



**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, July 09, 2026 - 06:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 6:07 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 Lauren Demaline

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — amend agenda to add an item 23 regarding consideration of a location for the judicial complex expansion — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve agenda as amended — 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 Kathy Cooper

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — 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 July 6, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- 4 Approve the June 25, 2026 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 5 Approve the June 25, 2026 Meeting minutes.
- 6 Approve the June 25, 2026 Executive Session minutes.
- 7 Approve the waiving of membership fees for all Hall County students (grades 12 and under) at Hall County Parks & Leisure Services Community Centers.
- 8 Approve the annual contract for priority dispatch licensing for Central Communications 911 to Medical Priority Consultants Inc. (dba Priority Dispatch Corp.) of Salt Lake City, UT. The estimated total cost is \$79,260.00.
- 9 Approve the application and award of the 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for the Hall County Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$50,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee, and authorize the Chairman to execute all related award documents. An in-kind match of \$50,000.00 will be required.
- 10 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution, request for release of property, and an amendment to the Installment Sale Agreement between the Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority and Hall County, GA to release a portion of unimproved property attached to the Sewage Treatment Facility under the Series 2020 Revenue Bonds for the purpose of construction of a future park in the southern portion of Hall County along Spouts Springs Road, and to authorize, through execution of such amendment, the use of budgeted SPLOST VIII funds to recognize a value of land transfer in the estimated amount of \$645,691.00 for the purposes of making an installment sale agreement payment on the Series 2020 Bonds debt service, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney.
- 11 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Request for Transfer of Property that will terminate an Intergovernmental Agreement between Hall County, Georgia and the Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority and deed back a portion of unimproved property to Hall County, Georgia for the purposes of constructing a future park in South Hall along Spout Springs Road, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney.

- 12 Approve the renewal of annual contract for IFB# 021-45 Firefighting Boots, Gloves and Hoods for Fire Rescue to ProFire and Tactical, LLC of Woodstock, GA and Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC of Bradenton, FL. The estimated annual cost is \$90,000.00.
- 13 Approve the resolution to adopt, restate, and amend Hall County Retirement Benefits; authorization for the Chairman to execute all related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.
- 14 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution authorizing the execution of a permanent drainage easement agreement accepting the grant of a drainage easement located at 1553 Biscayne Place, Gainesville, GA from Brian Lipscomb (owner); authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.
- 15 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) traffic signal application to install a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Thompson Bridge Road (SR 60) near the intersection of Thompson Bridge Road (SR 60) and Hubert Stevens Rd. Commission Districts 2 & 3.
- 16 Approve the ratification of the application, award, and any further supplemental funding for the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance's State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for the Sheriff's Office to reimburse the cost of housing and personnel for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens in the amount of \$250,556.22, 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.
- 17 Approve the renewal of the annual contract for RFQ/P# 46-009 Inmate Telephone Systems for the Hall County Jail to Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC (dba ICSolutions) of San Antonio, TX.
- 18 Approve the purchase order change order #2 for Contract #45-006 Inmate Food Services for the Hall County Jail to Kellwell Food Management of Beattyville, KY. The estimated cost is \$92,716.00.
- 19 Approve the purchase of Axon Justice Premier Plus Software for the Hall County Solicitor's Office from Axon Enterprises, Inc. of Scottsdale, AZ. The total cost is \$443,338.56.

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

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

- 20 **1161 Candler Road | Variance to Article 8 |** site development standards | on a 4.58± acre tract located on the east side of Candler Road at its intersection with I985 Exit 20 Northbound | Zoned I-2; Tax Parcel 15035 000056 |
Proposed Use: Commercial addition | Commission District 3 | Carroll Daniel Construction, applicant

Ms. Demaline introduced the item. Ms. Ahmed discussed the item. Ms. Demaline conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Beth Garmon, 425 Oak Street, Gainesville*

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve with the one (1) condition listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Condition:

- 1. The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plans dated April 6, 2026, and April 22, 2026, and as described in the project narrative dated May 6, 2026, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*

- 21 **6250 & 6255 Old Dawsonville Road | Special Use |** for event facility | on two tracts totaling 3.59± acres located on the north and south side of Old Dawsonville Road approximately 230 feet from its intersection with Cool Springs Road | Zoned V-C; Tax Parcels 10035 000006A and 10035 000008B | **Proposed use: Event facility | Commission District 2 | The Ark at Lake Lanier, LLC c/o Jeff Hylton, applicant**

Ms. Demaline introduced items 21 and 22, which were heard together. Ms. Ahmed discussed the items.

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve tabling item 21 until the August 27, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 22 **6250 & 6255 Old Dawsonville Road | Variance to Section 8.1 |** to parking standards | on two tracts totaling 3.59± acres located on the north and south side of Old Dawsonville Road approximately 230 feet from its intersection with Cool Springs Road | Zoned V-C; Tax Parcels 10035 000006A and 10035 000008B | **Proposed Use: Event facility with off-site shared parking |** Commission District 2 | **The Ark at Lake Lanier, LLC c/o Jeff Hylton, applicant**

Items 21 and 22 were heard together.

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 22 until the August 27, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Other Business

- 23 Consideration of a location for the judicial complex expansion.

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — remove the Browns Bridge Road location at the Hall County Government Center campus from consideration as the location for the judicial complex expansion and to further review sites in downtown Gainesville — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — abstained

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Chairman Gibbs thanked those who have attended the recent town hall meetings and stated that he would be attending the last town hall meeting scheduled for August 12, 2026.

County Administrator

Mr. Gentry did not have any items to report.

Commission Time

The Commissioners did not have any items to report.

Adjourn

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 6:25 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.