



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

April 22, 2021 - 9:00 AM
Paulding Chamber of Commerce
455 Jimmy Campbell Parkway
Dallas, Georgia 30132

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, BOC Chairman

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: David L. Carmichael, BOC Chairman

ATTENDEES: Dave Carmichael, Chuck Hart, Frank Baker, Rebecca Merideth, Will Lyons, Ann Lippmann, Angelia Faries, Stacy Hamby, Tommy Morris, Tom Cable, Terry Tibbitts, Michael Hughes, Tracy Hulseley, Erick Hofstetter, James Kelly, Kendall Smith, Amber Whisner, Jody Palmer, Clifford McGrady, Cathy Bookout

INSPIRATION: Commissioner Chuck Hart

EDO/IBA BOARD CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- **Tom Morris, IBA Board Chairman** – Stated that the goal of the IBA is to do everything they can to bring business to Paulding.
- **Brian Stover, EDO Board Chairman** – Stated that things are set up well and believes we are all working together to push things forward.
- **Michael Hughes, Exec. Director EDO/IBA** – Stated they are currently working on a new website and are rebranding the EDO with specific colors in mind, stating there is a purpose for the color choice. He believes his website will be able to rollout in the next forty-five days. He further stated that the website will have some enhanced features that Paulding has not been able to utilize before. He also updated the Boards on the Dallas Industrial Park, and the area at Laird Rd. Mr. Hughes informed the Boards that the EDO plans to begin doing what they call “Business Walks” where they will go out and meet with different businesses in the community.

PCAA CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- **Terry Tibbitts, Chief Exec. Officer PCAA** – Stated the PCAA signed a lease with two new companies to be housed at the Airport, and when the new flight school comes they will take the last office so the Airport offices will be full. He updated everyone on the Aviation Maintenance School stating it will be the only one in Metro Atlanta. He further stated that he has been contacted by Middle Georgia State University, who is the only school in Georgia to have a flight school. They are interested in bringing a flight school to our Airport. Mr. Tibbitts continued to update the Boards stating that with the construction at the Cartersville Airport, Phoenix Air Ambulance is being housed at our Airport.

CHAMBER REPORT:

- **Stacy Hamby, Chamber President** – Reminded everyone of some events that are coming up: BLD Golf Tournament; 60th Annual Chamber Awards Gala; the Red, White, and Boom event in Hiram; and an upcoming Job Fair. Ms. Hamby also stated the Chamber has launched its Tourism Program and is partnering with the EDO to help bring in business.

BOC REPORT:

- **Chairman Carmichael** – Spoke on the Costco Opening and the Greystone Opening. Chairman Carmichael also announced the Grand Opening of the Richland Creek Reservoir. He further updated the Boards on the American Recovery Plan Act/CARES Act.

BOE REPORT:

- **Eric Hofstetter, Chief Operations Officer** – Stated it has been a long year for the School District, the BOE is now going to offer more formal virtual programs for K-12. He also stated they will be working with the GIS and Planning and Zoning departments regarding the upcoming boundary changes. He updated the Boards on the CARES funds they had received and what the funds were used for, as well as announcing that Superintendent Ottot will be retiring on May 31st.

CITY OF HIRAM REPORT:

- **Jody Palmer, City Manager** – Introduced Mr. Clifford McGrady at the new City of Hiram Planning and Zoning Administrator. He stated that there were some plans in the works for Graysmill Park and project on Arnold Lane. They are looking to include a skate park, a water feature, and make some needed improvements. He further stated the City is looking for a qualified Code Enforcement Officer. He also stated that they welcomed Taco Mac to Hiram and are looking at a Burlington coming to the area.

CITY OF DALLAS REPORT:

- **Mayor James Kelly** – Stated the City is looking to double the size of their sewer basin and expand the sewer lines. He was happy to announce the County deeded over the Historical Courthouse to the City in order to renovate and move City Hall over to make it the center and heartbeat of the City. He further stated that the City would be bringing prisoners back to the County to be housed at the County jail. They are looking to have a green space area downtown, and looking to have more restaurants downtown as well. Mayor Kelly also stated there has been a lot of filming in the downtown area and with all the plans the City of Dallas will look very different in the next two years.
- **Kendall Smith, City Manager** – Stated the City is looking at installing a parking lot to make room for over 44 events that they hold each year.
- **Amber Whisner, City of Dallas Economic Development Director** – Stated the City is looking to introduce a commercial district soon on the west side of town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ann Lippmann, Community Development Director** – Gave an overview of the County's Ordinance/Development Regulations. Ms. Lippmann stated the new updated Ordinances will look a little different than before with new font, five new titles and new number system. The department has been busy giving every business in Paulding a six-digit NIX number and it will be called the United Development System.
- **Will Lyons, Information Technology Director** – Gave an update on County Wide Broadband and stated that in areas of the County they are lacking quality internet service. He stated that they are working with DCA and the State to acquire available grants to the underserved areas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM CITIZENS: No citizens spoke at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Chairman Carmichael stated the next meeting would be in August.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Carmichael adjourned the meeting.


Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk


David L. Carmichael, Chairman