



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

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

**Streamed Live on Hall County Government's Website - www.hallcounty.org
Thursday, June 08, 2023 - 06:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

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

Also present were County Administrator Zach Propes, Assistant County Administrator Katie Crumley, Deputy Commission Clerk Abril Olivas, County Attorney William Linkous III, and Assistant County Attorney Justin Lawhon

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Invocation

1 Chairman Richard Higgins

Pledge

2 Commissioner Jeff Stowe

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Proclamation/s

- 3 Approve the Proclamation recognizing the Johnson High School Boys Soccer Team for their State Championship win.

Commissioner Powell presented the Proclamation to Head Coach Frank Zamora, Assistant Coach Jonathan Mendoza, Jordy Acosta, Andres Galicia, Edgar Vazquez, David Arteaga, and Josue Mendoza.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 4 Approve the Joint Proclamation with The City of Gainesville recognizing Monday, June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 5 Approve the June 5, 2023 Work Session minutes.
- 6 Approve the May 25, 2023 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 7 Approve the May 25, 2023 Executive Session minutes.
- 8 Approve the May 25, 2023 Meeting minutes.
- 9 Approve the ratification of the purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 truck and one (1) Ford F-250 truck for Building Maintenance to Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$115,130.00.
- 10 Approve the award of IFB #003-44 Fire Sprinkler Maintenance Annual Contract for Building Maintenance to Century Fire Protection of Duluth, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$122,000.00.
- 11 Approve the annual renewal of the subsidy contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections.
- 12 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution to amend the Code of Ordinances of Hall County, Georgia relating to records management, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.
- 13 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ #42-006 Demand Services for On-Call Plumbing Contractors for various County departments to B&W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Lawrenceville, GA and Stripes Plumbing Contractors, LLC (previously DBA Bill Worley Plumbing, Inc.) of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$285,600.00.
- 14 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #020-42 New Tires and Related Parts and Services for various County departments to Kesler Tire Service, Inc. of Gainesville, GA and Harrison Tire Service of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$330,000.00.
- 15 Approve the award of IFB #011-44 Uniform Purchase Annual Contract for various County departments to Strongpoint, LLC of Gainesville, GA, Lawmen's & Shooters' Supply, Inc. of Titusville, FL and Uniforms Unlimited of Athens, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$278,000.00.
- 16 Approve the award of IFB #017-44 Drug Screen Kits & Services Annual Contract for various County departments to Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. of Santa Rosa, CA. The estimated annual cost is \$80,000.00.
- 17 Approve the award of RFQ/P #43-025 Wauka Mountain Compactor Site Design and Renovation for Public Works & Utilities to Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung International, Inc. of Duluth, GA, in the amount of \$85,202.50.
- 18 Approve the award of IFB #010-44 Demand Services for QA/QC Engineering Construction Testing Services for Public Works & Utilities to Contour Engineering, LLC of Norcross, GA, Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC), LLC of Buford, GA, Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. of Kennesaw, GA, ECS Southeast, LLP of Lawrenceville, GA and United Consulting of Norcross, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$75,000.00.
- 19 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ #42-026 Hall County Public Works & Utilities Program Management for Public Works & Utilities to Rochester & Associates, LLC of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$545,000.00.

Other Business - Appointments for Consideration

- 20 Appointment to the GA Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 1 Advisory Board to serve a term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4. NOTE: Tabled at the May 25, 2023 Voting Meeting until the June 8, 2023 Voting Meeting.

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe – approve removing item 20 from the table – Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper – aye

Commissioner Powell – aye

Chairman Higgins – aye

Commissioner Poole – absent

Commissioner Stowe – aye

Motion passed.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell – appoint Avery Niles – Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper – aye

Commissioner Powell – aye

Chairman Higgins – aye

Commissioner Poole – absent

Commissioner Stowe – aye

Motion passed.

Other Business - Financial Services

Wes Geddings, Director of Financial Services, addressed the Board.

- 21 Present the proposed FY 2024 Budget and Public Hearing.

Mr. Geddings discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Opposition:

- *Jim Barco (spoke from the audience)*

Other Business - Planning and Development

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

- 22 Public Hearing to amend Chapter 17.216 entitled "Short Term Rental" of the Official Code of Ordinances of Hall County, Georgia by deleting the current subsection 17.216.060.A entitled "Business License and Tax" and inserting a new subsection 17.216.060.A; to provide for an effective date for said resolution; to repeal conflicting ordinances and resolutions; and for other purposes.

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

The following people addressed the Board:

Opposition:

- *Bhaskar Reddy*
- *Keith and Margaret Platt, 4709 Virginia Street, Oakwood*

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe– approve – Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper – aye

Commissioner Powell – aye

Chairman Higgins – aye

Commissioner Poole – absent

Commissioner Stowe – aye

Motion passed.

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

- 23 **2156 Athens Highway | Use Subject to County Commission Approval |** on a 11.16± acre tract located on the west side of Athens Highway approximately 968 feet from its intersection with Wilson Drive | Zoned I-II; Tax Parcel 15032D000057B | **Proposed use: car sales |** Commission District 3 | **2156 Athens Highway, LLC, applicant.**

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

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Joey Cox, 2177 Point Overlook, Gainesville*

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — approve with the seven (7) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The development shall conform substantially with the proposed narrative, modified as necessary for compliance with current development standards at time of site plan approval.*
- 2. A 50 foot transitional buffer shall be planted or remain undisturbed along any boundary which abuts residential use. Planting standards shall meet those requirements in §17.260 of the Official Code of Hall County.*
- 3. The entire salvage yard shall be fenced with a minimum 8 foot height opaque fence constructed parallel to Athens Highway.*
- 4. All inventory shall be parked at least 300 feet from the centerline of Athens Highway. Customer and employee parking shall be allowed in the front of the property (within 300 feet of the centerline of Athens Highway).*
- 5. Plans for any further improvements or development of the property shall be submitted for review and appropriate permits obtained.*
- 6. All mechanical services shall be conducted within a garage bay.*
- 7. All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.*

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1596 Fulenwider Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval |
on a 5.66± acre tract located on the south side of Fulenwider Road
approximately 1,100 feet from its intersection with May Drive | Zoned I-II; Tax
Parcel 15031 000135 | **Proposed use: epoxy manufacturing facility |**
Commission District 3 | **Warren Environmental and Coatings, LLC,**
applicant.

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

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- Tyler Smith, 340 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Gainesville*
- Brian Brandstetter, Dacula*

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve with the four (4) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The development shall conform substantially with the proposed narrative, modified as necessary for compliance with current development standards at time of site plan approval.*
- 2. Plans for any further improvements or development of the property shall be submitted for review and appropriate permits obtained.*
- 3. All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.*
- 4. This approval shall be limited to the conditional uses noted in code section 17.170.020, uses 17 and 18.*

County Administrator

Mr. Propes addresses the Board. He stated the following:

- The Voting Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023 has been cancelled.*
- A Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

Commission Time

Commissioner Powell, District 2, requested for the July 13th Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting to be moved to July 12th. County Administrator Propes requested for staff to review this request due to public hearing items currently advertised.

Commissioner Stowe, District 4, expressed his appreciation and thanked the Hall County Parks staff, Katie Crumley and Zach Propes for the great work they did to put together the ribbon cutting last weekend for the splash pad at Bulter Park.

Adjourn

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 7:01 p.m. — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Higgins — aye

Commissioner Poole — absent

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.