PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Estes, Chairman

INVOCATION: Chris Robinson, Planning and Zoning Division Manager

COLORS: Presentation of Colors by Hiram High School Army JROTC

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

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MINUTES:

1. ***The January 27, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the January 27, 2026 Board Meeting:*** Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt the January 27, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the January 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. 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. ***Authorize the purchase of the new extrication equipment in the amount of $96,286.00 to implement the replacement plan of outdated and undependable extrication equipment. Funding will be allocated from SPLOST:*** Keith Dunn made a motion to authorize the purchase of the new extrication equipment in the amount of $96,286.00 to implement the replacement plan of outdated and undependable extrication equipment. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

3. ***Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with AtkinsRealis USA Inc. in the amount of $553,717.66 for Professional Engineering Design Services for the Gulledge Road at Colbert Road Intersection Improvement Project; Project Number PR- IMP-(53) (64)-4. Funding for this Contract will be allocated from SPLOST funds. The project is located in Post 4:*** Dean Schneider made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Contract with AtkinsRealis USA Inc. in the amount of $553,717.66 for Professional Engineering Design Services for the Gulledge Road at Colbert Road Intersection Improvement Project; Project Number PR- IMP-(53) (64)-4. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

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:

4. ***Authorize the Chairman of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners to adopt Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the submission of Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for construction funding for Cedarcrest Road Widening Project, and Scoping Projects for East Dallas Bypass and West Dallas Bypass. These project locations are in Post 1, Post 2, and Post 4.*** (Attachment "A")

5. ***Amend the December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes agenda item number 28 (Ordinance 2025-07) to read: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-07 Text Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, Title 2, Zoning, Chapter 220-40, Section 220-40.02 "Boundaries" with an added amendment stating there be a '200-foot Undisturbed Buffer on the Property'*** (See Attachment "G")

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

Department	*Item Name*	*Make/Model*	*Serial Number*
Landfill	Unit 391	1989 Ford LJ9000	1FDYU90W2KVA08392
Sheriff	Unit 34	2011 Ford Crown Vic	2FABP7BV9BX155761

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:

7. ***Authorize the purchase of approximately 1,958.40 stream credits for an estimated price of $489,600.00 for Seven Hills Boulevard at Gulledge Road Realignment Project. Funding for this purchase will be allocated from SPLOST funds. This project is located in Post 4:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to authorize the purchase of approximately 1,958.40 stream credits for an estimated price of $489,600.00 for Seven Hills Boulevard at Gulledge Road Realignment Project. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

8. ***Resolution 2026-07 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation:***
Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-07 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation. 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 "B")

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9. *2026-01-Z:* Dean Schneider made a motion to approve application by **JENNIFER FITZPATRICK** requesting to rezone 8.89 acres from R-2 (Suburban Residential District) to A-1 (Agricultural District) to allow for chickens and livestock (excluding pigs). Property is located in Land Lot 178; District 19; Section 3; south of Willow Springs Road, off of Whippoorwill Path (92 Whippoorwill Path). POST 4. 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 BY PLANNING COMMISSION: APPROVAL (5-0-1).

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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

Commissioner Galloway gave a reminder of her Town Hall Meeting for Post 3 on Thursday, February 12th at 5:30pm at Greystone Power.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. 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