



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
July 12, 2022**

**Watson Government Complex  
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION  
& PLEDGE:** Jayson Phillips, County Attorney

**PRESENT:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Virginia Galloway, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Manager; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

**MINUTES:**

- 1. The June 28, 2022 Work Session Minutes and the June 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Carmichael introduced Post III Commissioner Virginia Galloway to the audience and viewers.

Team Paulding: The July 2022 Employee of the Month, Caleb Young with Paulding County Animal Control aired for the Commissioners and the audience.

**INVITED GUESTS:** National Cancer Survivors Day; Kellie Mitchell, Oncology Nurse Navigator; Jessica Morris, Cancer Survivor. Ms. Mitchell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board for their participation with the National Cancer Survivors Day Event.

**BID AWARDS:** None

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:**

Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director, presented a six-month update on Permits and Business Licenses, and compared the data to the previous years.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairman Carmichael read the following consent agenda items:

- 2. Adopt the Government Building Job Classification for: Administrative Assistant.*
- 3. Approve the Contract renewal of Doctor David Carpenter as Veterinarian for Paulding County Animal Control.*
- 4. Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with BASE ONE, LLC to execute an Interparcel Access Easement between both parties to have access to the newly configured driveway along Ridge Road, and execute a Temporary Construction Easement for the removal of the existing access and construction of the new access located in Post 2.*
- 5. Adopt Resolution 22-22 authorizing the County Manager and Finance Director to designate signers with financial institutions in accordance with financial internal controls.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6. Development Agreement with Burtfield Estates for sharing the cost of a 6-inch water main replacement along a portion of the right-of-way of Paulding Meadows Drive in Post 4:* Discussed action to approve a Development Agreement with Burtfield Estates for sharing the cost of a 6-inch water main replacement along a portion of the right-of-way of Paulding Meadows Drive in Post 4. Laurie Ashmore, Water and Sewer Director, stated Clear Sky Builders

is currently developing a 5.79 acre tract of land for residential homes. There have been maintenance issues along Paulding Meadows Road because the water main is under the pavement. Ms. Ashmore further stated that this project will move the water main from under the pavement to the County right of way. Paulding County will provide 1260ft of six-inch water main and the developer will provide the installation. She stated the Development Agreement includes completion of construction and expires in 24 months.

**7. *Resolution 22-21 authorizing a voter referendum on whether to allow the issuance of licenses for the package sales of distilled spirits:***

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 22-21 authorizing a voter referendum on whether to allow the issuance of licenses for the package sales of distilled spirits. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated the purpose of this Resolution is to deal with the package sales of distilled spirits in unincorporated Paulding County. This Resolution will allow this issue to be placed on the ballot for the citizens of Paulding County to decide.

**CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Tim Suddreth spoke to the Commissioners regarding his concern of the voting machines currently being used. He also spoke of a movement throughout the State of Georgia to bring this issue to every County.

Ms. Debra Suddreth spoke to the Commissioners regarding her concerns of the voting machines currently in use. She asked for the Board of Commissioners to partner with the citizens of the County and the Elections Board to properly secure the elections and support transparency. She also asked for these machines be removed and the County return to paper ballots.

Ms. Karen Teti spoke to the Commissioners regarding her concerns of the voting machines. She would like to see the current machines removed and the County return to paper ballots.

**Jayson Phillips, County Attorney**, stated that Paulding County is required to use the voting machines approved by the Georgia Secretary of State. The Board of Commissioners is required to follow that law. Mr. Phillips further stated this is an issue that would be better dealt with through State Officials and the General Assembly. The Paulding County Board of Commissioners and the Elections Board are sworn to follow the Elections Law.

**Chairman Carmichael** thanked the Citizens for speaking to the Board of Commissioners.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments or announcements.

**Commissioner Stover** thanked the citizens for coming forward to speak. He also encouraged the public to continue to vote.

**Commissioner Galloway** stated she appreciates all citizen input and encouraged them to approach their state law makers to ask for a change in the system.

**Chairman Carmichael** thanked all of the Department Heads and Employees present at the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

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