



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF THE COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
June 04, 2020**

**Silver Comet Field at Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport
730 Airport Parkway
Dallas, Ga. 30157**

MEETING CALLED BY: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

PRESENT: Chairman David L. Carmichael; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

INTRODUCTION: Greg Perry with the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce introduced Chairman Carmichael

AGENDA: Chairman Carmichael began by stating that Paulding County has worked hard over the past few months to align itself with National Emergency Health declarations, guidelines, and directives, as well as, the Cities of Hiram and Dallas to address the Covid-19 situation. He stated the County Emergency Management Agency described our actions as “spot-on”. Chairman Carmichael introduced the Post Commissioners and the County Administrator.

Chairman Carmichael stated, like the previous year, he asked the Post Commissioners to join him for a panel style State of the County Address.

Chairman Carmichael along with, Post III Commissioner, Chuck Hart, and Post IV Commissioner Brian Stover, each spoke to the audience about updates, projects and events in their posts. Chairman Carmichael advised that Post III Commissioner Chuck Hart would speak on behalf of Post II Commissioner Sandy Kaecher who along with Post I Commissioner, Ron Davis, were unable to attend. County Administrator Frank Baker would speak regarding Team Paulding.

Chairman Carmichael addressed three areas of improvement from the past year. First, business applications and permits are now on-line. A citizen can complete these actions without having to report in person to the Administration Building. Second, outdated ordinances & regulations are being reviewed and updated. Third, the retirement programs for the County’s first responders have been thoroughly evaluated.

Post III Commissioner Hart spoke on behalf of Post II Commissioner Sandy Kaecher. Commissioner Kaecher provided updates regarding Paulding County Airport and the new Paulding County Detention and Law Enforcement Center. In the past year, the airport has hosted military training, built a museum, built a pilot’s lounge, has opened a maintenance and flight school, and has had several businesses open. Paulding County Sheriff, Gary Gullede, stated staff has moved into the new facility and it is now open. He further stated that all inmates have been moved into the new facility as well.

Post III Commissioner Hart provided updates in his district. He was excited about Greystone Power moving to Paulding County and the construction of their new headquarters. He mentioned several sewer upgrades that will provide for the needs of future growth. He also referenced the infrastructure upgrades that will better serve Post III in the future.

Post IV Commissioner Stover provided updates on the Richland Creek Reservoir and Economic Development. He stated the reservoir is complete and the water level is rising. He stated the County has focused on Economic Development by updating the by-laws, creating a new Economic Development Board, and hiring a new Executive Director, Michael Hughes. Commissioner Stover also mentioned the opening of the new College and Career Academy.

County Administrator Frank Baker stated that everything presented this afternoon was an example of teamwork. He was proud of the County’s response to the Covid-19 situation. He acknowledged and presented the Team Paulding “Team Member of the Year Award” to Stephen Dooley, Deputy Director – EMA, for his work to keep Paulding County up to date and prepared for any situation.

After the “State of the County Address”, the meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

David L. Carmichael, Chairman