



PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2026

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Sandy Kaecher, Chairman Pro Tem

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Ben Wills with Dallas 1st Methodist Church

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

MINUTES:

1. *Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt the August 11, 2026 Work Session Minutes and the August 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:
Ms. Cathy Copeland spoke regarding her opposition to Ordinance 2026-04.

CONSENT AGENDA: Virginia Galloway made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items.

2. *Fire Department's Job classification for: SCBA Manager.*

3. *Fire Department's job classification for: Executive Administrative Assistant.*

4. *Accept the streets listed below for perpetual maintenance by the County:*
Summit Pointe
Lookout Drive
Summit Pointe Court
Summit Pointe Drive
Summit Pointe Lane

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5. *Ordinance 2026-04 amending the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia amending Chapter 30, Article IV, Occupation Taxes:*
Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 amending the Code of Ordinances for Paulding County, Georgia amending Chapter 30, Article IV, Occupation Taxes. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (See Attachment "A")

6. *Building Permit Fee Schedule:*

Dean Schneider made a motion to amend the Building Permit Fee Schedule. Seconded by Chairman Estes. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Community Development Department)

7. Resolution 2026-35 application authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, for a Grant under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311:

Chairman Estes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-35 application authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, for a Grant under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (See Attachment "B")

8. Purchase 23 New Bullard QXT Thermal Imaging Cameras through ProFire and Tactical in the amount of \$174,731.00. Funding will be allocated from Fire Tax and SPLOST:

Keith Dunn made a motion to purchase 23 New Bullard QXT Thermal Imaging Cameras through ProFire and Tactical in the amount of \$174,731.00. Funding will be allocated from Fire Tax and SPLOST. 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 Fire Department)

9. Change Order from Albion Construction for the new Animal Control Front Facade. The total cost of the Change Order will be \$267,424.00. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds and is located in Post 4:

Dean Schneider made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a Change Order from Albion Construction for the new Animal Control Front Facade. The total cost of the Change Order will be \$267,424.00. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds and is located in Post 4. Seconded by Keith Dunn. 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)

10. Development Agreement with Integrity Development Group, LLC for improvements to the Upper Sweetwater WRF. This project is located in Post 2:

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve the Development Agreement with Integrity Development Group, LLC for improvements to the Upper Sweetwater WRF. This project is located in Post 2. Seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the Water System Department)

11. Emergency purchase and installation for a 1250kW Caterpillar Model C32 standby generator with Yancy Power Systems in the amount of \$414,000.00. This purchase is funded through the Renewal and Extension fund. This project is located in Post 3:

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12. Ordinance 2026-05 adding Article V "Hotel/Motel Tax" to Chapter 30 of the Paulding County Code of Ordinances:

Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 adding Article V "Hotel/Motel Tax" to Chapter 30 of the Paulding County Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Chairman Estes. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (See Attachment "C")

13. Ordinance 2026-06 adding Article VI "Short-term Rentals" to Chapter 30 of the Paulding County Code of Ordinances:

Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Ordinances 2026-06 adding Article VI "Short-term Rentals" to Chapter 30 of the Paulding County Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Keith Dunn. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (See Attachment "D")

14. Resolution 2026-36 amending Resolution 2026-33 expanding the scope of the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant application to the State Road and

Tollway Authority (SRTA) for the Cedarcrest Road widening project, from Harmony Grove Church Road to the Cobb County Line, PA-036B, PI 0013700. This project is located in Post 1 and Post 4:

Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-36 amending Resolution 2026-33 expanding the scope of the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant application to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) for the Cedarcrest Road widening project, from Harmony Grove Church Road to the Cobb County Line, PA-036B, PI 0013700. This project is located in Post 1 and Post 4. Seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (See Attachment “E”)

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Pro Tem Kaecher called for a five-minute recess.

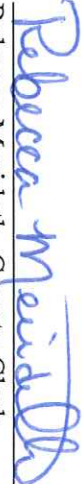
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Taylor Kim shared that Paulding County is beautiful and affordable place to live but putting Data Centers in residential areas is unwelcoming. She requested amendments to the UDO and TPOD be transparent with strict guidelines to help protect residents. Geoffrey Baird spoke on the similarities of GPUs and Hyper Scale Data Centers. He also spoke on the negative effects Data Centers will have in residents’ quality of life and resources. Connie Ellis stated she is neither for nor against Data Centers but is against AI. She is requested an extension of the Moratorium, for a decommissioning bonds and a convenient that runs with the land. Cindy Oltham shared that after her meeting with Chairman Estes she did a lot of research on Quantum Data Centers and shared her findings. Mittie Mitchell shared this issue is not political. She stated Data Centers have not been around long enough to have proper data. Gina Milner shared she shared her research and was thankful to receive a return email acknowledging her research was seen. She shared her love for Paulding County and its greenspace as well as her fears that Data Centers will bring to the County. Ms. Milner read some of her research from Harvard to the Commissioners and the audience. Wayne Whitmire shared his neighborhood touches a TPOD. Mr. Whitmire read some of the TPOD text amendments and shared his opposition on them. Marianne Baer spoke on the impact of using Text Amendments to rezone land as well as litigation issues related to using them. Michelle Wolven shared she was thankful for the unanimously passing a moratorium on Data Center but she wished the process thus far was more transparent. She asked the Board to resend the Technology Park Overlay Ordinance and use the time during the Moratorium to fix the code and take the Community input on important safeguards to protect all residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

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


Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk


Timothy B. Estes, Chairman