



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES**

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

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Monday, August 07, 2023 - 03:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

*Chairman Higgins at 3:00 p.m.*

*Present:*

*Chairman Richard Higgins, Vice-Chairman Billy Powell, and Commissioners Kathy Cooper, Gregg Poole, and Jeff Stowe*

*Also present were County Administrator Zach Propes, Assistant County Administrators Katie Crumley and Casey Ramsey, Commission Clerk Jennifer Rivera, County Attorney William Linkous III, and Special Assistant County Attorney Van Stephens*

**Appointments for Consideration**

- 1 Appointment to the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFACS) Board to serve an unexpired term to June 30, 2028. Chairman's Appointment.

*Discussion*

**Community Services and Parks**

*Brent Holloway, Director of Community Services and Parks, addressed the Board.*

- 2 Approve the award of RFQ/P #44-012 Athletics Officiating Services for Parks & Leisure to Hall County Officials of Flowery Branch, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$175,000.00.

*Consent*

**County Attorney**

*Mr. Linkous addressed the Board.*

- 3 Approve the amendment to the April 25, 2023 Voting Meeting Minutes regarding the 'Call to Order' to correct a scrivener's error.

*Consent*

- 4 Approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the Workers Compensation case of former employee Edward Thomas, and authorize the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the settlement, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

*Consent*

- 5 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Settlement Agreement with Judy Gaines, Glenn Terrell Gaines, and Kerith Gaines Smith to acquire a portion of Sardis Road Connector Project Parcels 139, 140, and 141 in the amount of \$3,000,000.00; and authorization to execute any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

*Consent*

## **Elections**

*Paige Thompson, Elections Manager, addressed the Board.*

- 6 Approve the sole source purchase of eleven (11) Runbeck Voting HUBS for Elections to Runbeck Elections Services, Inc. of Phoenix, AZ, in the amount of \$51,150.00.

*Consent*

## **Financial Services**

*Wes Geddings, Director of Financial Services, addressed the Board.*

- 7 Approve the agreement with Bates, Carter and Company, LLP for Financial Services for FY 2023 annual audit services and authorize the Chairman to execute all necessary documents. The estimated cost is \$121,000.00.

*Consent*

## **Fire Rescue**

*Timothy Woodward, Deputy Fire Chief, addressed the Board.*

- 8 Approve the purchase of a Landing Craft Fire Boat for Fire Rescue to Lake Assault Boats, LLC of Superior, WI, in the amount of \$697,776.57.

*Consent*

## **Planning and Development**

*Randi Doveton, Director of Planning and Development, addressed the Board.*

- 9 Approve the Professional Services Agreement to acquire updated building and road edge layers to coincide with new aerial photography actively being acquired as part of the 2023 Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) Orthoimagery and LiDAR Project for Planning & Development to NV5 Geospatial, Inc. of St. Petersburg, FL, in the amount of \$82,875.00.

*Consent*

- 10 **3293 & 3341 Buffington Farm Road & Haselton On Lanier Subdivision, Phase 1 | Amend Conditions |** of a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on a 108.13± acre tract located on the west side of Buffington Farm Road at its intersection with Cagle Road | Zoned PRD; Tax Parcels 09105 000001, 09108 000107 - 000109, & 09106 000003, 000003A, 000007, 000013-000025 | **Proposed use: 216-lot subdivision |** Commission District 3 | **Arabella Capital, LLC, applicant.**
- 11 **3271 & 3270 Buffington Farm Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural-Residential-III (AR-III) and Vacation-Cottage (V-C) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) on a 55.54± acre tract located on the north side of Buffington Farm Road at its intersection with Cagle Road | Zoned AR-III & V-C; Tax Parcels 09106 000001A & 000005 (pt.) | **Proposed use: 121-lot subdivision |** Commission District 3 | **Arabella Capital, LLC, applicant.**

### **Public Works and Utilities**

*Bill Nash, Director of Public Works and Utilities, addressed the Board.*

- 12 Approve the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford F-150 trucks for Public Works & Utilities to Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Winder, GA, in the amount of \$162,834.00.

*Consent*

- 13 Approve the process to initiate the abandonment of Pass Drive and Biscayne Boulevard, which includes all of Pass Drive from Patterson Road to Lanier Parkway, a.k.a I-985 (390 +/- feet), as well as all of Biscayne Boulevard from Patterson Road to Lanier Parkway a.k.a. I-985 (400 +/- feet). Commission District 2.

*Consent*

### **Sheriff's Office**

*Captain Jason Smith, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.*

- 14 Approve the FY 2024 School Resource Officer annual agreement between Hall County and the Hall County Board of Education.

*Consent*

*Sergeant John Morgan, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.*

- 15 Approve the purchase of twenty (20) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office to Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, GA and Hardy Chevrolet, Inc. of Gainesville, GA, in the amount of \$826,500.00.

*Consent*

### **County Administrator**

*Mr. Propes did not have any items to report.*

### **Public Comments**

*The following people addressed the Board:*

- *DJ Suberk, 5123 Watchmans Cove, Gainesville*
- *Jacob Hill, 2833 Sawyer Mill Road, Gainesville*

### **Commission Time**

*The Commissioners did not have any items to report.*

### **Adjourn**

*Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.*