoning Ordinance updates. Several departments meet weekly for three hours to review the ordinances that relate to development. The project is about 25% complete, and asking the Board to approve terms of continuing engagement with the law firm.

Adopt Ordinance 19-03 adopting amendments to the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia Chapter 18 “Buildings and Building Regulations” and Chapter 58, Article IV “Fire Protection and Prevention”:

Discussed action to adopt Ordinance 19-03 adopting amendments to the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia Chapter 18 “Buildings and Building Regulations” and Chapter 58, Article IV “Fire Protection and Prevention”. Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director, stated her staff has been actively looking at the Paulding County Codes and updating them. When an area is found that needs to be updated her staff looks at it comprehensively, these chapter are examples of areas that needed to be updated to match the State of Georgia requirements.

Consider resuming consideration of the application of Rezoning Case 2007-04-Z for the August 27, 2019 meeting at 10:00 am and direct staff to prepare and submit the required legal advertisements:

Discussed action to consider resuming consideration of the application of Rezoning Case 2007-04-Z for the August 27, 2019 meeting at 10:00 am and direct staff to prepare and submit the required legal advertisements. . Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director, stated recently while doing research into PRD zonings, this application was discovered, it was tabled in 2007; if the Board would like to reconsider the application then it would need to be placed on an agenda and advertisements done.

Approve an allotment request in the amount of \$90,000 for the completion of the 2018 Subdivision Resurfacing Project:

Discussed action to approve an allotment request in the amount of \$90,000 for the completion of the 2018 Subdivision Resurfacing Project. George Jones, Transportation Director, stated four additional streets needed to be added to the list for this resurfacing project. Staff discovered

five locations where the sewer holes rose above the actual road. He further stated that Bartow gave the low amount.

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 purpose of Real Estate, seconded by Chuck Hart; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Carmichael stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

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