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**Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Comments - April 9, 2026 - Submission #140379**

**Date Submitted: 4/8/2026**

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the April 9, 2026 Voting Meeting of the Hall County Board of Commissioners.

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**Item for Comment\***

6245, 6249 & 0 Ben Parks Road

Select from the list below which item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

**Your Comments\***

Dear Planning and Zoning Board,

I would like to first thank all of you for the service and dedication you provide to Hall County and all of the residents. Im sure there is much work done/required after hours. Even if it is in thought of how each decision you make will impact short term and longterm for the Hall County.

As for the requested rezone on Ben Parks Rd. By Thumbs Up Mission I would like to take just few quick moments to comment on this.

My Wife and I have a very strong respect for Christian Based mission work and specially one like Thumbs Up Mission. Working with Children and Families with the deep impact of cancer, that is extremely difficult. We are parents of 4 adult children and 13 grandchildren. Seven of which reside in Hall County with our Daughter and Son in law. I do truly believe Thumbs Up Mission has a great mission/vision that I believe God has provided. But, that being said. There is several problems with the property they have picked. Based on their plan there is no way the properties can SCALE to the level of that magnitude of their vision. Based on the submission of their plans,building and sheer amount of people/traffic. There is little due diligence done for infrastructure etc. It really appears to be a amateurs put together plan. Not type of work DCCM normally does. Also seemed to be a disconnect between planning and fire Marshall on the amount of Cabins/Houses being put on the property. In my observation at the business meeting I watched online. Upon understanding for their proposal they are wanting to pump 40000 gallons of affluent into Wahoo Creek/Little River on a daily basis in just phase 1 of their 25 year plan. That goes against the 2045 plan for Hall County vision of conservation and green space. See Pages 11 and 21 for Murrayville. Obviously for my family, who is on the other side of the bridge from the property we dont want this to happen at all. Neither does anyone down river or on lake Lanier. This also goes against the funding our state just received for cleanup of our waterways. Little alone the 2.5 million dollars was for Lanier alone, for the study of the water quality and pollution concerns. Please DENY this requested Rezone for this property based on the level of Scaling they want the property to become vs Scaling their vison/mission to fit the property and most of all protection of Wahoo Creek/Little River's ecological system as it flows into Lake Lanier.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Henry Richards IV

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