



**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, June 11, 2026 - 06:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Vice Chairman Kathy Cooper was present by phone.

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Invocation

1 Commissioner Gregg Poole

Pledge

2 Commissioner Billy Powell

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Mark Redman, 4405 T-Mor Cove, Oakwood*

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 3 Approve the June 9, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- 4 Approve the June 9, 2026 Executive Session minutes.
- 5 Approve the May 28, 2026 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 6 Approve the renewal of the annual contract RFQ/P #44-024 Demand Services for On-Call Commercial Real Estate Brokerages to Candler Real Estate Group, LLC of Gainesville, GA, Avison Young - Atlanta, LLC of Gainesville, GA, Powell Property Group, Inc. of Cumming, GA, and Norton Commercial & Acreage Group, LLC of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost to exceed \$50,000.00.
- 7 Approve the appointment of Holly Stewart to the Library Board of Trustees to serve an unexpired term to June 30, 2027. Commission District 2.
- 8 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P# 44-008 GPS/AVL Vehicle Tracking System for Fleet Maintenance to LB Technology, Inc. of Memphis, TN. The estimated annual cost is \$250,000.00.
- 9 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P# 43-001 Demand Services for Professional Architectural Services for Central Services to Precision Planning, Inc. of Lawrenceville, GA, CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. (P.C.) of Suwanee, GA and Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung International, Inc. of Duluth, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$273,030.00.
- 10 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #42-009 Landscape Maintenance Services for Central Services to ACS Landscape Management, Inc. of Oakwood, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$458,822.00.
- 11 Approve the award of RFQ/P #47-007 Demand Services for On-Call HVAC Contractors for Central Services to Ace Comfort of Gainesville, GA, Conditioned Air Systems, Inc. of Gainesville, GA, J.R. Hobbs Co-Atlanta LLC of Lawrenceville, GA, B&W Mechanical Contractors of Lawrenceville, GA, Lawson Air Conditioning and Plumbing, Inc. of Gainesville, GA, and Capital City Mechanical Services, LLC of Peachtree Corners, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$1,265,063.00.

- 12 Approve the reimbursement for the procurement of East Hall Library shelving to the Hall County Library System, in the amount of \$252,523.94.
- 13 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for Planned PETHood Veterinary Services for Animal Services to Planned PETHood of GA of Duluth, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$241,800.00.
- 14 Approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections with regard to the state inmate subsidy at the Correctional Institution.
- 15 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #009-45 Inmate Grocery & Meat Products Supply for the Correctional Institution to Performance Food Group, Inc. of Oakwood, GA and Sysco Atlanta of College Park, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$517,140.00.
- 16 Approval and authorization to declare approximately 0.032 acres of remnant right-of-way property owned by Hall County and located along Spout Springs Road adjacent to 6310 Looper Lake Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 (Tax Parcel #15042 000040), to be surplus and unserviceable for County purposes, and to approve the conveyance of such property to Patricia Hortman by Quitclaim Deed pursuant to a Consent Order of the Superior Court of Hall County, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.
- 17 Approve the award of the annual contract for IFB #015-47 Uniform Purchases for various County departments to Strongpoint, LLC of Gainesville, GA, Uniforms Unlimited of Athens, GA, Smyrna Police Distributors of Smyrna, GA, S.T.A.R. Apparel & Plastics of Oakwood, GA, T & T Uniforms, Inc. of Austell, GA, Federal Eastern International, LLC of Jacksonville, FL, and G T Distributors, Inc. of Pflugerville, TX. The estimated annual cost is \$140,944.00.
- 18 Approve the renewal of the annual contract RFQ #44-021 Demand Services for General Contractor Services for Hall County Projects for various County departments to Chattahoochee Group, Inc. of Clermont, GA, BM & K Construction, Inc. of Jefferson, GA, Scroggs & Grizzel Contracting, Inc. of Clermont, GA, and Hogan Construction Group, LLC of Norcross, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$1,000,000.00.
- 19 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P #46-005 Audit Services for Financial Services and the FY 2026 Audit Engagement to Rushton & Company, LLC of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$99,775.00.
- 20 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #006-46 Fire and EMS Uniform Supply Annual Contract for Fire Rescue to MES Service Company, LLC of Sandy Hook, CT, Strongpoint, LLC of Gainesville, GA, and North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc. (NAFECO) of Decatur, AL. The estimated annual cost is \$367,327.00.
- 21 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for IFB #058-43 Fleet Maintenance and Repair Services for Fire Rescue Vehicles and Apparatus Equipment for Fire Rescue to Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC of Bradenton, FL. The estimated annual cost is \$1,190,364.00.
- 22 Approve Change Order #2 to Task Order #2023-008 Design Services for Capacity Upgrade to Spout Springs Water Reclamation Facility for Public Works & Utilities to Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Marietta, GA, in the amount of \$49,000.00.

- 23 Approve the ratification for the emergency procurement and installation of a temporary hot water boiler at the Hall County Jail to B&W Mechanical Contractors, Inc of Lawrenceville, GA, in the amount of \$119,345.67.

Other Business - Administration

Doug Straughan, Capital Projects Manager, addressed the Board.

- 24 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution ratifying the purchase of 0.04 acres of real property located at 509 & 511 Main Street, Hall County, GA, Tax Parcel Numbers 01011 001002 and 01011 001003, for the sum of \$1,575,000.00 for the purpose of a parking deck in connection with the Hall County Judicial Complex Expansion, approving and accepting the transfer of said property to the County, and authorizing the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Straughan presented the item. There was extensive discussion amongst the Board, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney regarding the property acquisition. As part of that discussion, officials reviewed several key considerations important to the community, including the terms of a potential Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Gainesville, stormwater management responsibilities, and long term planning for the courthouse location and associated funding. During the meeting, Chairman Gibbs also expressed concerns about trust and communication with County staff noting that greater clarity will be needed moving forward. These topics were discussed thoroughly.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve — Vote: 3 to 2

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — nay

Commissioner Poole — nay

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Other Business - Financial Services

Taylor Samples, Director of Financial Services, addressed the Board.

- 25 Present the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and Public Hearing.

Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Mr. Samples discussed the item. Mr. Anderson conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

- Susan Smith, 4345 Chamblee Road, Oakwood
- Mark Redman, 4405 T-Mor Cove, Oakwood
- Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Lula
- William Oberholtzer, 3709 Whiting Road, Gainesville

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

Katie Ahmed, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board.

- 26 **4527 J M Turk Road & 4567 Stanley Road | Special Use |** on a 19.44± acre combined tract located on the northeast side of J M Turk Road approximately 212 feet southeast of its intersection with Grandview Parkway | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcels 15044 000034A & 000034 | **Proposed Use: Agri-entertainment venue |** Commission District 1 | **Mulberry Springs Vineyard & Winery, applicant**

Mr. Anderson introduced items 26 and 27. Ms. Ahmed discussed the items.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 26 until the June 25, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 27 **4527 J M Turk Road & 4567 Stanley Road | Variance to Section 7.7.3 |** Agri-entertainment Event use standards | on a 19.44± acre combined tract located on the northeast side of J M Turk Road approximately 212 feet southeast of its intersection with Grandview Parkway | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcels 15044 000034A & 000034 | **Proposed Use: Agri-entertainment venue |** Commission District 1 | **Mulberry Springs Vineyard & Winery, applicant**

Mr. Anderson introduced items 26 and 27. Ms. Ahmed discussed the items.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 27 until the June 25, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

County Administrator

Mr. Gentry addressed the Board and announced a Town Hall Meeting to held in regards to the Judicial Complex Expansion. The Town Hall Meeting will be held on:

- *June 24, 2026 6:00-8:00 p.m.*
- *Hall County Government Center 2nd floor Meeting Room (2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville)*

Mr. Gentry stated that staff in leadership has shown integrity and ensures staff acts on guidance from the Board.

Commission Time

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, District 1, thanked everyone for their prayers regarding her husband.

Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, stated when there is not a full Board consensus, an item should go to a vote. Urged voters to go vote. Discussed the previously mentioned IGA with the City of Gainesville.

Chairman David Gibbs, stated the courthouse expansion budget is \$125M without taking any debt.

Adjourn

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 7:31 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.