PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2026

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Estes, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Michael Anderson with Church at the Ridge

PRESENT: Tim Estes, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Virginia Galloway, Post III; Dean Schneider, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Tabitha Pollard, County Manager; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk.

MINUTES:

1. ***Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt the July 28, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the July 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. ***Paulding County Jail Bar Screen bid to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in the amount of $757,100.00. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds. The project is located in Post 2:***
   Sandy Kaecher made a motion to award the Paulding County Jail Bar Screen bid to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in the amount of $757,100.00. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Finance Department)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:
Brian Maddox shared he is in attendance on behalf of his zoning application, application 2026-04-SPSA.

Stanton Porter stated he is in attendance on behalf of application 2026-05-SPSA. He stated staff recommended approval of his application. The owner is willing to limit hours of operation from 5:00AM to 10:00PM. He shared this application was on the February 2026 Board Meeting Agenda for consideration but was denied without prejudice due to not being present at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Virginia Galloway made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

3. ***Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with Harmony Pasture, LLC, for the Harmony Ridge Subdivision, requiring the completion of a left turn lane at the intersection of Mulberry Rock Road and Holt Road prior to the issuance of the 88th Certificate of Occupancy for the development. The project is located in Post 2.*** (On File in the Transportation Department)

4. ***Adopt Water System Job Classification for: AMI Meter Technician.***

Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5. ***Resolution 2026-28 adopting the County M & O Millage Rate at 4.30 mills:***
   Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-28 adopting the County M & O Millage Rate at 4.30 mills. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "A")

6. ***Resolution 2026-29 adopting the Fire Tax Millage Rate at 2.10 mills:***
   Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-29 adopting the Fire Tax Millage Rate at 2.10 mills. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "B")

7. ***Resolution 2026-30 adopting the Bond Millage Rate of .80 mills:***
   Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-30 adopting the Bond Millage Rate of .80 mills. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "C")

8. **Resolution 2026-31 adopting the County School Tax Millage Rate at 17.800 mills:**
   Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-31 adopting the County School Tax Millage Rate at 17.800 mills. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "D")

   Commissioner Galloway stated the Board of Commissioners does not set the School Tax Millage Rate, the Board of Education does.

   County Attorney, Jayson Philips stated if the Board of Commissioners does not approve the School Tax Millage Rate set by the Board of Education, it would go to litigation.

9. ***Resolution 2026-32 authorizing the Tax Commissioner to retain a 2.09% fee for the collection of School Tax:***
   Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-32 authorizing the Tax Commissioner to retain a 2.09% fee for the collection of School Tax. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "E")

10. ***FY 2027 Budget:***
    Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt the FY 2027 Budget. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "F")

11. ***Resolution 2026-33 authorizing the submission of Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant application to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) for construction funding for the Cedarcrest Road Widening Project, from Harmony Grove Church Road to the Cobb County Line, PA-036A, PI 0013700. This project is located in Post 1 and Post 4:***
    Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-33 authorizing the submission of Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant application to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) for construction funding for the Cedarcrest Road Widening Project, from Harmony Grove Church Road to the Cobb County Line, PA-036A, PI 0013700. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "G")

12. ***Resolution 2026-34 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel:***
    Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-34 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (Attachment "H")

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13. ***2026-09-Z*:** Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve application by **BRIAN & SAMANTHA MADDOX / JOHN & VICKIE WHITAKER** requesting to rezone two tracts that are approximately 10 acres combined from A1 (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Suburban Residential District) for the proposed future development of three single-family homes for family. Property is located in Land Lot 42 & 123; District 1; Section 3; south of Mulberry Rock Road; east side of Family Path. POST 2. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

    RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: APPROVAL (5-0-0).

14. ***2026-05-SPSA*:** Virginia Galloway made a motion to approve with 1 (One) stipulation application by **STANTON** PORTER requesting to remove rezoning stipulation #7 from application 2023-12-Z where the Owner/Developer agreed to no Coin Operated Amusement Machines (COAMs) at a proposed convenience store with gas pumps. The property is 3.97 acres and zoned B-2 (Highway Business District). The property is located in Land Lots 969 & 976; District 2; Section 3; northeast corner of Hiram-Douglasville (SR 92) and Morningside Drive. POST 3. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. Voting Nay: Post II Sandy Kaecher.

    RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: APPROVAL (5-0-0)

    1. Owner/Developer agrees to limit store hours of operation from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

15. ***2026-04-SPSA***: Keith Dunn made a motion to approve with 2 (two) stipulations application by **JONATHAN JONES** requesting to remove rezoning stipulation #1 from application 2007-40-Z where the Owner/Developer agree to no billboard signs on the site. The property is 8.25 acres and zoned B-2 (Highway Business District). Property is located in Land Lot 543; District 2; Section 3; on the east side of Hiram-Acworth Highway (SR 92) and north of Jimmy Lee Smith Parkway (US 278). POST 1. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

    RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: APPROVAL (4-1-0)

    1. Owner/Developer to coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation on permitting of Billboard.
    2. Owner/Developer shall coordinate and set back all future improvements to accommodate widening along SR 92 (GDOT PI 0020051) as per plans if available prior to development.

    The remaining stipulations for 2007-40-Z and 2021-03-SUP will remain if effect.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
Ms. Tena Griggers spoke on her fears from the lack of transparency to the public and opposition of hyperscale Data Centers in Paulding County. She also spoke on the effects Data Centers will have on residents' health, wildlife and Paulding's resources.

Ms. Jimmye Hawkins stated she is not anti Data Centers, rather anti Data Centers being built in residential areas. She spoke on Cole Lake Rd and the statistics of the road. Lastly, Ms. Hawkins requested data centers only be built in industrial areas of the county, rather than in residential areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Virginia Galloway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

Timothy B Estes, Chairman