



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING MEETING MINUTES**

**Hall County Government Center 2nd Floor
2875 Browns Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30504**

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Thursday, December 08, 2022 - 06:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Richard Higgins, Vice-Chairman Kathy Cooper and Commissioners Billy Powell, Shelly Echols, and Jeff Stowe

Also present were County Administrator Jock Connell, Assistant County Administrator Zach Propes, Deputy Commission Clerk Abril Olivas, County Attorney Van Stephens, and Deputy County Attorney William Linkous III

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve with an amendment to move item 44 to be heard first during the zoning public hearings — unanimous

Invocation

- 1 Chairman Richard Higgins

Pledge

- 2 Commissioner Billy Powell

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve — unanimous

- 3 Approve the December 5, 2022 Work Session Minutes.
- 4 Approve the November 17, 2022 Voting Meeting Minutes.

- 5 Approve the November 17, 2022 Executive Session Minutes.
- 6 Approve the November 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes.
- 7 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Temporary Resurfacing Access between Hall County and the Hall County Board of Education and establish a project budget in the amount of \$65,000.00.
- 8 Approve the addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Hall County and the City of Gainesville, Georgia regarding the Highlands to Island Trail Improvements in and around Roosevelt Square.
- 9 Approve the Lease Agreement between 117 Bradford, LLC and Hall County for the Public Defender's Office to lease 117 Bradford Street, SE, Gainesville, GA in the annual amount of \$53,580.00.
- 10 Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2022 Ford Explorers for the Animal Shelter from Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$88,133.00.
- 11 Approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F250 truck for Parks & Leisure Services from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln of Morrow, GA, in the amount of \$59,427.00.
- 12 Approve the award of IFB #038-43 Energy Upgrade to HVAC Units for Public Works and Utilities to Debalski Heating and Cooling of Athens, GA, in the amount of \$58,250.00.
- 13 Approve the award of IFB #039-43 Replacement Chiller at Emergency Services Complex for Building Maintenance Department to Trane of Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$137,931.00.
- 14 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to convey title from Hall County to bSide Oakwood, LLC with regard to approximately 0.223 acres of land located on Thurmon Tanner Parkway near its intersection with Frontage Road for the sum of \$35,000, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.
- 15 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all closing documents necessary to acquire a tract of land consisting of approximately 0.11 acres located on the Atlanta Highway near its intersection with Thurmon Tanner Parkway, being a portion of parcel 08027 000004 owned by Glamour Art House, Inc. and CRE8 Asset Co., LLC, for a purchase price of \$50,000.00, subject to review and approval by County Attorney.
- 16 Approve the Letter of Intent with the Georgia Public Defender Council for the lease of four (4) offices and five (5) rooms of shared space at the former Department of Agriculture Building at 1195 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Gainesville, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent and any other documents necessary to effectuate the lease consistent with the Letter of Intent, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.
- 17 Approve the application of the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for the Hall County Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$50,000.00 and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee, and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. A cash match of \$50,000.00 will be required.

- 18 Approve the award of IFB #037-43 Replacement of Communication Remote Site Generators for Emergency Management to Power & Energy Services, Inc., of Lithia Springs, GA, in the amount of \$518,737.00.
- 19 Approve the conversion of the County's account structure to follow and be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Uniform Chart of Accounts.
- 20 Approve the FY 2022 allocation application of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the general revenue enhancement program to Provide additional assistance to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments in the amount of \$78,157.80, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. No match is required.
- 21 Approve the award of Task Order 2023-009 Floor Installation for the Emergency Services Complex to DCO Commercial Floors of Lawrenceville, GA. The estimated cost is \$226,800.00.
- 22 Approve the sole source purchase of a mobile unit training prop for Fire Rescue from FireVent, LLC of Carson City, NV, in the amount of \$86,528.00.
- 23 Approve the Resolution for the Hall County Wage and Compensation Study and authorize the Chairman to execute all related documents, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.
- 24 Approve the Employment Agreement appointing the position of County Attorney, and authorize the Chairman to execute all related documents.
- 25 Approve the Employment Agreement for the position of Assistant County Administrator (I).
- 26 Approve the Employment Agreement for the position of Assistant County Administrator (II).
- 27 Approve the Employment Agreement for the Director of Emergency Management.
- 28 Approve the 2023 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Hall and Dawson Counties which facilitates sharing the cost of two positions 50/50.
- 29 Approve the single source purchase of Permit Modifications and Cell Construction Design Documents at the Candler Road Landfill for Public Works & Utilities from Burns & McDonnell of Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$347,000.00.
- 30 Approve the ratification of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities application for the Public Works & Utilities to improve sidewalks, trails and other Butler Park amenities (dog park, bridge and additional lighting) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. \$400,000.00 match funds will be provided.
- 31 Approve the process to initiate the abandonment of a +/- 573' of public road on Old Cornelia Highway. Commission District 3.

- 32 Approve the process to initiate the abandonment of a section of public road between the cul-de-sac at the end of Kubota Way and the intersection of Kubota Way and Gateway Centre Parkway. Commission District 3.
- 33 Approve the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Transit Cargo Van for Construction Management from Billy Cain Ford of Commerce, GA in the amount of \$54,074.00.
- 34 Approve the Release of \$128,344.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement and acceptance of streets in Trinity Falls Phase 1 Subdivision. Commission District 1.
- 35 Approve the purchase of six (6) new 2022 Ford Explorers for the Sheriff's Office from Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, GA, in the amount of \$226,400.00.
- 36 Approve the purchase of three (3) used vehicles for the Sheriff's Office from Hardy Chevrolet of Gainesville, GA, in the amount of \$89,000.00.
- 37 Approve the purchase of two (2) new Ford Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office from Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, GA in the amount of \$82,000.00.
- 38 Approve the renewal of the Records Management System and Jail Management System's yearly maintenance and support for the Sheriff's Office to CentralSquare Technologies of Lake Mary, FL, in the amount of \$93,887.06.
- 39 Approve the ratification of the Public Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Strategies Grant application for the Sheriff's Office for the Cloud Base Crime Center in the amount of \$500,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. No match is required.

Other Business - Public Works and Utilities

Srikanth Yamala, Director of Public Works and Utilities, addressed the Board.

- 40 Approve the collection of \$465,218.00 Guaranty Agreement/Maintenance and acceptance of streets for Lancaster Subdivision Phase 2. Commission District 1.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper - remove item 40 from the Agenda - unanimous

Public Hearing to amend Hall County's Zoning Map as follows:

Randi Doveton, Director of Planning and Development, addressed the Board.

- 44 3461 Thompson Bridge Road | Rezone | from Residential-I (R-I) to Office and Institutional (O-I) on a 6.85± acre tract located on the west side of Thompson Bridge Road at its intersection with Tommy Aaron Drive | Zoned R-I; Tax Parcel 10114 000039A | Proposed use: office | ** Commission District 2 | Michael James Remodeling, applicant.

Item moved prior to item number 41 during the adoption of the agenda.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Michael James, 450 West Main Street, Dahlonega*

Opposition:

- *Matt Smith, 4557 Montclair Circle, Gainesville*
- *Stacy Reece, 761 Chattahoochee Place, Gainesville*
- *Mike Casper, 3570 Greystone Road, Gainesville*
- *Pam Doig, 3520 Greystone Road, Gainesville*
- *Larry Long, 679 Tommy Aaron Drive, Gainesville*
- *Jack Carey, 3530 Greystone Road, Gainesville*

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner — approve with the eleven (11) conditions listed below — vote 4 to 1

Vote: 4 to 1

Commissioner Cooper - aye

Commissioner Powell - aye

Chairman Higgins - nay

Commissioner Echols - aye

Commissioner Stowe - aye

Conditions:

- 1. The development shall conform with the proposed narrative and site plan, and the following conditions.*
- 2. The development shall be consistent with the standards of Gateway Corridors Overlay District (GCOD, 17.420), of the Official Code of Hall County with the exception of allowing gravel parking noted on the site plan.*
- 3. The current driveway access on Tommy Aaron Road shall be closed and there shall be no future access to Tommy Aaron Road from any part of the subject property. The applicant shall block the driveway onto Tommy Aaron Drive, remove the first two sections of the concrete driveway and utilize a landscape buffer to block Tommy Aaron Drive. This landscape buffer shall be a minimum of 25 ft long and 8 ft in depth at the time of planning. A new curb that matches the existing curb along Tommy Aaron Drive shall be installed where the driveway apron is removed. The landscape plan shall be approved by the Planning Director. One roll off dumpster will be allowed during the demolition of the driveway.*
- 4. Interparcel access between the subject property and 3473 Thompson Bridge Road shall be required, per Gateway Corridors Overlay District (GCOD, 17.420). The use of the existing gravel interparcel access road from 3473 Thompson Bridge Road shall be the only access approved to the subject property.*
- 5. No outdoor storage is allowed, which includes roll off dumpsters, equipment, materials and trailers.*
- 6. No additional signage shall be allowed along Tommy Aaron Drive or*

Thompson Bridge Road.

- 7. The subject property is restricted to office use only all other inherent uses that may be permitted by right are not allowed.*
- 8. The applicant shall have an easement recorded for interparcel access.*
- 9. Any future improvements to the subject property must be brought to the Hall County Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Commission.*
- 10. All company vehicles must be parked on 3473 Thompson Bridge Road.*
- 11. The new zoning should only apply to the portion of the property depicted from the blue line to the right, back to Thompson Bridge Road (property line directly north of intersection of Tommy Aaron Drive and Chattahoochee Place). A natural extension of the property line in the back, depicted on the exhibit. The remaining portion of the property shall remain R-I.*

- 41 Public Hearing to consider variance from Hall County lot frontage requirements on a collector road, Section 16.50.040, to allow a six (6) lot subdivision with a minimum lot frontage of 50FT, located on a 45.54± acre tract on the south side of Cash Road approximately 80 feet from its intersection with Union Church Road; a.k.a. 5084 Cash Road; Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcel 15043 000028A. Commission District 1.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Opposition:

- Derek Baker, 5234 Union Circle, Flowery Branch*
- Diane Stephens, 5228 Union Circle, Flowery Branch*

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Stowe — approve — Vote 3 to 2

Vote: 3 to 2

Commissioner Cooper —aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Echols — nay

Commissioner Stowe — nay

- 42 6580 Cleveland Highway | Amend Conditions | of a Light-Industrial (I-I) on a 8.67± acre tract located on the east side of Cleveland Highway approximately 1,712 feet from its intersection with Hub Head Road | Zoned I-I; Tax Parcel 12083 000003B | Proposed use: self-storage and boat & RV storage | ** Commission District 3 | Diane Schermerhorn, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced items 42 and 43, which were heard together. Ms. Doveton discussed the items. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- Diane Schermerhorn, 6147 Grand Marina Circle, Gainesville

Commissioner Echols/Commissioner Stowe — approve with the three (3) conditions listed below — unanimous

Conditions:

1. The conditions of zoning from approved on May 11, 2006 shall apply, with modifications to meet current regulations, as stated below:
 - a. The development shall occur as depicted on the site plan dated 9-9-2022 and described in the project narrative, modified for compliance with zoning conditions and Hall County regulations. No variances are granted as part of this request.
 - b. The development shall be subject to the standards of the Gateway Corridors Overlay District (GCOD, 17.420). No variances are granted from these standards.
 - c. The applicant shall coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to obtain a commercial driveway permit as part of the land development process. Any cost associated with these improvements shall be the responsibility of the developer.
 - d. The following uses are prohibited: auto repair garages, junk yard, truck terminal, or adult entertainment.
 - e. Any outdoor lighting on the premises shall be full cut-off down lighting to prevent spillage onto adjacent properties. Lighting specification sheets shall be submitted and approved by Planning Director prior to issuance of a permit.
 - f. The vehicle parking areas shall be paved with either asphalt or concrete.
 - g. A 50 foot vegetated buffer shall be installed along all interior property lines per the requirements of 17.420.050.
2. All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.
3. The applicant shall install a 5 foot high landscaped berm along Cleveland Highway with decorative fencing.

43 6580 Cleveland Highway | Use Subject to County Commission approval | on a 8.67± acre tract located on the east side of Cleveland Highway approximately 1,712 feet from its intersection with Hub Head Road | Zoned I-I; Tax Parcel 12083 000003B | Proposed use: self-storage and boat & RV storage | ** Commission District 3 | Diane Schermerhorn, applicant.

Items 42 and 43 were heard together. See item 42 for public hearing details.

Commissioner Echols/Commissioner Powell — approve with the six (6) conditions listed below — unanimous

Conditions:

- 1. The conditions of zoning from approved on May 11, 2006 shall apply, with modifications to meet current regulations, as stated below:
 - a. The development shall generally occur as substantially depicted on the site plan dated 9-9-2022 and described in the project narrative.*
 - b. The development shall be subject to the standards of the Gateway Corridors Overlay District (GCOD, 17.420). No variances are granted from these standards other than those specifically approved in this motion.*
 - c. The applicant shall coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to obtain a commercial driveway permit as part of the land development process. Any cost associated with these improvements shall be the responsibility of the developer.*
 - d. A 50 foot vegetated buffer shall be installed along all interior property lines per the requirements of 17.420.050.**
- 2. Hours of operations shall be from 6 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday — Sunday. There shall be no tenant entrance between 11 p.m. — 6 a.m.*
- 3. Standing seam architectural panel shall be allowed on the building and canopy roofs with the color to be approved by the Director of Planning and Development.*
- 4. All end walls of the open air storage shall be of approved material noted on Gateway Corridor Standard. Metal posts shall be allowed in between the storage bays.*
- 5. All other gateway corridor requirements for fencing and buildings shall be adhered to.*
- 6. This approval shall be effective for 12 months after Board of Commission approval unless the permitting process is initiated.*

~~44 3461 Thompson Bridge Road | Rezone | from Residential-I (R-I) to Office and Institutional (O-I) on a 6.85± acre tract located on the west side of Thompson Bridge Road at its intersection with Tommy Aaron Drive | Zoned R-I; Tax Parcel 10114 000039A | Proposed use: office | ** Commission District 2 | Michael James Remodeling, applicant.~~

Item moved prior to item number 41 during the adoption of the agenda.

45 2866 Lanier Tech Drive | Rezone | from Light-Industrial (I-I) to Residential Multi-Family (RMF) on a 58.26± acre tract located at the terminus of Lanier Tech Drive | Zoned I-I; Tax Parcel 15021 000085 | Proposed use: 370-unit multi-family complex | ** Commission District 3 | Capstone Acquisitions, LLC, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Jonathan Collins, 1761 Valley Road, Gainesville*

Commissioner Echols/Commissioner Powell — approve with the ten (10) conditions listed below — vote 4 to 1

Vote: 4 to 1

Commissioner Cooper - aye

Commissioner Powell - aye

Chairman Higgins - nay

Commissioner Echols - aye

Commissioner Stowe - aye

Conditions:

- 1. The development shall occur as depicted on the site plan dated 9-14-2022 and described in the project narrative.*
- 2. The density of the development shall not exceed 6.34 units/acre and shall not exceed 370 total units.*
- 3. The site may require a stormwater management report should the site plan indicate the proposed development meets stormwater thresholds for impervious surfaces. The proposed development is located in the North Oconee Watershed Overlay which doubles all stream buffers and setbacks from rested vegetation not to the center line of the stream.*
- 4. The proposed residential development shall conform substantially to Streets and Other Rights-of-Way (16.60).*
- 5. The recommendations of the traffic study, subject to the review and approval by both Hall County Traffic Engineering and the Georgia Department of Transportation, shall be implemented. Any cost associated with these improvements shall be the responsibility of the developer.*
- 6. The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."*
- 7. A landscape plan shall be approved by the Planning Director prior to issuance of the Land Disturbance Permit (LDP).*
- 8. The open space and buffers shall be protected in perpetuity by a deed that follows the property and shall not be separated from the parcel by future subdivision or reduced for project expansion. The removal or modification of this condition shall require action by the Board of Commissioners (BOC).*
- 9. All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.*

10. *Architectural standards: All facades of all residences, shall be finished with brick or fiber cement type siding/shake shingles. The front facades shall incorporate changes in building material, texture, and/or color. Vinyl siding shall be prohibited on all residential and non-residential buildings.*

46 2581 Ramsey Circle | Rezone | from Agricultural-Residential-III (AR-III) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) on a 35.14± acre tract located on the north side of Ramsey Circle at its intersection with White Sulphur Road; Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcel 09113 000001 (pt.) | Proposed use: 305-unit multi-family complex | ** Commission District 3 | CMWB Company, LLC, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Cameron Grogan, 5875 Pine Brook Road, Atlanta*
- *Gary Wood, 4006 White Sulphur Road, Gainesville*

Opposition:

- *Brad Johns, 3155 Dockside Drive, Gainesville*

Commissioner Echols/Commissioner Stowe — approve with the fourteen (14) conditions listed below — unanimous

Conditions:

1. *The development shall generally occur as depicted on the site plan dated 8-2-2022 and described in the project narrative.*
2. *The density shall not exceed 300 units with a maximum of 15 three bedroom units.*
3. *The site shall require a stormwater management report should the site plan indicate the proposed development meets stormwater thresholds for impervious surfaces. The proposed development is located in the North Oconee Watershed Overlay which doubles all stream buffers and setbacks from rested vegetation not to the center line of the stream.*
4. *The proposed residential development shall conform to Streets and Other Rights-of-Way (16.60). No variances are granted as part of this request.*
5. *Landscape and Lighting plan shall be submitted to the Planning Director for approval prior to issuance of the LDP.*
6. *The recommendations of the traffic study, subject to the review and approval by both Hall County Traffic Engineering and the Georgia Department of Transportation, shall be implemented. Any cost associated with these improvements shall be the responsibility of the developer.*
7. *The applicant shall follow the standard Land Development Review and building permit process for Hall County.*
8. *Approval shall expire if the project permitting phase has not begun within 12 months of Board of Commissioners approval.*
9. *The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the*

property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."

- 10. The open space and undisturbed buffers shall be protected in perpetuity by deed that follows the property and shall not be separated from the parcel by future subdivisions or reduced for project expansion. The removal or mod of this conditions shall require action by the Board of Commission (BOC).*
- 11. All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.*
- 12. Architectural standards: All facades of all residences, shall be finished with brick or fiber cement type siding/shake shingles. The front facades shall incorporate changes in building material, texture, and/or color. Vinyl siding shall be prohibited on all residential and non-residential buildings.*
- 13. The development shall have a 50 foot transitional buffer around all property lines with except of those fronting Ramsey Circle and White Sulphur Road.*
- 14. Maximum of ten (10) buildings within design parameters and are not to exceed 300 units with 5% being three (3) bedroom. The buildings are limited in height to a basement plus three (3) stories above. Design flexibility to work within these parameters is granted.*

47 4020 & 3886 Cornelia Highway and 4761 Cagle Mill Road | Rezone | from Agricultural-Residential-III (AR-III) & Agricultural-Residential-IV (AR-IV) to Heavy Industrial (I-II) on a 134.14± acre tract located on the south side of Cornelia Highway approximately 679 feet from its intersection with Cagle Road | Zoned AR-III & AR-IV; Tax Parcel 15007 000129, 000270, & 000027A | Proposed use: heavy industrial | ** Commission District 3 | Ridgeline Land Planning, Inc, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item.

Commissioner Echols/Commissioner Powell — approve tabling item 47 until the January 26, 2023 Voting Meeting — unanimous

48 0 & 0 Old Winder Highway | Rezone | from Planned Commercial Development (PCD) to Agricultural-Residential-IV (AR-IV) on a 13.38± acre tract located on the west side of Old Winder Highway approximately 771 feet from its intersection with Ridgemoor Drive | Zoned PCD; Tax Parcel 15039A000003 & 000029 (pt.)| Proposed use: agricultural uses | ** Commission District 1 | Ben Baker, Baker & Summy, PC, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Ben Baker, 6340 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth*

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Stowe — approve — unanimous

- 49 5741 Holiday Road | Rezone | from Highway-Business (H-B) to Planned Commercial Development (PCD) on a 2.12± acre tract located on the east side of Holiday road at its intersection with Green Road | Zoned H-B; Tax Parcel 07329 001005 | Proposed use: boat & RV storage | ** Commission District 2 | Torris J. Babbs, PE, applicant.

Mr. Linkous introduced the item. Ms. Doveton discussed the item. Mr. Linkous conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Torris Babbs, Villa Rica*
- *Juan Jimenez, Lawrenceville*

Opposition:

- *Kelly Jameson, 5724 Green Road, Buford*
- *Bethany Alberto, 5730 Holiday Road, Buford*
- *Abiel Alberto, 5730 Holiday Road, Buford*

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Echols — approve tabling item 49 until the January 26, 2023 Voting Meeting— unanimous

County Administrator

Mr. Connell stated the following:

- *Hall County offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022, and Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of the Christmas holidays.*
- *Hall County offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of the New Year's holiday.*

Commission Time

Commissioner Cooper, District 1, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Powell, District 2, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wishes Gainesville High School good luck on tomorrow night's state championship game.

Chairman Higgins, congratulated Elections on a successful election cycle and wished Commissioner Echols great success in the State Senate.

Commissioner Echols, District 3, thanked the County Staff and stated that it was a pleasure and honor to serve the people of District 3. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wished Gainesville High School good luck.

Commissioner Stowe, District 4, wished Gainesville High School good luck and encouraged everyone to come to Butler Park's Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Adjourn

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 7:47 p.m. — unanimous