



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

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Monday, September 25, 2023 - 03:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Also present were County Administrator Zach Propes, Assistant County Administrators Katie Crumley and Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, Deputy Commission Clerk Abril Olivas, and County Attorney William Linkous III

Community Services and Parks

Brent Holloway, Director of Community Services and Parks, addressed the Board.

- 1 Approve the award of RFQ/P 44-010 Renovation of Animal Services HVAC and Lighting for Animal Services to TRANE U.S. Inc of Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$2,124,406.00.

Consent

County Attorney

Mr. Linkous addressed the Board.

- 2 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a tax levy resolution at the request of the Hall County Board of Education in connection with the Board of Education's issuance of general obligation bonds; authorization to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the levy, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

District Attorney's Office

Lee Darragh, District Attorney, addressed the Board.

- 3 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for the District Attorney's Office to provide direct support to crime victims in the amount of \$87,310.00, 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.

Consent

Fire Rescue

Jerry Smith, Interim Fire Chief, addressed the Board.

- 4 Approve the purchase under IFB #010-42 for new firefighter turnout gear for Fire Rescue to North American Fire Equipment Co. (NAFECO) of Decatur, AL, in the amount of \$812,000.00.

Consent

- 5 Approve the purchase of four (4) Ford F-150 trucks and one (1) Ford F-450 truck for Fire Rescue to Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, GA and Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$262,030.00.

Consent

- 6 Approve the purchase under IFB #009-42 Emergency Lighting & Siren Supply for Emergency Vehicle Lights & Installation for Fire Rescue from West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc. of Savannah, GA, in the amount of \$50,486.96.

Consent

Human Resources

Dr. LisaRae Jones, Director of Human Resources, addressed the Board.

- 7 Approve the renewal for health and welfare benefit plans, inclusive of medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and the Hall County Government Family Health Center; authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all related documents. The estimated annual cost is \$25,169,880.00.

Consent

Public Works and Utilities

Jorge Gomez, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities, addressed the Board.

- 8 Approve the purchase of one (1) Kubota Skid Steer for Public Works & Utilities to Mason Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. of Cumming, GA, in the amount of \$72,450.85.

Consent

- 9 Approve the purchase of one (1) Bandit Industries Chipper for Public Works & Utilities to Mason Tractor & Equipment Co. of Norcross, GA, in the amount of \$101,784.50.
- Consent*
- 10 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a utility easement between Hall County and Century Communities of Georgia, LLC, subject to the review and approval by County Attorney. Commission District 1.
- Consent*
- 11 Approve the award of IFB #062-43 Construction of a Roundabout at McEver Road and Lights Ferry Road for Public Works & Utilities to Chattahoochee Group, Inc. of Clermont, GA, in the amount of \$2,483,686.51.
- Consent*
- 12 Approve the acceptance of a \$1,378,050.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for the streets, stormwater management facilities, and sidewalks in Reunion Phase 21 Subdivision. Commission District 1.
- Consent*
- 13 Approve the acceptance of a \$939,197.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for the streets, stormwater management facilities, and sidewalks in Somerset at Riverbrook subdivision. Commission District 2.
- Consent*

Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant John Morgan, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

- 14 Approve the installation and purchase of video surveillance cameras, card-reader access control and related equipment for the Sheriff's Office to Howard Technology Solutions of Laurel, MS, in the amount of \$152,086.20.
- Consent*

Solicitor of State Court

Stephanie Woodward, Solicitor General, addressed the Board.

- 15 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for the Solicitor's Office to provide direct support to crime victims in the amount of \$124,219.00, 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.
- Consent*

County Administrator

Mr. Propes addressed the Board and stated the following:

- *Presented a "WIN" video highlighting the new interactive road resurfacing map.*

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Vickie Kanady, 5315 H Thomas Road, Gainesville*
- *Amy Segars, 1234 Baty Road, Martin*

Commission Time

Commissioner Gregg Poole, Commission District 3, stated there is no doubt that we have qualified people inside Hall County. Stated he never said that. Stated there is no doubt we (Hall County) do.

Adjourn

Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.