



# 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, CITY OF DALLAS, HIRAM, AND  
BRASWELL

April 20, 2023 - 8:30 AM

Watson Government Complex  
240 Constitution Boulevard

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

**INVOCATION  
& PLEDGE:** Clifford McGrady, Zoning Administrator/Project Manager

**PRESENT:**

David Carmichael, Chairman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Kaecher, Commissioner Galloway, County Manager Frank Baker, County Clerk Rebecca Merideth, Scott Greene, Angelia Farries, Terry Tibbitts, Yolanda Newell, Tommy Morris, Chief Jefferson, Remi Martel, Al Scott, Forrest Sibley, Larry McIntyre, John Dean, Michael Hughes, Tracy Hulsey, Mike Hobbs, George Jones, Christina Henggeler, Kendall Smith, Dan Nolan, Steve Barnette, Tom Cable, Jody Palmer, Clifford McGrady.

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**EDO/IBA BOARD CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

*Sandy Kaecher, EDO Board Chairwoman* announced that they are working on a new Economic Development Video to help bring in businesses and industry to the County. The EDO will be having a Bus Tour of the County. She reported that the Hatchery is going up quickly, she suggested everyone go out to see it if you have not been.

*Michael Hughes, Executive Director* stated the last piece of the Dallas Industrial Park was sold, they plan to have a common space and are now topping out the roadways in the park. Mr. Hughes announced that AutoBan, a truck and trailer company has chosen Paulding to be the location of their Southern Hub, the company will bring in about 150 jobs to the County. The Bus Tour will bring in potential partners to see the County and what it has to offer.

**PCAA CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

*Terry Tibbitts, Executive Director* stated that currently construction is going well on the Chattahoochee Technical School, the building is going up. This School will put Paulding on the map for big aviation business. Mr. Tibbitts stated the ramp enhancements will open up 4 new paths

for small aircrafts. The sewer project will be completed and connected in about 30 days. We are applying for a GDOT grant for an Airport Parkway Extension, opening up the east side. We are applying for a GDOT grant for the North Round Expansion which is a 3 million dollar project. We now have the infrastructure to go vertical.

#### **BOC REPORT:**

*Frank Baker, County Manager* stated the County continues to look at a Senior Center at Mt. Tabor Park, there is a big difference in a new senior center building vs. one built 30 – years ago. Mr. Baker stated this is a new design for a Fire Station on Old Cartersville Rd.

*Scott Greene,* stated the project needs permits, and easements should be in about 8 weeks. This will be the County's 13<sup>th</sup> Fire Station.

*Frank Baker* continued stating that the Commissioners just approved improvements to Union Ballfield. We are making progress on tearing the old jail down to put up a new Vehicle Maintenance Center at the location. The last ADAD program will be in a few weeks and will be the 70<sup>th</sup> program we have done, 26 of those in Paulding.

*Commissioner Galloway* announced that she will be hold a Town Hall meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Taylor Farm Park, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, to discuss the Hwy 92 project and the upgrades to Taylor Farm Park.

*Commissioner Kaecher* thanked the County staff that helped get the Buchanan Hwy and Scoggins Road project completed.

#### **CITY OF HIRAM REPORT:**

*Jody Palmer, City Manager* stated there is a lot going on in Hiram, the City is progressing with the parking lot area and it should be wrapped up in a couple of weeks. The City is working on the water line replacement, in the process of street improvements for sidewalks, Greys Middle project is moving along to extend sewer and is almost ready to go out for bid. The City moved the summer programs this year. The City Police Department continues to recruit officers for full time and part-time. The University of Tennessee came down to give the officers a course on Crime Scene Investigations. The Public safety ambassador program is going well. Melissa Chosewood, City Clerk got recognized as the Clerk of the Month by the Georgia Municipal Clerks Association.

*Clifford McGrady,* announced that the City is working on a database to gather contractor contacts of all types of work that the City might need done, so they do not have to go out and look for contractors. He announced the Hiram Pastors Alliance is going well and recently recognized social workers.

#### **CITY OF DALLAS REPORT:**

*Kendell Smith, City Manager* stated the City is moving along with the purchase of property on the LCI project. They received a grant to move the Church. The sewer project west of Dallas outfall lines will connect to the Airport the first phase will wrap up August 24, 2023. The connection of the pedestrian bridge should be set around the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. They will start opening bids on the Historic Courthouse soon, they are reviewing documents and hope to start in May, and should be able to move in around 18 months later.



**CITY OF BRASWELL REPORT:**

*Joseph Jefferson, Police Chief of Braswell* stated they are on board to attend the meetings and he introduced some officers that attended with him as well as the Fire Chief. The Chief stated the City started out with 6 officers and now have 24. They are honored to be a part of Paulding, the comradery is not what you see in every County. He stated the City is interested in being a part of the Parks and Recreation. Chief Jefferson stated he looks forward to being a part of these meetings and working together.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:**

*Steve Barnette, Superintendent* thanked everyone for their support and stated the goal is to keep everyone especially this group more in the loop.

*Dan Nolan, Board Chairman* stated he is glad that everyone around the table is moving forward and working as a team. The School District needs help with housing, traffic, safety, and more sidewalks. The schools are fully staffed as far as the budget on Security Officers but some of the schools still need one. The District is looking into panic buttons, cards for teachers so that one teacher can lock down the school with one card. The school has 10 new safety vehicles that were designed by a student in Paulding County. Mr. Nolan thanked the Board of Commissioners for appointing a School Board Representative to serve on the Planning Commission. SLOST is coming up in November and it is a big deal for the School District because that is how we pay for our big projects. He further stated the School Board has done a comprehensive study on every building to find out specific needs. In August 2024 the new Middle school will be ready to open and there are plans for expansions on some of the current schools. The School District received 2 State Literacy Grants that will be used to train teachers on the science of learning.

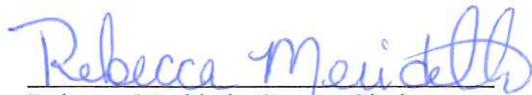
**NEW BUSINESS:**

*George Jones, Department of Transportation Director* gave an update on the GDOT under construction projects and under design projects; County under construction projects and under design projects. Mr. Jones gave some population background information, Paulding County population 2003 – under 100,000; Paulding County population July 2021 – 174,000; Paulding County projected population 2050 – in excess of 250,000. He stated population is driving the roadway projects and will be a driver for future roadway projects.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM CITIZENS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 2023

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sandy Kaecher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Nolan; motion carried unanimously.

  
Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

  
David L. Carmichael, Chairman