



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION 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
Monday, December 11, 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 Assistant County Administrators Katie Crumley and Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, and County Attorney William Linkous III

Administration

Ms. Crumley addressed the Board.

- 1 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFP #41-011 Demand Services for Fabrication & Installation of Hall County Signage for Administration to Miller EG Design of Acworth, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$657,662.18.

Consent

Corrections and Maintenance

Walt Davis, Director of Corrections and Maintenance, addressed the Board.

- 2 Approve the ratification of the purchase of engine repairs and replacement for a 2006 International 2600 Dump Truck for Road Maintenance to Rush Truck Center of Gainesville, GA, in the amount of \$54,690.01.

Consent

Court Administration

Jason Stephenson, Court Administrator, addressed the Board.

- 3 Approve the ratification of the 2024 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding application for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$749,692.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. No cash or in-kind match is required.

Consent

Emergency Management

Zach Brackett, Director of Emergency Management (EMA), addressed the Board.

- 4 Approve the sole source purchase of hardware, software and services, including Motorola CommandCentral Aware, Radio Location, and Radio Management for 911/Central Communications from Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Schaumburg, IL, in the amount of \$480,983.00.

Consent

Financial Services

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

- 5 Presentation of the Hall County FY 2023 Annual Audit Report.

Amanda Wilkson, CPA, Bates & Carter, addressed the Board and discussed the FY 2023 Annual Audit Report.

Fire Rescue

Jerry Smith, Interim Fire Chief, addressed the Board.

- 6 Approve the sole source purchase of four (4) Zoll X Series Advanced Monitors/Defibrillators for Fire Rescue to Zoll Medical Corporation of Chelmsford, MA, in the amount of \$162,775.76.

Consent

- 7 Approve the award of IFB #028-44 Furnish and Install Two (2) Shipping Containers for Live Firefighting Training for Fire Rescue to Symtech Fire, LLC of New Providence, NJ and establish a capital projects budget in the amount of \$122,050.00.

Consent

Human Resources

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

- 8 Approve the renewal of the Third Party Administrator (TPA) and Excess Worker's Compensation for plan year 2024 with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. of Atlanta, GA and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. of Rolling Meadows, IL. The estimated cost of this renewal is \$438,899.00; and authorization for the Chairman to execute all related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent (Commissioner Stowe - recused)

- 9 Approve the Employment Agreement for the position of Major for the Sheriff's Office.

Consent

- 10 Approve the Employment Agreement for the position of Administrative Operations Director for the Sheriff's Office.

Consent

Planning and Development

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

- 11 Approve the Recommendation from the Hearing Officer regarding a Revocation of a Short Term Rental License for Stone Resource, LLC located at 6111 Blackberry Lane, Buford, GA 30518.

Consent

- 12 **1731 Friendship Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential IV (AR-IV) to Planned Commercial Development (PCD) on a 7.33± acre parcel located on the north side of Friendship Road, approximately 240 feet east of its intersection with Reunion Way | Zoned AR-IV (GCOD); Tax Parcel 15041 000190 (pt.) | **Proposed Use: 185-unit multi-family development** | Commission District 1 | **Tim Wilbanks, applicant.**

- 13 **1731 Friendship Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential IV (AR-IV) to Highway Business (H-B) on a 2.72± acre parcel located on the north side of Friendship Road, approximately 240 feet east of its intersection with Reunion Way | Zoned AR-IV (GCOD); Tax Parcel 15041 000190 (pt.) | **Proposed Use: permitted uses within Highway Business (H-B)** | Commission District 1 | **Tim Wilbanks, applicant.**

- 14 **1731 Friendship Road | Variance** | 17.420.050.C.2 to reduce the required transitional buffer in Gateway Corridors Overlay District | on a 10.04± acre parcel located on the north side of Friendship Road, approximately 240 feet east of its intersection with Reunion Way | Zoned AR-IV (GCOD); Tax Parcel 15041 000190 | **Proposed Use: 185-unit multi-family development and permitted uses within Highway Business (H-B)** | Commission District 1 | **Tim Wilbanks, applicant.**

- 15 **2122 & 0 Browns Bridge Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval** | on a 1.708± acre tract located on the west side of Browns Bridge Road, approximately 62 feet from its intersection with Hilton Drive | Zoned H-B (GCOD); Tax Parcels 00122 001021 & 001031B | **Proposed use: used vehicle sales lot** | Commission District 4 | **Antonio Duran, applicant.**
- 16 **3715 Wahoo Falls Trace, 1000 Treesort View, and 0 Price Road | Amend Conditions** | of a Planned Commercial Development (PCD) on a total of 39.56± acres located within the Riverbrook Marketplace development a.k.a. Riverbrook Marketplace Grocery and Shops | Zoned PCD & PRD (GCOD); Tax Parcels 10100 000156B, 000158, & 000156C | **Proposed use: master sign plan** | Commission District 2 | **Todd Mathes, applicant.**
- 17 **2367, 2371, and 0 Monroe Drive | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential III (AR-III) and Heavy Industrial (I-II) to Heavy Industrial (I-II) | on a combined 1.22± acres located on the north side of Monroe Drive, approximately 765 feet east of its intersection with Danbury Lane | Zoned AR-III and I-II, Tax Parcels 15032F000028, 000028B and 000060 | **Proposed Use: truck parking and dumpster storage** | Commission District 4 | **Bobby Wood, applicant.**
- 18 **6086 Atlanta Highway | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential III (AR-III) to Highway Business (H-B) | on a 0.53± acre parcel located on the north east side of Atlanta Highway, approximately 382 feet from its intersection with Mount Salem Circle | Zoned AR-III (GCOD), Tax Parcel: 08139 003001 | **Proposed Use: permitted uses within Highway Business (H-B)** | Commission District 1 | **Daniel Perdomo, applicant.**
- 19 **0 Candler Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential-IV (AR-IV) to Heavy Industrial (I-II) on a 51.47± acre tract located on the west side of Candler Road approximately 1840 feet from its intersection with Lee Land Road | Zoned AR-IV (GCOD); Tax Parcel 15031A000001 | **Proposed use: welding service** | Commission District 3 | **Paden M. Dunagan, applicant.**
- 20 **3321 Montvale Drive | Use Subject to County Commission Approval** | on a 7.88± acre tract located on the south side of Montvale Drive, at its intersection with Manor Ridge | Zoned R-I & AR-III; Tax Parcel 10046 000015 | **Proposed use: 4-lot subdivision** | Commission District 2 | **Zachary Lewis Boyd Milne, applicant.**

Public Works and Utilities

Bill Nash, Director of Public Works and Utilities, addressed the Board.

- 21 Approve the award of RFQ/P #44-015 Georgia Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan for Public Works & Utilities to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. of Peachtree Corners, GA, in the amount of \$287,981.00.

Consent

- 22 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute six (6) amendments to existing easements for the Friendship Road Sewer Project, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Commission District 1.

Consent

- 23 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Buford for cooperative paving of a section of New Bethany Road, which are maintained by Hall County, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

Sheriff's Office

Major Brad Parks, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

- 24 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Master Services Agreement to consolidate three (3) existing Flock Safety Camera Service Agreements into one (1) co-terminous agreement for the Sheriff's Office with Flock Group, Inc. of Atlanta, GA, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. The estimated annual cost is \$150,000.00.

Consent

County Administrator

Ms. Crumley addressed the Board. He stated the following:

- *Hall County Offices will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2023 and Monday, December 25, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.*
- *Hall County Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of the New Years Day holiday.*
- *Presented a 'WIN' video highlighting mental health awareness featuring the Hall County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gerald Couch delivered remarks and discussed current mental health initiatives being carried out by the Sheriff's Office.*

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Commission Time

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, Commission District 1, wished everyone a Merry Christmas

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

- *Evan Breakspear, Jackson EMC*

Adjourn

Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.