



**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, September 22, 2025 - 03:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman David Gibbs, Vice-Chairman Jeff Stowe and Commissioner Kathy Cooper and Gregg Poole

Also present were County Administrator Zach Propes, Assistant County Administrator John Gentry, Deputy Commission Clerk Ana Dominguez and Interim County Attorney Justin Lawhon

Commissioner Powell was absent.

Community Services and Parks

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

1. Approve the application of the EPD GA Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) FY 2026 Tire Products Grant for the Hall County Parks and Leisure Services in the amount of \$84,000.00, 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

County Attorney

Mr. Lawhon addressed the Board.

- 2 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form agreeing to Hall County's participation in eight (8) National Opioid Governmental Entity Settlement Agreements with Secondary Manufacturers ("Opioid Settlements"), which will settle Hall County's claims as a Participating Entity against Alvogen Inc., Apotex Corp., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Viatris Inc. ("Mylan"), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc., and any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the Opioid Settlement, and ratification of all actions taken to date concerning the same, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

District Attorney's Office

Lee Darragh, District Attorney, addressed the Board.

- 3 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2026 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

Fire Rescue

Jerry Smith, Fire Chief, addressed the Board.

- 4 Approve the award of IFB #018-46 Fire Station #8 Bay Door Replacement for Fire Rescue to Top Notch Dock & Door of Flowery Branch, GA in the amount of \$51,843.44.

Consent

- 5 Approve the purchase to remount three (3) Osage ambulances for Fire Rescue to Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC of Bradenton, FL, in the amount of \$1,073,481.00.

Consent

Planning & Zoning

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

- 6 **2614 Old Cornelia Highway | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential 1 (AR-1) to Light Industrial (I-1) | on a 13.17± acre tract located on the south side of Old Cornelia Highway, approximately 300 feet from its intersection with Shady Valley Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15021A000032 | **Proposed use: Heavy equipment storage** | Commission District 3 | **Brayden Carter Brock, LLC, applicant**
- 7 **2630 Old Cornelia Highway | Rezone** | from Suburban Shopping (S-S) to Light Industrial (I-1) | on a 0.91± acre tract located on the south side of Old Cornelia Highway, approximately 490 feet from its intersection with Shady Valley Road | Zoned S-S; Tax Parcel 15021A000031A | **Proposed use: Sign manufacturing and printing business** | Commission District 3 | **Brayden Carter Brock, LLC, applicant**
- 8 Public Hearing to change the name of an approximately 0.60 mile segment of roadway from White Sulphur Road to Cagle Road beginning south of Sargent Road to Big Oak Road | Commission District 3 | **County staff, applicant**

Public Works and Utilities

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

- 9 Approve the award of IFB #019-46 Relocate Sanitary Sewer Forcemain Pipe at Howard Road for Public Works and Utilities to Kytel Backhoe & Construction, LLC of Lula, GA in the amount of \$232,594.11.

Consent

Solicitor of State Court

Inez Grant, Solicitor General, addressed the Board.

- 10 Approve the continuation award and any supplemental funding of the FY 2026 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.

- 11 Approve the software purchase agreement for homestead auditing and administration for the Tax Assessors Office to The Exemption Project, Inc. (dba TrueRoll) of Chicago, IL. Estimated annual cost is \$81,076.00.

Consent

County Administrator

Mr. Propes addressed the Board and stated the following:

- *Presented a 'WIN' video highlighting School Safety and thanked Emergency Management, 911, Fire Rescue and Sheriffs Office School Resource Officers for their work.*

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Susan Smith, 4345 Chamblee Road, Oakwood*
- *Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Gainesville*
- *Mandy Harris, 1459 Douglas Drive, Gainesville*

Commission Time

Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, stated that regarding data centers there are utility studies done that we dont have the foresight, nor the knowledge to say if the power consumption is there. If the Board of Commissioners approves to pass something but they dont get approval from power, water or gas, the project is dead. Stated that perhaps those types of items should have a commital before they come in front of the Board.

Executive Session

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — to go into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 12 Discussion regarding land acquisition, land disposition, personnel matters, potential litigation and/or litigation. Executive Session is not open to the public. Executive Session is a lawfully closed meeting [§ 50-14-1 (a)(2)].

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Poole — to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:42 p.m. — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Adjourn

Chairman Gibbs adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.