



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING MEETING 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
Thursday, September 25, 2025 - 06:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Also present were Assistant County Administrator John Gentry, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, Deputy Commission Clerk Ana Dominguez, Interim County Attorney Justin Lawhon and Senior Assistant County Attorney Nathaniel Anderson

Vice Chairman Stowe was present by phone.

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Poole — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Invocation

1 Commissioner Gregg Poole

Pledge

2 Commissioner Kathy Cooper

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Alicia Grizzle, 5744 Newberry Point Drive, Flowery Branch*

Proclamation/s

Ms. Rivera addressed the Board and introduced the proclamations.

- 3 Approve the proclamation recognizing James Dale Long's retirement after 38 years of service to Hall County, Georgia.

Commissioner Cooper presented James Dale Long with the Proclamation.

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Poole — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 4 Approve the proclamation recognizing Gregory Scott Lashley's retirement after 25 years of service to Hall County, Georgia.

Commissioner Poole presented Gregory Scott Lashley with the Proclamation.

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — approve — Vote: 3 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — abstained

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 5 Approve the September 11, 2025 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 6 Approve the September 22, 2025 Work Session minutes.
- 7 Approve the September 22, 2025 Executive Session minutes.
- 8 Approve the application of the Environmental Protection Division of Georgia 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 Approve the award of IFB #019-46 Relocate Sanitary Sewer Forcemain Pipe at Howard Road for Public Works & Utilities to Kytile Backhoe & Construction, LLC of Lula, GA, in the amount of \$232,594.11.

- 14 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.
- 15 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. The estimated annual cost is \$81,076.00.

Other Business - Planning and Development

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

- 16 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.

Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Anderson conducted the Public Hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve — Vote: 3 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Public Hearing to amend Hall County's Zoning Map as follows:

- 17 **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**

Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Anderson conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- Brayden Gillespie, 2630 Old Cornelia Highway, Gainesville*

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve with the six (6) conditions listed below — Vote: 3 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan and narrative dated July 7, 2025, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*
- 2. No variances or development exceptions are granted as part of this request that are not explicitly granted by board approval. The development shall be compliant with the Unified Development Code of Hall County, as well as any state regulations or other agencies or reviewing departments including Hall County Engineering for driveway placement and compliance.*
- 3. Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. No operations on Sunday.*
- 4. The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."*
- 5. All conditions of zoning shall be made as part of any plats or construction plans created for the property.*
- 6. There shall be no more than 12 dumpsters on site at any time.*

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**

Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Anderson conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Brayden Gillespie, 2630 Old Cornelia Highway, Gainesville*

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve with the nine (9) conditions listed below — Vote: 3 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan and narrative dated June 20, 2025, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*
- 2. No variances or development exceptions are granted as part of this request that are not explicitly granted by board approval. The development shall be compliant with the Unified Development Code of Hall County, as well as any state regulations or other agencies or reviewing departments including Hall County Engineering for driveway placement and compliance.*
- 3. A variance is granted to eliminate the transitional buffer along the boundary abutting residentially-zoned property located at tax parcel 15021A000031B and 15021A000031.*
- 4. A 6 foot opaque fence shall be installed along the concrete loading dock abutting the residentially-zoned property located at tax parcel 15021A000031B and 15021A000031.*
- 5. No additional construction on the property shall be permitted on the building side adjacent to the 10 foot driveway easement.*
- 6. Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. No operations on Sunday.*
- 7. The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices*

which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."

- 8. All conditions of zoning shall be made as part of any plats or construction plans created for the property.*
- 9. No more than 50% of the building shall be used as leased office space.*

County Administrator

Mr. Gentry congratulated Dale Long and Scott Lashley on their retirements and service to Hall County.

Commission Time

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, District 1, acknowledged current members of Leadership Hall. The following members addressed the Board:

- Donna Allen (Gainesville City School System)*
- Sidney Cochran (Morton, Vardeman & Carlson)*
- Abigail Loggins (Big Peach Running Co. Braselton)*

Adjourn

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 6:26 p.m. — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — absent

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.