

**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 8, 2019
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

INVOCATION: Ms. Nancy Hollingshead

PLEDGE: Presentation of Colors by East Paulding High School JROTC

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: Ron Davis made a motion to adopt the December 11, 2018, Work Session Minutes, and the December 11, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Chuck Hart; motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Nancy Hollingshead stated she has concerns regarding the nomination of Talley Richardson & Cable becoming the County Attorney. She suggested having Mr. Glenn Richardson return as the County Attorney as he is independent from the Talley Richardson & Cable firm.

Ms. Cathy Helms congratulated Commissioner Kaecher for being elected the first female commissioner for Paulding County. She urged the Commission to base their decision for the County Attorney on what is best for the County not on politics.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brian Stover made a motion to approve the two (2) consent agenda items:

1. Appoint Mr. Jim Henson as the representative for the City of Dallas on the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2019.
2. Appoint Ms. Wendy Turnbull as the Chairman’s representative on the Planning and Zoning Board with a term ending December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Sandy Kaecher; motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Talley, Richardson & Cable, P.A. as the County Attorney and to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for such purposes:

Ron Davis made a motion to deny the confirmation of Talley, Richardson & Cable, P. A. as the County Attorney and to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for such purposes. This motion failed for the lack of a second.

Chuck Hart made a motion to approve Talley Richardson & Cable, P.A. as the County Attorney and to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for such purposes, seconded by Brian Stover; there was discussion on this item.

Ron Davis stated that if this item were approved, he would ask that Section B Term, subsection 1 and 2 of the contract be amended; he believe this binds future boards. He further stated he is not in agreement with Section C Compensation, subsection 1; this is a 35% increase of what

the County pays for legal services now and would require an amendment of the budget to offset the additional cost. He stated Lani Skipper's fee is ½ what it should be. He stated he would like to have had this bid out and questioned the transfer of property that happened in December 2016.

Chuck Hart stated that he believes if something is not working, there needs to be a change. He further stated Talley Richardson & Cable did what they were told to do at that time, just as Lani Skipper did what she was told to do when she served as Interim County Attorney.

Brian Stover stated he had already privately spoken with Commissioner Davis regarding this issue and as Commissioners; you have to make tough decisions, just as you do when you run a business.

Chairman Carmichael stated he was advised not to bid this out and that every attorney has a specialty. With Talley Richardson & Cable, you get a Law Firm with multiple attorneys.

Motion carried four (4) for and one (1) against (Ron Davis) (See Attachment "A")

Approve Chairman Carmichael's designation of Commissioner Brian Stover as Chairman Pro-Tem: Ron Davis made a motion to table until June 11, 2019 Chairman Carmichael's designation of Commissioner Brian Stover as Chairman Pro-Tem; this motion failed for the lack of a second.

Chairman Carmichael made a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Brian Stover as Chairman Pro-Tem; seconded by Chuck Hart; motion carried three (3) for one (1) against (Ron Davis) and one (1) abstention (Brian Stover)

Chairman Carmichael asked Jayson Phillips to join the Board up front.

Appoint Harold Linnenkohl to the Paulding County Airport Authority with a three-year term ending December 31, 2022:

Ron Davis made a motion to appoint Harold Linnenkohl to the Paulding County Airport Authority with a three-year term ending December 31, 2022, seconded by Sandy Kaecher; motion carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Chairman Carmichael stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

David L. Carmichael, Chairman