



HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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Monday, March 09, 2026 - 03:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Also present were County Administrator Zach Propes, Assistant County Administrators Casey Ramsey and John Gentry, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, and County Attorney Justin Lawhon

Appointments for Consideration

Ms. Rivera addressed the Board.

- 1 Appointment to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission to serve a term from March 27, 2026 to March 26, 2029. Commission District 2.

Re-appointment of Emily Bagwell — Consent

Community Services and Parks

- 2 Approve the award of RFQ/P #46-028 East Hall Library Opening Day Collection for the Hall County Library System to Childrens Plus, Inc. (dba Libraria) of Beecher, IL, in the estimated amount of \$205,320.00 and Midwest Tape, LLC of Holland, OH, in the estimated amount of \$39,015.00.

Placeholder - This item will be discussed at the Thursday, March 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

Planning & Zoning

Katie Ahmed, Planning & Zoning Administrator, addressed the Board.

- 3 **7355 Tribble Gap Road | Special Use** | for Institutional Residential | on a 1.70± acre tract located on the west side of Tribble Gap Road approximately 1,100 feet from its intersection with Cornelia Highway | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 09030 000022 | **Proposed Use: Institutional Residential** | Commission District 3 | **Haley Stapleton, applicant** *Note: Tabled at the February 26, 2026 Voting Meeting until the March 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.*
- 4 **2785 Athens Highway | Special Use** | to move a site-built house more than 7 years old into the County | on a proposed 0.91± acre tract located on the east side of Athens Highway at its intersection with Wallace Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15023A000024 (pt) | **Proposed Use: Single family dwelling** | Commission District 3 | **Daniel Jaimes, applicant**
- 5 **1780 Candler Road | Special Use** | for outdoor storage, major in Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD) | on a 2.23± acre tract located on the southwest side of Candler Road approximately 340 feet south of its intersection with Construction Drive | Zoned I-1 and AR-1; Tax Parcel 15031A000058 | **Proposed Use: Equipment sales and repair** | Commission District 4 | **JenSto Equipment LLC, applicant**
- 6 **1780 Candler Road | Variance to Section 6.2** | Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD) standards | on a 2.23± acre tract located on the southwest side of Candler Road approximately 340 feet south of its intersection with Construction Drive | Zoned I-1 and AR-1; Tax Parcel 15031A000058 | **Proposed Use: Equipment sales and repair** | Commission District 4 | **JenSto Equipment LLC, applicant**
- 7 **1658 & 1700 Candler Road | Rezone** | from Light Industrial 1 (I-1) and Agricultural Residential (AR-1) to Light Industrial (I-1) | on a combined 132± acre tract located on the west side of Candler Road at its intersection with Oakbrook Drive | Zoned AR-1 & I-1; Tax parcels 15031 000026; 15031 000025A | **Proposed use: Private gun club** | Commission District 4 | **Cherokee Gun Club, Inc., applicant**
- 8 **1658 & 1700 Candler Road | Special Use** | for an outdoor shooting range | on a combined 132± acre tract located on the west side of Candler Road at its intersection with Oakbrook Drive | Zoned AR-1 & I-1; Tax parcels 15031 000026; 15031 000025A; | **Proposed use: Outdoor shooting range** | Commission District 4 | **Cherokee Gun Club, Inc., applicant**
- 9 **6962 Spout Springs Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential (AR-1) to Agricultural (AG-1) | on a 4.39± acre tract located on the west side of Spout Springs Road approximately 150 feet south of its intersection with Deaton Henry Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15042 000120 | **Proposed Use: Second dwelling** | Commission District 1 | **Scott & Brandy Weaver, applicant**
- 10 **2485 Dawsonville Highway | Variance to Section 3.2** | to reduce the minimum yards | on a 4.87± acre tract located on the south side of Dawsonville Highway approximately 315 feet from its intersection with Vaughndale Circle | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 10085 000054 | **Proposed Use: Accessory building** | Commission District 2 | **Cole Burchardt, applicant**

- 11 **3113 Shelter Cove | Variance to Section 4.3 |** to reduce the minimum yards | on a 0.46± acre tract located on the east side of Shelter Cove approximately 465 feet south of its intersection with Chestatee Road | Zoned R-1; Tax Parcel 10072 002100 | **Proposed Use: Accessory structure |** Commission District 2 | **Michael Reid Daniel, applicant**
- 12 **5001 Bryant Quarter Road | Variance to Section 9.2.4 |** to reduce the required road frontage | on a proposed 4.96± acre tract located on the northwest side of Bryant Quarter Road approximately 1180 feet southwest of its intersection with Emory Griffin Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15003 000193 (pt) | **Proposed Use: Minor subdivision |** Commission District 3 | **Yajaira Rodriguez, applicant**

Public Works and Utilities

Jorge Gomez, Director of Public Works and Utilities, addressed the Board.

- 13 Approve Change Order #2 to Task Order #2026-013 under RFP/Q #42-002 Demand Services for Minor Resurfacing, Paving, and Full Depth Reclamation for the FY 2026 Base and Pave program to add 1.94 additional miles of base and paving to Allied Paving Contractors, Inc. of Pendergrass, GA, in the amount of \$460,545.00.

Consent

County Administrator

Mr. Propes addressed the Board to present a "WIN" video featuring the Resource Recovery division and their ongoing public education initiatives, specifically those targeting student recycling awareness. He extended formal recognition to Rob Herring, a teacher at Mundy Mill Academy, for his dedicated efforts in educating students on environmental stewardship. Additionally, Mr. Propes expressed his appreciation to the Public Works & Utilities leadership—Director Jorge Gomez and Assistant Director Jason Skarda—as well as Resource Recovery Director Bobby Purdum for their department's continued excellence.

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Lula*
- *Cheryl Woodall, Indian Hawthorne Ridge, Gainesville*

Commission Time

Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, discussed changing the way that Commissioners vote on matters outside their own districts. He stated that the current system allows Commissioners to pass items in other districts without being accountable to voters in those areas. Discussed the idea of changing the election system so that all Commissioners run countywide.

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, District 4, acknowledged current members of Leadership Hall. The following members addressed the Board:

- *Rex Hall (Atlanta Gas Light)*
- *Lizzie Kelly (Georgia Mountains YMCA)*
- *Lt. Jessica Van (Gainesville Police Department)*

Executive Session

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — to go into Executive Session at 3:39 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 14 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 Powell/Commissioner Cooper — to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Adjourn

Chairman Gibbs adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.