HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION 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
Monday, November 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 Interim County Administrator John Gentry, Assistant County Administrator Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, County Attorney Justin Lawhon and Senior Assistant County Attorney Nathaniel Anderson

Central Services

Kevin Ivey, Director of Central Services, addressed the Board.

1 Approve the ratification of the application, award, and any further supplemental funding for the FY 2027 Homeland Security Program Grant for Central Services to install a manual transfer switch at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in the amount of $46,250.00, and appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. A 15% cash match is required.

Consent

Clerk's Office

Ms. Rivera addressed the Board.

2 Approve the 2027 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Consent

County Attorney

Mr. Lawhon addressed the Board.

3 Approve the intergovernmental agreement between Hall County and the Town of Clermont for the administration and enforcement of Animal Control provisions, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

4 Review of the 2.5% property tax collection fee for the Hall County Board of Education.

Mr. Lawhon provided an overview of the legal authority governing the 2.5% school tax collection fee, the process for modifying the fee, and collection fee practices in neighboring counties. Financial Services Director Taylor Samples discussed the potential fiscal implications of adjusting the collection fee. Tax Commissioner Darla Eden and Hall County Schools Superintendent Will Schofield also offered comments regarding the property tax collection fee.

Court Administration

Kenny Shoemaker, Court Information Systems Director, addressed the Board.

5 Approve the purchase of sixty (60) Dell desktop computers for Court Administration to Dell Marketing LP (aka Dell Technologies) of Round Rock, TX, in the amount of $59,210.40.

Consent

Sheriff's Office

1st Lieutenant Trey McConnell, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

6 Approve the service agreement to purchase, convert the current Jail Management System (JMS) software and support for the Sheriff's Office to Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Overland Park, KS. The estimated cost is $1,932,196.00.

Consent

Captain Jonathan Underwood, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

7 Approve the ratification of the application and award for the FY 2027 Homeland Security Program Grant for the Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordinance Detection (EOD) K9 Team to purchase a new K9 unit vehicle in the amount of $65,000.00, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee, and authorize the Chairman to execute all related award documents. No match is required.

Consent

Lieutenant John Morgan, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.

8 Approve the purchase of 25 Ford Explorer pursuit vehicles, five (5) Ford F-150 Police Pursuit Trucks, and one (1) Dodge 2500 Police Pursuit Truck for the Sheriff's Office to Lavonia Ford DBA Ed Murdock Ford of Lavonia, GA, in the amount of $1,378,763.00.

Consent

Development Services

Captain Barry Shaw, Interim Director of Development Services, addressed the Board.

9 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution to amend the fee schedule for Building Inspections, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Consent

Emergency Management

Zach Brackett, Director of Emergency Management (EMA), addressed the Board.

10 Approve the award of RFQ/P #46-033 Cloud-Based Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for Central Communications to 10-8 Systems LLC of Mission Viejo, CA, in the amount of $1,208,000.00.

Consent

11 Approve the ratification of the application and award for the FY 2027 Homeland Security Program Grant for Emergency Management to purchase a mobile vehicle barrier system in the amount of $89,995.00, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee, and authorize the Chairman to execute all related award documents. No match is required.

Consent

Fire Rescue

Chief Jerry Smith, Fire Rescue, addressed the Board.

12 Approve the award of IFB #026-47 Furnish and Install One (1) Replacement Generator at Fire Station 13 for Fire Rescue to Gen-Tech, Inc. of Gillsville, GA, in the amount of $64,175.00.

Consent

Human Resources

Dr. LisaRae Minor, Director of Human Resources, addressed the Board.

13 Approve the annual renewal of the administrative services agreement for the medical plan supervisor and stop loss (HM) to Healthgram, Inc. of Charlotte, NC. The estimated annual cost is $4,829,222.00.

Consent

14 Approve the annual renewal of the business associate agreement for the pharmacy benefit manager to Veracity Benefits, LLC of Kennesaw, GA. The estimated annual cost is $205,344.00.

Consent

Planning & Zoning

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

15 **4510 Browns Bridge Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential 1 (AR-1) to Highway Business (H-B) | on a 1.384± acre tract located on the north side of Browns Bridge Road approximately 100 feet west of its intersection with Lakeview Lane | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 08057 002002 **| Proposed Use: Uses permitted in H-B |** Commission District 2 **| Maja (Maya) Radovic Radovic Permits 1, Inc, applicant**

Note: Tabled at the October 22, 2026 Voting Meeting until the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

16 **4510 Browns Bridge Road | Special Use |** to allow vehicle sales in GCOD | on a 1.384± acre tract located on the north side of Browns Bridge Road approximately 100 feet west of its intersection with Lakeview Lane | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 08057 002002 **| Proposed Use: Vehicle Sales |** Commission District 2 **| Maja (Maya) Radovic Radovic Permits 1, Inc, applicant**

Note: Tabled at the October 22, 2026 Voting Meeting until the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

17 **4510 Browns Bridge Road | Variance to Section 6.2 |** to GCOD standards | on a 1.384± acre tract located on the north side of Browns Bridge Road approximately 100 feet west of its intersection with Lakeview Lane | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 08057 002002 **| Proposed Use: Vehicle sales |** Commission District 2 **| Maja (Maya) Radovic Radovic Permits 1, Inc, applicant**

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18 **2109 Microwave Tower Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential (AR-1) to Residential Two Family (R-TF) | on a 1.68± acre tract located on the east side of Microwave Tower Road approximately 455 feet west of its intersection with Smallwood Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15032 000005 **| Proposed Use: Second single-family dwelling |** Commission District 3 **| Hermelinda Sica de Ajanel, applicant**

Note: Tabled at the October 22, 2026 Voting Meeting until the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

19 **2109 Microwave Tower Road | Variance to Section 4.4 |** to reduce minimum yards | on a 1.68± acre tract located on the east side of Microwave Tower Road approximately 455 feet west of its intersection with Smallwood Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15032 000005 **| Proposed Use: Single-family dwelling |** Commission District 3 **| Hermelinda Sica de Ajanel, applicant**

Note: Tabled at the October 22, 2026 Voting Meeting until the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

20 **2109 Microwave Tower Road | Variance to Section 7.8.11 |** to reduce minimum yards | on a 1.68± acre tract located on the east side of Microwave Tower Road approximately 455 feet west of its intersection with Smallwood Road | Zoned AR-1; Tax Parcel 15032 000005 **| Proposed Use: Keeping of livestock and poultry |** Commission District 3 **| Hermelinda Sica de Ajanel, applicant**

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Mr. Anderson provided remarks on this application.

Jordan Wallace, Transportation Program Manager, addressed the Board.

21 Public Hearing to adopt Hall County's updated Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP).

Public Hearing to occur at the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

Public Works and Utilities

22 Second Public Hearing to amend Chapter 3.100 of the Official Code of Ordinances of Hall County, GA with regard to Development Impact Fees.

Public Hearing to occur at the November 12, 2026 Voting Meeting.

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

23 Approve the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 330 TC Excavator for the Solid Waste Division to Yancey Bros. Co., in the amount of $345,090.00.

Consent

24 Approve the acceptance of a $2,373,711.27 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for streets, stormwater management facilities, sewer, and sidewalks in Clark Farms Phase 2 Subdivision. Commission District 1.

Consent

County Administrator

Mr. Gentry addressed the Board. He stated the following:

- *Hall County Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.*
- *Reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Program to be held at Roosevelt Square on Friday, November 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Presented a 'WIN' video highlighting emergency repairs at the East Hall Community Center following a water leak.*

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board:

- *Mandy Harris, 1459 Douglas Drive, Gainesville*
- *Penni Ganyard, 2175 Silver Circle, Gainesville*
- *Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Lula*
- *Mark Redman, 4403 T-Mor Cove, Oakwood*
- *Susan Smith, 4345 Chamblee Road, Oakwood*

Commission Time

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, District 1, shared news of a new grandchild due in May 2027.

Commissioner Billy Powell, District 2, acknowledged current members of Leadership Hall. The following members addressed the Board:

- *Tyler Grabau (Norton Commercial Acreage Group)*
- *Ellie Cartwright (United Way of Hall County)*
- *Abigail Wall (Morton, Vardeman & Carlson)*

Adjourn

Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — adjourn the Work Session at 4:20 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.