PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2026

Watson Government Complex
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Estes, Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Pastor Johnny McBurrows with Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

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

MINUTES:

1. ***Keith Dunn made a motion to adopt the July 14, 2026 Work Session Minutes, and the July 14, 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:
Commissioner Galloway informed the audience that she would be leaving at 6:40PM in order to catch a flight.

INVITED GUESTS: None

BID AWARDS:

2. ***Mount Tabor Park Connectivity and Additional Parking project to Blount Construction Company LLC in the amount of $379,445.11. Funds for this project will be allocated from SPLOST. This project is located in Post 1:***
   Keith Dunn made a motion to award the Mount Tabor Park Connectivity and Additional Parking project to Blount Construction Company LLC in the amount of $379,445.11. . 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 Finance 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:

3. ***Approve the execution of Encroachment No.: 0504-049TT-JRM-26-03 and Encroachment No.: 0504-049TT-JRM-26-04 with Colonial Pipeline Company for infrastructure crossing the Colonial Pipeline. This project is located in Post 4.*** (Attachment "A")

4. ***Adopt the Sheriff's Office job reclassification for: Community Engagement and Events Coordinator.***

5. ***Adopt the Tax Assessors job reclassification for: GIS Land Records Specialist.***

6. ***Adopt the Department of Transportation Job Descriptions for: Traffic Operations Jr. Engineer, Traffic Analyst - Traffic Signals and Traffic Signs and Marking Supervisor.***

7. ***Adopt the Solicitor General's job classification for: Victim Witness Coordinator.***

8. ***Approve the following streets for perpetual maintenance by the County:***

   Palisades/Phase III
   Highgrove Way
   Quail Bend

Willow Green Trace

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

Dept.	Item Name	Make/Model	Serial Number
DOT	Unit 135 Roller	2000 Ingersoll Rand	162338
DOT	Unit 139	2005 CAT CB334E	0C4F00288
DOT	Unit 144 Roller	2000 Ingersoll Rand	161719
DOT	Unit 164 Chipper	2000 Vermeer CB1250a	7620
DOT	Unit 169 Broom	2005 Broce RJ350	404931
DOT	Unit 207D Cutter	2019 Woods BW1060	1.00072E+13
DOT	Unit 122 Mini Exc Airport	2006 Case CX36B	N5TN61441
DOT	Unit 124 - Airport	2008 Bobcat S250	530940756
DOT	Unit 201D- Airport	2004 CAT D5G	CAT00D5GJRKG00536
Sheriff	Unit S-108 Mower 52"	2004 Exmark	488946
Sheriff	Unit S-157	2007 Ford CV	2FAFP71WX7X145095
Sheriff	Unit 44	2011 Ford CV	2FAFBP7BV2BX155763
Sheriff	Unit 58	2005 Ford CV	2FAFP71W75X146587
Sheriff	Unit P-80	2014 Chev. Caprice	6G3NS5U21EL980131
Sheriff	Unit P-21	2012 Chev. Caprice	6G1MK5U23CL658611
Sheriff	Unit P-47 GPSTC	2010 Ford CV	2FABP7BV0AX129015
Sheriff	Unit S-173 GPSTC	2009 Ford CV	2FAHP71V19X139947

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:

10. ***Kendall Supply, Inc. a contract for construction services to install a Sensus Base Station at the Sweetwater 911 Lattice Tower site in amount not to exceed $99,500.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund. This project is located in Post 2:***
Sandy Kaecher made a motion to award Kendall Supply, Inc. a contract for construction services to install a Sensus Base Station at the Sweetwater 911 Lattice Tower site in amount not to exceed $99,500.00 from the Renewal and Extension Fund. This project is located in Post 2. 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 Systems Department)

11. ***Development Agreement for Gateway South with Blue River Development, LLC for contribution of $568,021.89 to the Cadillac Reroute Project. This project is located in Post 3:***
Virginia Galloway made a motion to approve the Development Agreement for Gateway South with Blue River Development, LLC for contribution of $568,021.89 to the Cadillac Reroute Project. This project is located in Post 3. 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 Water Systems Department)

12. ***Change Order #1, Magnum Contracting LLC, in the amount of $91,101.00 for the removal of unexpected rock and addition of concrete flumes to the Richland Creek Park Project. Funding for this project will be allocated from SPLOST. This Project is located in Post 4:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to approve Change Order #1, Magnum Contracting LLC, in the amount of $91,101.00 for the removal of unexpected rock and addition of concrete flumes to the Richland Creek Park Project. Funding for this project will be allocated from SPLOST. This Project is located in 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. (On file in the Water Systems Department)

13. ***Change orders from Hogan for the Fleet building. The total cost of the change orders is $44,445.88. The change order includes the sewer drop, parking log remediation, additional framing, additional insulation, and the relocation of the Fire Alarm panel. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds. This project is located in Post 4.:***
Dean Schneider made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the change orders from Hogan for the Fleet building. The total cost of the change orders is $44,445.88. The change orders include the sewer drop, parking lot remediation, additional framing, additional insulation, and the relocation of the Fire Alarm panel. Funding for this project will be allocated from General Funds. This project is located in 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. (On file in the Finance Department)

14. ***Resolution 2026-26 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and Personnel.:***
Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-26 confirming Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation and 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 "B")

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to add to the agenda **Resolution 2026-27.** 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 stated that the County has learned a lot recently about data centers and will continue to learn and research data centers. He further stated the Board has the best interests of the County in mind.

Chairman Estes asked Chris Robinson to read Resolution 2026-27.

15. ***Resolution 2026-27 imposing a Moratorium on Technology Park Overlay District and data processing, hosting, and related services land use activities.:***
Virginia Galloway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-27. Seconded by Sandy Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

Commissioner Galloway stated its important to look at the big picture and appreciates the Board working together. She believes this is a positive move for the Board and for anyone who wants to build a data center in Paulding County. She also stated by the end of the week there will be an email created for Citizens to send their concerns that are backed by a peer-reviewed study. The Board will take Citizens comments are continue to do further research on data centers.

Commissioner Kaecher explained how as a Board they have done numerous amounts of research and will continue to do research. She asked the Citizens to also do research and send it to the designated email along with pros and cons regarding data centers.

Chairman Estes stated the Board has researched and will continue to research data centers. He also stated Commissioner Schneider has done studies with Georgia Tech on data centers. He also asked Citizens to continue to attend Board of Commissioner meetings as there is a lot of other important things going on in the County.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Michelle Wolven thanked the Board for listening to Citizens for the past three months. She also stated hyper scale data centers do not belong in residential neighborhoods. She does not believe there is anywhere in the County to put a data center that will not impact people.

Christopher Aiken (was not in attendance)

Rose James stated she appreciates the Moratorium that was adopted. She stated Paulding County can learn from what is happening regarding data centers around the Country. Ms. Rose thanked the Board and asked them do research and keep the Citizens involved and informed.

John Callas thanked the Board and asked them to involve the Community. He stated he would love to see a Town Hall where Citizens can ask questions and receive answers from the Board.

Savannah Padgett thanked the Board for adopting Resolution 2026-27. She stated she believes it is the responsibility of developers to find ways to manage their resources rather than using and abusing the Counties. She further stated she doesn't not believe six-months is enough time to research how data centers will affect the Counties water, power grids and wildlife.

Vanessa Summerhill (was not in attendance)

Mittie Mitchell stated she appreciated the Resolution being adopted, but stated her apprehensions on the timing due to the upcoming election. She also expressed her disappointment in the lack of transparency regarding data centers.

Geoffrey Baird thanked the Board for the Moratorium yet wishes it was for one-year. He stated many people that live in Paulding County moved here for peace and quiet. He shared his reservations on campaigning data centers and questioned their impact on County resources, cooling solution, waste water and noise pollution.

Theron Rose shared his experience in Information Technology as well as working in different scales of data centers. He stated he has had no known health concerns attributed to working in/near data centers. He also explained how data centers provide multiple services to reduce costs for businesses, researchers and hospitals. Lastly, he shared how data centers are an opportunity for growth for businesses as well as increasing their income.

Taylor Kim thanked the Board for imposing a Moratorium but would prefer it would be for one-year. She asked the Board to amend the UDO as well as the TPOD. She shared she is not for stopping technology progression, but is not for putting a technology park in a residential area, as people come live in Paulding County to get away from industrial encroachment.

Marilyn Sawyer stated she has done research on the EPA website and found multiple violations on watersheds due to contamination. She believes data centers are a much larger issue than some make them out to be. She further stated technology has come so far in the past 30-50 years.

Michelle Nelson thanked the Board for imposing a Moratorium to pause and do meaningful review and research. She expressed her wishes of having face-to-face residential involvement in this process as well as updates from the Board. She asked the Board to commit that no data center will receive a pilot, bond for title, tax abatement or tax reduction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

Chairman Estes thanked Ms. Nelson for meeting with him to have a civil conversation regarding issues surrounding the data centers, noting that she was one of four citizens who had done so, and thanked her for doing it correctly.

ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dean Schneider. Voting Yea: Chairman Estes, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Dean Schneider. Commissioner Galloway left the meeting before adjournment.

Rebecca Merideth , County Clerk

Timothy B Estes, Chairman