PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2026

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Estes, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Dr. Wayne Meadows, Pastor, Poplar Springs Baptist Church

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

MINUTES:

1. ***Adopt the March 10, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes:***
   Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt the March 10, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the March 10, 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. ***Approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 963 Track Loader from Yancey Bros. Co, in the amount of $393,229.00 using the Sourcewell Contract pricing. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County Department of Transportation and will be funded using General Fund Budget:***
   Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 963 Track Loader from Yancey Bros. Co, in the amount of $393,229.00 using the Sourcewell Contract pricing. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County Department of Transportation. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Transportation Department)

3. ***Award the FY 2026 Paulding County Right of Way Reclamation Contract I - Vegetation Removal Services to the lowest reliable bidder, Harper's Tree & Stump Removal, Inc. in the amount of $122,875.00 for vegetation removal on 1.80 miles of County Right of Way along East Paulding Drive. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds. The project is located in Post 1:***
   Keith Dunn made a motion to award the FY 2026 Paulding County Right of Way Reclamation Contract I - Vegetation Removal Services to the lowest reliable bidder, Harper's Tree & Stump Removal, Inc. in the amount of $122,875.00 for vegetation removal on 1.80 miles of County Right of Way along East Paulding Drive. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Transportation Department)

4. ***Award the FY 2026 Right of Way Roadside Right of Way Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Contract - SR 92 South, to the lowest reliable bidder, Yellowstone Landscape, in the amount of $83,019.17. The Contract provides for mowing, trimming, litter pickup, herbicide application, fertilizer mixed grade application, plant bed trimming and maintenance. Funding for this Contract will be allocated from General Funds. The project is located in Post 3:***
   Virginia Galloway made a motion to award the FY 2026 Right of Way Roadside Right of Way Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Contract - SR 92 South, to the lowest reliable bidder,

Yellowstone Landscape, in the amount of $83,019.17. The Contract provides for mowing, trimming, litter pickup, herbicide application, fertilizer mixed grade application, plant bed trimming and maintenance. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Transportation Department)

5. ***Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Pond and Company, in the amount of $4,261,894.14, for Professional Engineering Design and Acquisition Services Phase I Pre-Acquisition Right of Way for the Cedarcrest Road Widening Project between Seven Hills Boulevard / Seven Hills Connector to Dallas Acworth Highway / SR 92. Funding for this Contract will be allocated from SPLOST Funds. Project is located in Posts 1 and 4:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with Pond and Company, in the amount of $4,261,894.14, for Professional Engineering Design and Acquisition Services Phase I Pre-Acquisition Right of Way for the Cedarcrest Road Widening Project between Seven Hills Boulevard / Seven Hills Connector to Dallas Acworth Highway / SR 92. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Transportation Department)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

6. ***Appoint Amanda Garrett and Lisa Palmer-Caban to the Keep Paulding Beautiful Board as the Chairman's appointments, with a term ending December 31, 2026.***

7. ***Approve Development Agreement between AMH Development Georgia GC TRS, LLC and Paulding County to be between AMH Development, LLC and Paulding County for a developer funded force main design and installation from the Cadillac Lift Station to the Coppermine WRF. This project is located in Post 1.*** (On file in the Water System Department)

8. ***Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award documents for the Mental Health Court (AW-ACFP-26-271-029) for the grant period of April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.*** (On file in County Clerk's Office)

9. ***Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award documents for the DUI Court (AW-ACFP-26-497-119) for the Grant period of April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.*** (On file in County Clerk's Office)

10. ***Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award documents for the Drug Court (AW-ACFP-26-261-059) for the Grant period of April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.*** (On file in County Clerk's Office)

11. ***Appoint Richard Winn to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2026.***

12. ***Declare the following items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through sale, auction, trade or governmental donation:***

Department	Item Name	Make/Model	Serial Number
Sheriff	Unit P-3	2011 Ford Crown Vic	2FABP7BVXBX155770
Sheriff	Unit S-190	2015 Chevrolet Caprice	6G3NS5U21FL126225
Sheriff	Unit S-214	2017 Ford Explorer	1FM5K8AR9HGD06446
Sheriff	Unit P-30*	2010 Ford Crown Vic	2FABP7BV6AX129021
Sheriff	Unit P-34*	2008 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71V88X172093
Water/Sewer	Unit 690	2016 Ford F-150	1FTMF1C81GFB03104
DOT	Unit 191	2007 Ford F-150	1FTRF14W07NA57869

** Unit P-30 & P-34 are donations to GA Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)*

Seconded by Dean Schneider. 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:

13. ***Action to approve the purchase of a 36-inch gate valve from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for the amount of $60,527.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension Fund. The project is located in Post 4:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to approve the purchase of a 36-inch gate valve from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for the amount of $60,527.00. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Water System Department)

14. ***Adopt Resolution 2026-12 a Resolution and Order Authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the Due West and State Route 92 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 1,231.19 square feet (0.028 acres) of Real Property for Fee Simple Right of Way and 880.77 Square Feet (0.02 Acres) of Temporary Construction Easement, Project Parcel No. 1A, Tax Parcel No. 080.2.1.003.0000, 3rd District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method Pursuant to the Provisions of O.C.G.A 32-3-4 ET SEQ:***
Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-12 a Resolution and Order authorizing Condemnation of a tract of land for the Due West and State Route 92 Intersection Improvement Project comprised of 1,231.19 square feet (0.028 acres) of Real Property for Fee Simple Right of Way and 880.77 Square Feet (0.02 Acres) of Temporary Construction Easement, Project Parcel No. 1A, Tax Parcel No. 080.2.1.003.0000, 3rd District, 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia by the Declaration of Taking Method Pursuant to the Provisions of O.C.G.A 32-3-4 ET SEQ. 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 "A")

15. ***Adopt Resolution 2026-13 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and Real Estate:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-13 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and Real Estate. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Dean Schneider. Post III Virginia Galloway Abstained. (Attachment "B")

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
Cathy Copeland Re: Data Centers

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Chairman Estes asked the Commissioners if they had any comments or announcements.

Commissioner Schneider invited everyone to come to the Post 4 Town Hall Meeting on March 31st from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Bentwater Clubhouse.

Commissioner Galloway reminded everyone of the Run-off election for the 14th Congressional District. Early voting will be at the Watson Government Complex from 8am-7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Virginia Galloway made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yes: 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