



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026**

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Estes, Chairman

INVOCATION: Micah Williams, New Freedom MBC

PLEDGE: Presentation of Colors by North Paulding High School 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.

MINUTES:

1. Adopt the May 5, 2026 Special Called Work Session Minutes and the May 5, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.

Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt the May 5, 2026 Special Called Work Session Minutes and the May 5, 2026 Special Called 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 two (2) 2026 Ford Explorers for the Sheriff's Office from Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$77,250.00. Funds for this purchase will be allocated from SPLOST.

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Explorers for the Sheriff's Office from Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$77,250.00. 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 Finance Department)

3. Award the Due West Road at SR92 Realignment Project, to the lowest reliable bidder, Wilson Construction Management LLC, in the amount of \$2,472,653.54. Funds for this project will be allocated from SPLOST. This project is located in Post 1.

Keith Dunn made a motion to award the Due West Road at SR92 Realignment Project, to the lowest reliable bidder, Wilson Construction Management LLC, in the amount of \$2,472,653.54. 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 Transportation Department)

4. Approve the purchase of a Weiler B400 Front Mount Broom from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$121,458.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County DOT and will be funded using General Funds.

Dean Schneider made a motion to approve the purchase of a Weiler B400 Front Mount Broom from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$121,458.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. 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. Approve the purchase of a Bobcat T770 Skid-Steer from Bobcat of Atlanta, in the amount of \$77,146.03, under the Sourcewell Contract. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County DOT and will be funded using General Funds.

Virginia Galloway made a motion to approve the purchase of a Bobcat T770 Skid-Steer from Bobcat of Atlanta, in the amount of \$77,146.03, under the Sourcewell Contract. 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)

6. *Approve purchase of a CAT CW-16 Traffic Roller from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$116,987.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County DOT and will be funded using General Funds.* Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve purchase of a CAT CW-16 Traffic Roller from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$116,987.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. 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)

7. *Approve the purchase of a CAT 265 HF Compact Track Loader from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$92,972.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. This purchase was approved in the FY 2026 Capital Budget for Paulding County DOT and will be funded using General Funds.* Keith Dunn made a motion to approve the purchase of a CAT 265 HF Compact Track Loader from Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of \$92,972.00, under the Sourcewell Contract. 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)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

8. *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
SO	Unit P-32	2011 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP7BV1BX155768
SO	Unit S-88	2007 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W77X134538
SO	Unit S-159	2008 Ford E150	1FMNE11W28DB22021

9. *Approve the proposed public hearing dates for the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year.*

Seconded by Keith Dunn. 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:

10. *Authorize the Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with the Paulding County Airport Authority regarding operations, maintenance, and funding for the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport for a one (1) year period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The funding will be allocated from General Funds. The Airport is located in Post 2.*

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with the Paulding County Airport Authority regarding operations, maintenance, and funding for the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport for a one (1) year period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. 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 County Clerk's Office)

11. *Adopt Resolution 2026-20 authorizing acceptance of GDOT Contract and costs associated with Construct Taxilane, Module 2 at the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport. The funding will be allocated from General Funds.*

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-20 authorizing acceptance of GDOT Contract and costs associated with Construct Taxilane, Module 2 at the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport. 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 County Clerk's Office) (Attachment "A")

12. Adopt Resolution 2026-21 authorizing acceptance of GDOT Contract and costs associated with Design and Construction of Taxiway "A" Extension and associated improvements. The funding will be allocated from General Funds.

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-21 authorizing acceptance of GDOT Contract and costs associated with Design and Construction of Taxiway "A" Extension and associated improvements. 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 County Clerk's Office) (Attachment "B")

13. Action to adopt Resolution 2026-22 seeking to become a member of a Joint Development Authority made up entirely of Bartow County, Georgia, Floyd County, Georgia, and Polk County, Georgia to authorize the execution of the Resolution and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the Resolution; to provide an effective date for the Resolution and for other purposes.

Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-22 seeking to become a member of a Joint Development Authority made up entirely of Bartow County, Georgia, Floyd County, Georgia, and Polk County, Georgia to authorize the execution of the Resolution and otherwise to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the Resolution; to provide an effective date for the Resolution and for other purposes. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider. (On file in the County Clerk's Office) (Attachment "C")

14. Adopt Resolution 2026-19 abandoning a portion of the County Road known as Dewberry Creek Drive and to authorize the Chairman to execute the associated Quit Claim Deeds.

Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-19 abandoning a portion of the County Road known as Dewberry Creek Drive and to authorize the Chairman to execute the associated Quit Claim Deeds. 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 County Clerk's Office) (Attachment "D")

15. Authorize the Chairman to execute an Option to Purchase Right of Way for the sale of Realty for Parcel 6 - ID 140.3.3.002.0000, PR-SR120(SR6B)-1 - SR 120 (Charles Hardy Parkway) at SR 6 Business (Atlanta Highway). Funding will be from SPLOST. The project is located in Post 1 and Post 3.

Virginia Galloway made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Option to Purchase Right of Way for the sale of Realty for Parcel 6 - ID 140.3.3.002.0000, PR-SR120(SR6B)-1 - SR 120 (Charles Hardy Parkway) at SR 6 Business (Atlanta Highway). Seconded by Keith Dunn. 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)

16. Authorize the Chairman to execute a Road System Quit Claim Deed that is approximately 615 linear feet in length with approximately 0.572 acres of Right of Way, location in land lot 161. This roadway is located in Post 4.

Dean Schneider made a motion to Authorize the Chairman to execute a Road System Quit Claim Deed that is approximately 615 linear feet in length with approximately 0.572 acres of Right of Way, location in land lot 161. 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 Transportation Department)

17. Adopt Resolution 2026-23 confirming Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel.

Dean Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-23 confirming Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel. 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 County Clerk's Office) (Attachment "E")

Chairman Estes made a motion to add to the agenda consideration of the Chairman's Nominee to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Sandy Kaecher made a motion to approve adding to the agenda consideration of the Chairman's Nominee to the position of Director of the 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.

Chairman Estes made a motion to add to the agenda, approve the Chairman's nomination of Erica Parish as the Department of Transportation Director.

Keith Dunn made a motion to approve the Chairman's nomination of Erica Parish as the Department of Transportation Director. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

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