

## **LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING**

**August 26, 2025**

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 3:59 p.m.

Commissioners present were Keith White, Pat Austin, Blake Phillips and Bobby Kasserman. Commissioner Kimberly Dale was absent.

Mayor Agee and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

### **Old Business**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the July 22, 2025, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Phillips. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed updates to the improvements on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the Northend Overlay District. At this time, curbs on the east side of the street are done. Workers are clearing the west side in preparation to push putting in the 8 Mile Creek Trail extension. They are aiming for the trail extension to be done by the end of September. Curbs on the west side of the street will be put in next week. Commissioners confirmed that the overlay of N. 4<sup>th</sup> will not occur until 2026.

Commissioners discussed an update on building permits issued for properties sold at the first auction. There are five properties left that have yet to be issued a building permit. Commissioners reiterated that builders have until October 28, 2025 to purchase the permits. The builders have been informed.

Secretary Sexton provided an update on the Northend Overlay District banners; PMU has mounted all but five of the banners. Additional brackets were ordered for these banners and once they arrive, PMU will hang the remaining banners.

Commissioner White confirmed that the postal service would not deliver mail to any mailboxes placed on homes, so discussion of providing uniform freestanding mailboxes for Northend District residents will be tabled until the next meeting.

Secretary Sexton presented the packet submitted in response to the Request for Proposals advertised for surveying services. There was only one submitted by Crafton and Tull. Commissioners agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting to allow time for additional submissions.

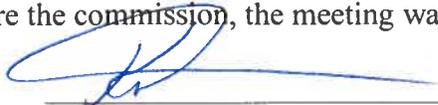
**New Business**

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the August financial statement, as well as physical assets; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

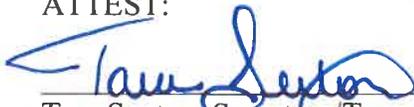
Commissioners and Mayor Agee began a preliminary discussion regarding the 2026 budget for the Land Bank Commission. Discussed for 2026: overlay of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, overlay and curbs for a portion of W. Hunt Street, extension of the 8 Mile Creek Trail down N. Pruett Street, work on the Northend District pocket park on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and overlaying the N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street alleyway. Potential work in the Midtown District was also discussed. Mayor Agee and Secretary Sexton will work on an initial proposed budget for the commission for 2026 and present it at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

  
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Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer