



**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](http://www.hallcounty.org)  
Monday, October 07, 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 Administrators Katie Crumley and Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera and County Attorney William Linkous III*

**Administration**

*Ms. Crumley addressed the Board.*

- 1 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a lease amendment between Hall County and the United States Department of Agriculture for lease of the facility located at 734 E. Crescent Drive in Gainesville, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the lease, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

*Consent*

**Community Services and Parks**

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

- 2 Approve the award of Task Order #2025-019 Replace Rooftop Air Conditioning Units at North Hall Community Center for Parks & Leisure Services to J.R. Hobbs Co - Atlanta of Lawrenceville, GA, in the amount of \$157,936.25.

*Consent*

**County Attorney**

*Mr. Linkous addressed the Board.*

- 3 Approve the resolution declaring 0.401 +/- acres of County right of way on Chestnut Mountain Circle to be unserviceable, and approving the transfer of said Right of Way to Lanier Christian Academy, subject to certain requirements, and authorizing the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

*Consent*

### **Court Administration**

*Jason Stephenson, Court Administrator, addressed the Board.*

- 4 Approval of the standing order from the Superior Courts of Hall County to set the salary of any full-time Juvenile Court Judge at 85 percent of the base salary received by a Superior Court Judge in the circuit and to adjust Juvenile Court Judges' salaries on the same date of any adjustment made to Superior Court Judges' salaries unless an alternate date is set by separate order at that time by the Chief Superior Court Judge.

*Consent*

### **District Attorney's Office**

*Lee Darragh, District Attorney, addressed the Board.*

- 5 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2025 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*

### **Planning & Zoning**

*Beth Garmon, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board.*

- 6 **5820 McEver Road | Amend Conditions of Zoning |** on a 3.57± acre tract located on the west side of McEver Road at its intersection with Lights Ferry Road | Zoned H-B, Tax Parcel 08119 000003 | **Proposed Use: Gas station and convenience store |** Commission District 2 | **Nabeel Group of Companies, Inc, applicant** NOTE: Tabled at the September 10, 2024 Voting Meeting until the October 10, 2024 Voting Meeting.
- 7 **2466 Old Fork Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential III (AR-III) and Vacation Cottage (V-C) to Vacation Cottage (V-C) on a 4.80± acre tract located on the south side of Old Fork Road, at its intersection with Brand Drive | Zoned AR-III & V-C; Tax Parcel 10085 000061 | **Proposed Use: 5-lot single-family development |** Commission District 2 | **Rashmiranjan Jyotiprakash, applicant**

- 8     **2466 Old Fork Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval |** on a 4.80± acre tract located on the south side of Old Fork Road, at its intersection with Brand Drive | Zoned AR-III & V-C; Tax Parcel 10085 000061| **Proposed Use: 5-lot single-family development |** Commission District 2 | **Rashmiranjan Jyotiprakash, applicant**
- 9     **0, 4611, 4627 Guth Road & 0, 4561, 4613 J M Turk Road & 4590, 4601, 4610 Stanley Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential-III (AR-III) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a 114.147± acre tract located on the east side of J M Turk Road at its intersection with Guth Road | Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcels 15043 000027, 000201, 000128 & 15044 000035, 15044 000127, 15043 000109 & 15044 000035B, 000043, 000100 | **Proposed Use: 256-unit residential development |** Commission District 1 | **Steven P. Gilliam, applicant**

### **Public Works and Utilities**

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

- 10    Approve the purchase of a new 2024 Ford F-550 for Public Works & Utilities to Wade Ford, Inc., of Smyrna, GA, in the amount of \$73,963.00.
- Consent*
- 11    Approve the resurfacing list for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) FY 2025 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application for 7.5 miles of road resurfacing on fourteen (14) various County Roads, in the amount of \$3,616,612.00.
- Consent*
- 12    Approve the award of IFB #026-45 Spout Springs Water Reclamation Facility Expansion to 1.6 Million Gallons Per Day for Public Works & Utilities to Lakeshore Engineering, LLC of Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$20,972,000.00.
- Consent*
- 13    Approve the award of RFQ/P #45-015 Roll-Off Solid Waste Hauling Services for Public Works & Utilities to North GA Excavating Group, LLC of Lula, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$750,000.00.

### **Sheriff's Office**

*Sheriff Gerald Couch addressed the Board.*

- 14    Approve the FY 2025 School Security Program annual agreement between Hall County and the Hall County Board of Education.
- Consent*

### **Solicitor of State Court**

*Stephanie Thompson, Interim Solicitor General, addressed the Board.*

- 15 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for the Solicitor's Office to provide direct support to crime victims in the amount of \$125,741.00, 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*

### **Tax Assessors**

*Steve Watson, Chief Appraiser, addressed the Board.*

- 16 Approve the 2023 personal property refund in the amount of \$128,552.92 for overpayment of taxes regarding property located at 2125 Candler Road, Gainesville, GA to Cottrell Properties, LP.

*Mr. Watson discussed the item.*

*The following people addressed the Board:*

- *Pamela Fredebeil, 361 Tamarack Drive #20104, Jasper*

*Consent*

### **County Administrator**

*Mr. Propes addressed the Board and stated the following:*

- *Early Voting will be held October 15, 2024 to November 1, 2024. There are seven (7) locations. Advised to view the Elections page on the Hall County website.*
- *There are several Transportation SPLOST Public Information Sessions scheduled for this week:*
  - *Today, October 7, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Public Drop In - Hall County Government Center HR Training Room*
  - *Today, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm - Lula Train Depot*
  - *Thursday, October 10 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Public Drop In - Hall County Government Center HR Training Room*
  - *Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13 - Mule Camp*
  - *Monday, October 14 from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Public Drop In - Downtown Gainesville Library*
  - *Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm - Clermont Chattahoochee Center*
- *Presented a video highlighting the Hurricane Helene which occurred September 26-27, 2024.*

*Mr. Propes invited Emergency Management Director Zach Brackett to speak regarding Hurricane Helene. Mr. Brackett gave remarks and thanked staff from Public Works & Utilities, Fire Rescue, the Sheriff's Office, 911 Communications, Parks & Leisure, Animal Services, MIS, Central Services, the Correctional Institution and Emergency Management.*

*Lastly, Mr. Propes thanked Emergency Management Director Zach Brackett for his work during the weather event.*

## **Public Comments**

*There were no comments from the public.*

## **Commission Time**

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

- *Cole Kaminski, Kubota Manufacturing of America*
- *Jenny Patten, Northeast Georgia Health System*

*Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, urged everyone to register to vote.*

*Chairman Richard Higgins asked for prayers for those affected by Hurricane Helene in Asheville and North Carolina.*

## **Adjourn**

*Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.*