



CALLED JOINT MEETING MINUTES

WITH MEMBERS FROM:

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PAULDING COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY
PAULDING COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATION, PAULDING COUNTY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, MAYORS OF DALLAS AND HIRAM

MAY 4, 2022 - 8:30 AM

Dallas Civic Center
121 E Griffin Street
Dallas, Georgia 30132

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, BOC Chairman

**INVOCATION
& PLEDGE:** Harold Linnenkohl, PCAA Chairman

PRESENT: David Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Brian Stover, Post IV; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk; Scott Green, Operations Director; Angelia Farries, Sr. Administrative Assistant

EDO/IBA BOARD CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Michael Hughes, Executive Director stated the various resources that they are offering the business community such as, one-on-one look at their business to help with any needs and to give useful information, and new grant programs rolling out for businesses.

Tommy Morris, IBA Board Chairman stated he was glad to see the Joint Meetings continue, and stated he planned to attend the Planning Commission meeting on May 24, 2022 to speak on rezoning. He stated the IBA is focused on marketing the property they own and acquire additional property. Mr. Morris also touched on social media outlets and the use of them to promote smaller businesses in the community, and asked if anyone knows of any new business coming into Paulding to contact Michael Hughes.

Dan Nolan asked Mr. Hughes if the State of Georgia knew we were open for business.

Mr. Hughes stated the information is on the EDO Website and the County is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan required by the State, we are stakeholders on the committee.

Commissioner Stover stated that we need to make sure that we are reaching out to the small businesses that we already have in the community and we create an environment that will help bring business in to create more jobs.

Chairman Carmichael announced that Commissioner Sandy Kaecher serves as the Chairman on the EDO Board and recently received her Economic Development Certification through the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

PCAA CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Harold Linnenkohl, PCAA Chairman stated that the Airport Authority had Federal Rules that they must abide by and are required to have a five-year plan in place. The authority has several projects, one being to pipe the creek which allows to level off the pad to bring in more hangers. He further stated that Chattahoochee Tech is expecting to break ground in a couple of weeks, the Board is working with the City of Dallas on sewer extension and the goal is to have shovel ready projects.

Terry Tibbitts, Executive Director listed the ways that every group at the table has helped the Airport. He further stated, there are twelve businesses at the Airport that currently generates a

quarter of a million dollars in tax for the County. There are two flight schools and the Museum of Flight is up and running.

BOC REPORT:

Dave Carmichael, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners stated we are working with the Sheriff's Office to adjust salary in order to remain competitive and retain officers. The County received a rating of AA+ from Standard & Poor. He further stated we are revamping our Ordinances and getting ready to start the new State Court. Chairman Carmichael discussed that each fall the Board of Commissioners nominate and appoint to various County Boards and asked that if anyone has a person they feel would be able to serve please let one of the Commissioners know.

Commissioner Stover stated he is seeing a lot of growth in Post IV. He is proud to be a part of this Board and excited to see the County grow.

Commissioner Kaecher thanked our Finance Department for their hard work in getting us to the AA+ rating, which has not moved since 2009.

Commissioner Dunn stated he is proud to work with the Board and was glad to be able to get the Home Stead Exemption through. He further stated that the Board has seen areas that have needed to be updated and have worked hard to get that accomplished.

Scott Greene, Operations Director stated the County is progress driven and friendly. The Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan is under way and it is about how we deal with the population that is coming, and how to guide development to appropriate areas in the County.

Frank Baker, County Administrator thanked the Board of Education for their support with the ADAD programs. He further stated there is a new Fire Station coming and the County is looking at how best to use the property around the Reservoir.

CITY OF HIRAM REPORT:

Frank Moran, Mayor of Hiram stated he believes that the County has never worked better together than at this point in time. He introduced Clifford McGrady and stated the City added 137 new businesses last year. He further stated the City is looking to start having a Farmers Market and is excited that his officers were given the opportunity for some specialized crisis training, de-escalation classes and other training. Training that he has seen other County officers around the State come to attend. He credits Chief Michael Turner for being instrumental in getting these training programs.

Jody Palmer, City Manager added that under Police Chief Turner they have seen 176 officers come through the programs. The City is updating the playground equipment at Ben Hill Strickland Park, providing lighting and new pavilions, as well as new restrooms at the park. The City is working on a project at Arnold Lane to replace water lines and add sidewalks, the City is looking at repurposing and redesigning the Ball Park and working to update their Ordinances. He thanked the County Development staff for their hard work and professionalism. He stated he appreciates the working relationship between the County and the City of Hiram.

Chairman Carmichael introduced and welcomed Don Cardon, previous Director of Commerce for the State of Arizona.

CITY OF DALLAS REPORT:

James Kelly, Mayor of Dallas stated he has never seen a better working relationship with all of the organizations before. He gave an update on the New City Hall that is under renovation with all City offices being moved to that location, giving room for other business to locate downtown. He stated the City will have a Three-D drawing of the plan for downtown with green areas and will have a five story parking deck along with apartments and an amp theater. The City has been working on the Joe Parker Memorial Park and redeveloping older buildings. He further stated he is happy to announce the City is back in talks with the Brewery in hopes of getting them open. The City is working to manage the growth and is having any designs or development be approved by the City before any projects are started, there is online permitting, they are upgrading their sewer treatment plant and have switched their dispatch to AT&T cellular to save.

Kendall Smith, City Manager stated the Comprehensive Plan is coming up and stressed that all leaders take a look at it and put in suggestions. He further stated it is very important because it is

for the next ten-years.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:

Stacy Hamby, Chamber Director introduced the New Board Chairman Mike Crawford. She went over the 13 programs the chamber offers, the upcoming Leadership Paulding 32 Class graduation on June 2, 2022. She further stated the Washington fly-in was June 6th through June 8th and glad to be able to offer this again. She also stated that the Chamber is proud to partner with the Cities and County on events for the community.

Mike Crawford, Board Chairman stated he was excited to be the Chairman of the Chamber Board and reminded everyone of the Chamber Gala and the Greystone Luncheons. He stated he believed their needs to be a community resource association to help the community with any types of issues.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Steve Barnett, Superintendent stated the Paulding School District was blessed to have three things lined up when the pandemic hit; having a virtual academy in place already, the infrastructure in place for the virtual academy, and having just received a grant. He thanked everyone for their support and help. He further stated the Board is looking at how they are going to handle the future growth in Paulding and are looking at ways to handle capacity. They expect to see 35,000 students in the next five-years; currently there are six schools in the orange to red rang and three in the red, one being Union Elementary. The Board is looking at additions to North Paulding High School and Burt Hickory Elementary, along with looking at boundaries or zoning adjustments.

Dan Nolan, Board Chairman stated it was great to see everyone around the table working together to solve problems of the County and hopes to let the citizens know what is going on. Mr. Nolan stated the Board of Education appreciates having a seat on the Zoning Commission, he thanked the members of his Board of Education that were in attendance, and stated he would like to see the State Delegation at these meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Baker, County Administrator stated the State Court project started about eight-years ago with Judge Beavers. The purpose of a State Court is to separate felony cases and misdemeanor cases and to streamline the court process. Paulding County State Court will start on July 1, 2022, the State of Georgia will solicit who will be the District Attorney and the Judge for this Court. The Governor is tasked with appointing the two positions. He further stated the County had to do a buildout of courtrooms and offices in a building that didn't have any more room, because a new position was created with the ARPA funds, adjustments had to be made.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be in September 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Carmichael made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Stover. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post IV Brian Stover.


Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk


David L. Carmichael, Chairman