



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

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

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Thursday, September 28, 2023 - 06:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

*Chairman Higgins at 6:00 p.m.*

*Present:*

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

*Also present were Assistant County Administrators Katie Crumley and Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, Deputy Commission Clerk Abril Olivas, County Attorney William Linkous III, and Assistant County Attorney Justin Lawhon*

**Approve Agenda**

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve — unanimous*

**Invocation**

- 1 Chairman Richard Higgins

**Pledge**

- 2 Commissioner Billy Powell

**Public Comments**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**Proclamation/s**

- 3 Approve the Proclamation recognizing September 2023 as National Preparedness Month.

*Commissioner Poole presented Emergency Management Director Zach Brackett and Emergency Management Specialist Caleb Johnson with the Proclamation.*

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve — unanimous*

## **Consent Agenda**

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve — unanimous*

- 4 Approve the September 25, 2023 Work Session minutes.
- 5 Approve the September 14, 2023 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 6 Approve the September 14, 2023 Executive Session minutes.
- 7 Approve the September 14, 2023 Meeting minutes.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.

- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 Approve the acceptance of a \$1,378,050.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for the streets, stormwater managment facilities, and sidewalks in Reunion Phase 21 Subdivision. Commission District 1.
- 20 Approve the acceptance of a \$939,197.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for the streets, stormwater managment facilities, and sidewalks in Somerset at Riverbrook subdivision. Commission District 2.
- 21 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.
- 22 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.

### **County Administrator**

*Ms. Crumley and Mr. Ramsey did not have any items to report.*

### **Commission Time**

*Commissioner Billy Powell, District 2, acknowledged current members of Leadership Hall. These members addressed the Board:*

- *Richard Cheek, Edward Jones*
- *Christina Wilson, Brenau University*
- *Ellie Parker, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce*
- *Hannah Smith, The Sassafras Group*

### **Adjourn**

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — adjourn at 6:09 p.m. — unanimous*