



**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, May 20, 2024 - 03:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Appointments for Consideration

- 1 Airport Advisory Committee nominations (3) to serve a term from June 6, 2024 to ending June 5, 2027. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Nominations of Alan Wayne, Brian Daniel and Alex Wayne - Consent

- 2 Chicopee Woods Greens Committee appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Keith Morris - Consent

- 3 Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 2.

Appointment of Jesse Patton - Consent

- 4 Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 2.

Re-appointment of Brent Hoffman - Consent

- 5 Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 4.

Re-appointment of Renee Gerrell - Consent

6 Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 4.

Appointment of Bob Norton - Consent

7 Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) appointment to serve a term from June 12, 2024 to June 11, 2025. Chairman's Appointment.

Appointment of Commissioner Billy Powell - Consent

8 Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) appointment to serve a term from June 12, 2024 to June 11, 2025. Administrator's Appointment.

Appointment of Christine Cave - Consent

9 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 1 Advisory Council appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

10 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 1 Advisory Council appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Karla Swafford - Consent

11 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 1 Advisory Council appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

12 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 1 Advisory Council appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Avery Niles - Consent

13 Department of Family & Children Services appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029. Commission District 4.

Appointment of Ginger Folger - Consent

14 Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Deborah Mack - Consent

15 Library Board appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Commissioner Kathy Cooper - Consent

16 Library Board appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 2.

Re-appointment of John Delzell - Consent

- 17 Library Board appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission District 3.
- 18 Library Board appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Chairman's Appointment.
- Appointment of Connie Higgins - Consent*
- 19 Region II Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council appointment to serve a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Re-appointment of Mark Arnold - Consent*

Community Services and Parks

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

- 20 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #001-43 Athletic Uniforms Supply for Parks & Leisure to Hobbs Sporting Goods, Inc. of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$62,440.00.
- Consent*
- 21 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #44-012 Athletic Officiating Services for Parks & Leisure to Hall County Officials of Flowery Branch, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$148,000.00.
- Consent*

Corrections and Maintenance

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

- 22 Approve the renewal of annual contract for IFB #012-43 Elevator Repair Services for Facilities Management to Premier Elevator Company (dba Elevated) of Stockbridge, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$65,050.00.
- Consent*
- 23 Approve the award of Task Order #2024-032 Courtroom Lighting Conversion for 4th Floor of Hall County Courthouse under RFQ #43-007 Demand Services for On-Call Electrical Contractors for Facilities Management to DeHart and Hill Electric, Inc. of Cumming, GA, in the amount of \$167,696.00.
- Consent*
- 24 Approve the award of IFB #014-45 New Tires, 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 \$473,935.00.

Consent

Emergency Management

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

- 25 Approve the renewal for the annual contract for 911 Computer Aided Dispatch Services for Central Communications/911 to TriTech Software Systems of Lake Mary, FL, in the amount of \$162,894.31.

Consent

Financial Services

Taylor Samples, Interim Director of Financial Services, addressed the Board.

- 26 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #001-44 Bottle Water Services for various County departments to Fontis Water, Inc. of Marietta, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$56,576.00.

Consent

- 27 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #011-44 Uniform Purchase for various County departments to Strongpoint, LLC of Gainesville, GA and Uniforms Unlimited of Athens, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$112,850.00.

Consent

- 28 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 of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$138,357.00.

Consent

- 29 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #017-44 Drug Screen Kits & Services for various County departments to Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. of Santa Rosa, CA. The estimated annual cost is \$140,025.00.

Consent

- 30 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ# 43-007 Demand Services for On-Call Electrical Contractors for various County departments to Capital City Electrical Services, LLC of Norcross, GA and DeHart & Hill Electric, Inc. of Cumming, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$153,900.00.

Consent

- 31 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #006-44 Office Supplies for various County departments to Perimeter Office Products of Lawrenceville, GA and Advanced Office Solutions of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$161,818.00.

Consent

- 32 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #023-42 Waste-Refuse Collection Services for various County departments to Waste Pro of GA, Inc. of Athens, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$183,206.00.

Consent

- 33 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #012-44 Vehicle Fuels Delivery for various County departments to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$187,710.00.

Consent

- 34 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #009-43 Prescription and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Sundry Drugs for the Jail and Correctional Institution to Riverside Pharmacy, Inc. of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$200,865.00.

Consent

Fire Rescue

Jerry Smith, Fire Chief, addressed the Board.

- 35 Approve the award of IFB #002-45 Disposable EMS Supply for Fire Rescue to Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, OH. The estimated annual cost is \$385,000.00.

Consent

- 36 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #023-43 for Fire & EMS Uniform Supply for Fire Rescue to S.T.A.R. Apparel & Plastics, Inc. of Oakwood, GA and North America Fire Equipment Co. (NAFECO) of Decatur, AL. The estimated annual cost is \$410,750.00.

Consent

Planning and Development

Beth Garmon, Assistant Director of Planning & Development, addressed the Board.

- 37 **6305 Garden Lane | Use Subject to County Commission Approval | 17.110.040.O.Community Residences that fail to meet all requirements for an administrative occupancy permit | on a 0.97± acre tract located on the north side of Garden Lane, at its intersection with Spout Springs Road | Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcel 15046C000003 | Proposed Use: Community residence | Commission District 1 | Priority Personal Care Home, LLC, applicant**

- 38 **4410 Holly Springs Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval | 17.120.040.O. Telecommunications facilities | on a 100.37± acre tract located on the south side of Holly Springs Road, approximately 2,300 feet from its intersection with Bryant Quarter Road | Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcel 15002 000061 | Proposed Use: Telecommunications facility | Commission District 3 | Verizon Wireless c/o Wayne Bruce, Pyramid Network Services, applicant**

Public Works and Utilities

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

- 39 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #016-44 Traffic Control Supplies for Traffic Engineering to Vulcan Signs of Foley, AL. The estimated annual cost is \$60,853.00.
- Consent*
- 40 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #44-005 Demand Services for On-Call Right of Way Services to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC of Duluth, GA, BM&K, PC of Braselton, GA, Croy Engineering, LLC of Marietta, GA, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. of Hunt Valley, MD, and THC, Inc. of Duluth, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$600,000.00.
- Consent*
- 41 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #41-006 Engineering Demand Services for Hall County Sewer System for Public Works & Utilities to Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Marietta, GA, AECOM of Atlanta, GA and Tetra Tech, Inc. of Atlanta, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$600,000.00.
- Consent*
- 42 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #43-004 Sewer System Operations Service for Public Works & Utilities to ClearWater Solutions, LLC of Auburn, AL. The estimated annual cost is \$974,841.00.
- Consent*
- 43 Approve the sole source purchase of In-Lieu Fee Credits related to Sardis Road Connector Project for Public Works & Utilities to Georgia-Alabama Land Trust, Inc. of Piedmont, AL, in the amount of \$2,379,500.00.
- Consent*
- 44 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Underground Easement between Hall County and Georgia Power Company to construct, operate, maintain, repair, renew and rebuild under the easement area its lines for transmitting electric current at 1292 SE Athens Street. Commission District 4.
- Consent*

45 Approve the acceptance of a \$142,375.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Streets and Stormwater Management Facilities in Westchester Subdivision. Commission District 4.

Consent

46 Approve the acceptance of a \$980,202.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for Sewer in Union Heights Subdivision. Commission District 1.

Consent

47 Approve the acceptance of a \$1,271,588.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for Streets, Stormwater Management Facilities, and Sidewalks in Union Heights Subdivision. Commission District 1.

Consent

Sheriff's Office

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

48 Approve the purchase of one (1) fully equipped 2018 and one (1) fully equipped 2020 Ford Explorer Police Pursuit Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office to Thomas J. Madden and Associates, Inc. of Braselton, GA, in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Consent

49 Approve the award of IFB #004-45 Emergency Lighting & Sirens Supply to West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc. of Savannah, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$385,000.00.

Consent

County Administrator

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

- *Jordan Hood is our new digital media specialist and is currently training on running commission meetings.*
- *Discussed several 'WINS' over the past month which included:*
 - *The opening of Fire Station 17*
 - *The right of way certification for the Sardis Road Connector*
 - *The re-naming of the Allen Creek Soccer Complex to the Mike Little Fields at Allen Creek Soccer Complex*
 - *The publication of the spring issue of the Hall County Magazine*
- *Announced the Chief Jerry Smith's pinning ceremony will take place today at 4:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room.*
- *Announced that Hall County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.*

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Danny Rockett, 2541 Cove Road, Gainesville*
- *Claire Pryor, Cove Road, Gainesville*

Commission Time

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

- *Dujuana Stringer, Lanier Federal Credit Union*

Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, urged voters to go out and vote.

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, District 4, stated that the splash pads at Laurel and Butler Parks will be opening this weekend.

Adjourn

Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.