



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

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

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Tuesday, November 12, 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, and County Attorney William Linkous III

Administration

Mr. Propes addressed the Board.

- 1 Approve the 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Consent

Appointments for Consideration

- 2 Appointment to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Commissioner Gregg Poole - Consent

- 3 Appointment to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Bill Nash - Consent

- 4 Appointment to the Gainesville Hall Development Authority to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Commissioner Billy Powell - Consent

- 5 Appointment to the Parks & Leisure Services Board to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Re-appointment of Commissioner Jeff Stowe - Consent

- 6 Appointment to the Parks & Leisure Services Board to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Commission District 2.

Re-appointment of Jessica Tullar - Consent

- 7 Appointment to the Parks & Leisure Services Board to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Commission District 4.

Re-appointment of Emilie Cisco - Consent

- 8 Appointment to the Parks & Leisure Services Board to serve a term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Chairman's Appointment.

Chairman Higgins requested to defer action on this item to Chairman Elect Gibbs. Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera will contact Chairman Elect Gibbs regarding this appointment.

Central Services

Kevin Ivey, Director of Central Services, addressed the Board.

- 9 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #44-008 GPS/AVL Vehicle Tracking Systems for Fleet Maintenance to LB Technology, Inc. of Memphis, TN. The estimated annual cost is \$80,000.00.

Consent

Correctional Institution

Walt Davis, Warden of the Correctional Institution, addressed the Board.

- 10 Approve the FY 2025 award of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program Grant for the Correctional Institute's treatment program in the amount of \$36,791.00, and appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. An in-kind match of 25% will be required.

Consent

County Attorney

Mr. Linkous addressed the Board.

- 11 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute an Extension of the Letter of Intent between Hall County and Glade Farm, LLC originally executed on January 15, 2010, and any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

Court Administration

Jason Stephenson, Court Administrator, addressed the Board.

- 12 Approve the ratification of the 2025 Judicial Council American Rescue Plan Act Grant funding application for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to address case backlogs in the amount of \$1,120,739.00, 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

Fire Rescue

Jerry Smith, Fire Chief, addressed the Board.

- 13 Approve the sole source purchase of two (2) Zoll X Series Monitor/Defibrillators and related accessories for Fire Rescue to Zoll Medical Corporation of Chelmsford, MA, in the amount of \$94,716.56.

Consent

Planning & Zoning

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

- 14 Public Hearing to adopt a minor update to the Hall County Comprehensive Plan.
- 15 Public Hearing to adopt Hall County's Unified Development Code (UDC).
- 16 **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. NOTE: Tabled at the October 10, 2024 Voting Meeting until the November 14, 2024 Voting Meeting.

- 17 **0 & 3454 Gillsville Highway | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential IV (AR-IV) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a combined 30.78± acre tract located on the south side of Gillsville Highway (GA-323), approximately 370 feet from its intersection with East Hall Road | Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcels 15016 000158A & 000028C | **Proposed Use: 20-lot residential subdivision** | Commission District 3 | **Sabina Chowdhury, applicant** NOTE: Tabled at the September 10, 2024 Voting Meeting until the October 24, 2024 Voting Meeting. NOTE: Tabled at the October 24, 2024 Voting Meeting until the November 14, 2024 Voting Meeting.
- 18 **2002 Memorial Park Drive | Rezone** | from Residential (R-I) to Highway Business (H-B) on a 0.89± acre tract on the west side of Memorial Park Drive at its intersection with Browns Bridge Road | Zoned R-I; Tax Parcel 08014 005011 | **Proposed Use: Retail sales** | Commission District 4 | **Salomon Sancen, applicant**
- 19 **4137 Short Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval** | on a 4.02± acre tract located on the south side of Short Road approximately 160 feet from its intersection with Sardis Road | Zoned R-I; Tax Parcel 10080 000010 | **Proposed Use: 2-lot subdivision** | Commission District 2 | **Connie Allen, applicant**
- 20 **6147 Dahlonga Highway | Use Subject to County Commission Approval** | on a 19.34± acre tract located on the southwest side of Dahlonga Highway approximately 703 feet from its intersection with Kenimer Road | Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcel 11003 000002A | **Proposed Use: Commercial kennel** | Commission District 3 | **Rachel Christensen Rich, applicant**
- 21 **1600 Athens Highway, Building C | Amend Conditions of Zoning** | on a 0.64± acre tract located on the south side of Athens Highway approximately 596 feet from its intersection with Athens Street | Zoned I-I (GCOD); Tax Parcel 15032 000050 | **Proposed Use: Automobile repair garage** | Commission District 3 | **Gerado Vargas, applicant**
- 22 **7051 Pony Lake Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential IV (AR-IV) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a 1.74± acre tract located on the west side of Pony Lake Road at its intersection with Old Whelchel Road | Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcel 11101 000008 | **Proposed Use: Staff residence** | Commission District 3 | **Steve Roys, applicant**
- 23 **7011 & 7051 Pony Lake Road | Amend Conditions of Zoning** | on a 101.74± acre tract located on the west side of Pony Lake Road approximately 498 feet from its intersection with Old Whelchel Road | Zoned PRD & AR-IV; Tax Parcels 11101 000003A & 000008 | **Proposed Use: Staff residence** | Commission District 3 | **Steve Roys, applicant**

Public Works and Utilities

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

- 24 Approve the sole source purchase of leachate treatment membranes, seals and labor for Public Works & Utilities to Rochem Americas, Inc. of Hermosa Beach, CA, in the amount of \$121,494.00.

Consent

- 25 Approve the award of RFQ/P #45-020 Pond Fork Basin Phase 1 Sewer Improvements for Public Works & Utilities to W.L. Griffin Company, LLC of Gillsville, GA, in the amount of \$9,876,126.97.

Consent

Sheriff's Office

Captain Kelley Edwards, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

- 26 Approve the ratification of the application and award for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program grant for the Sheriff's Office EOD K9 Team to purchase supplies, veterinary care, and nutritional needs in the amount of \$3,000.00 and appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related award documents. No match is required.

Consent

- 27 Approve the ratification of the application and award for the 2024 State Homeland Security grant for the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team to purchase necessary equipment in the amount of \$28,815.00, and appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related award documents. No match is required.

Consent

Treatment Services

Heather Herrington, Director of Treatment Services, addressed the Board.

- 28 Approve the ratification of the application of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) Accountability Court Funding FY 2025 Enhancement and Innovation Grant for Treatment Services to provide additional substance use, mental health and ancillary services to program participants in the amount of \$65,015.24, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. An in-kind match of \$9,752.28 is required.

Consent

County Administrator

Mr. Propes addressed the Board and stated the following:

- *Hall County Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.*
- *Presented a 'WIN' video highlighting White Sulphur Road Improvements.*

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Commission Time

The Commissioners did not have any items to report.

Adjourn

Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.