



**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, January 08, 2024 - 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, Deputy Commission Clerk Abril Olivas, and County Attorney William Linkous III*

**Administration**

*Mr. Propes addressed the Board.*

- 1 Approve the annual re-adoption of Robert's Rules of Order with an exception to allow for the Chairman to vote.

*Consent*

**Appointments for Consideration**

- 2 Approve the appointment of Commissioner Gregg Poole to serve as the 2024 Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman.

*Consent*

- 3 Appointment to the Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (TADAC). Chairman's Appointment.

*Appointment of Commissioner Billy Powell - Consent*

- 4 Appointment to the Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (TADAC). County Administrator's Appointment.

*Appointment of Commissioner Jeff Stowe - Consent*

**Community Services and Parks**

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

- 5 Approve the award of IFB #030-44 Laurel Park Baseball Field Fencing for Parks & Leisure Services to Blue Ridge Fence, Inc. of Lula, GA, in the amount of \$334,557.00.

*Consent*

- 6 Approve the award of RFQ/P #44-016 Architectural & Engineering Design Services for East Hall Community Center Addition for New Library to CAS Architecture, P.C. of Lawrenceville, GA, in the amount of \$259,700.00.

*Consent*

- 7 Approve the purchase and installation of LED lighting systems at Alberta Banks Park for field 4, field 5, and pickleball courts for Parks & Leisure Services to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC of Oskaloosa, IA, in the amount of \$389,000.00.

*Consent*

### **County Attorney**

*Mr. Linkous addressed the Board.*

- 8 Approval and authorization for the Chairman and District Commissioners to execute a resolution objecting to the annexation by the City of Buford of tax parcel number 08153 000001 owned by Amy L. Barfield and Christopher W. Watford located on 4470 Bennett Road, and authorize the Board to execute any and all documents in relation to such objection, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

*Consent*

### **Elections**

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

- 9 Approve the 2024 Qualifying Fees Resolution for the upcoming Election Cycle.

*Consent*

### **Financial Services**

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

- 10 Approve the award of IFB #027-44 for Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Grant Single-Family Home Repairs for Financial Services to Smoother Stroke Construction of Gainesville, GA and Quality Construction & Improvement of Atlanta, Inc. of Decatur, GA, in the amount of \$213,414.41.

*Consent*

## **Fire Rescue**

*Jerry Smith, Interim Fire Chief, addressed the Board.*

- 11 Approve the purchase of one (1) Pierce Enforcer 100' Mid-Mount Aerial Fire Truck Apparatus for Fire Rescue to Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC of Forsyth, GA, in the amount of \$2,063,514.00.

*Consent*

- 12 Approve the annual contract renewal for RFQ/P #43-015 EMS Billing and Collection Services for Fire Rescue to Digitech Computer, LLC, of Chappaqua, NY.

*Consent*

- 13 Approve the award of IFB #029-44 Furnish and Install One (1) Replacement Generator at Fire Station #9 for Fire Rescue to DeHart and Hill Electric, Inc. of Cumming, GA, in the amount of \$70,889.00.

*Consent*

## **Planning and Development**

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

- 14 **5348 Grant Road | Use Subject to County Commission Approval |** 17.110.040(M) for a commercial kennel | on a 10.69± acre parcel located on the north side of Grant Road, approximately 590 feet west of its intersection with Lee Road | Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcel 11085 000005B | **Proposed use: commercial kennel | Commission District 2 | Megan Partrick – Bark Camp Farm, applicant.**
- 15 **4200 Cha Co Road | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential III (AR-III) to Residential I (R-I) | on a 43.50± acre parcel located on the southeastern side of Cha Co Road, approximately 425 feet west of its intersection with Sardis Road | Zoned AR-III, Tax Parcel 10074 000004 | **Proposed Use: 32-lot subdivision | Commission District 2 | John Roberts, applicant.**
- 16 **3210 Joe Parker Road | Amend Conditions |** of a Planned Commercial Development (PCD) on a 20.19± acre parcel located on the west side of Joe Parker Road, approximately 1,150 feet north of its intersection with Gillsville Highway | Zoned PCD; Tax Parcel 15023 000055 | **Proposed use: event facility | Commission District 3 | El Alamo Properties, LLC, applicant.**

- 17 **4549, 4555, 4561, 4567, 4571, 4601, 4607, and 4611 Candlestick Lane | Amend Conditions** | of a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on a combined 3.89± acres located on the north side of Candlestick Lane, across from its intersection with Shawnee Drive | Zoned PRD, Tax Parcels 08067 000045, 000044, 000043, 000042, 000041, 000039, 000038, and 000037 | **Proposed Use: 9-unit townhome development** | Commission District 2 | **RyRoMa Properties, LLC, applicant.**
- 18 **3955 & 4035 Leach Road | Rezone** | from Agricultural Residential III (AR-III) and Residential I (R-I) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a combined 174.44± acres located on both the east and west sides of Leach Road, north of the intersection of Leach Road and Red Bird Circle | Zoned AR-III and R-I; Tax Parcels 10033 000001 & 10050 000008 | **Proposed use: 307-lot detached single-family development** | Commission District 2 | **Shadow Stone Partners, LLC, applicant.**

### **Public Defender**

*Brad Morris, Public Defender, addressed the Board.*

- 19 Approve the 2024 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Hall and Dawson Counties which facilitates sharing the cost of two positions 50/50.
- Consent*

### **Public Works and Utilities**

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

- 20 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution authorizing the exercise of the power of eminent domain with regard to the Cagle Road Improvement Project parcels 28 & 29, Tax Parcel 09094 000001, also known as 4401 Cagle Road, presently owned by Aerospace Science Foundation, Inc. for public road purposes, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the exercise of the power of eminent domain with regard to such parcel, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Commission District 3.
- 21 Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a response letter relating to the Sardis Road Connector construction project, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Commission District 2.
- Consent*
- 22 Approve the ratification of Emergency Waste Hauling Services for Public Works & Utilities to Waste Pro of GA, Inc. of Athens, GA, in the amount of \$998,740.00.
- Consent*

### **Sheriff's Office**

*Sergeant Mike Free, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board.*

- 23 Approve the purchase of eight (8) new 2024 Ford Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office to Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla, GA, in the amount of \$381,600.00.

*Consent*

### **UGA Extension**

*Garrett Hibbs, Hall County UGA Extension, addressed the Board.*

- 24 Approve the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Transit Van for the UGA Extension Agency to Billy Cain Ford of Commerce, GA, in the amount of \$61,975.00.

*Consent*

### **County Administrator**

*Mr. Propes addressed the Board. He stated the following:*

- *Hall County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.*
- *Introduced Nate Anderson as the new Senior Assistant County Attorney for Legal Services.*

### **Public Comments**

*There were no comments from the public.*

### **Commission Time**

*Commissioner Gregg Poole, Commission District 3, acknowledged \$9.9 million dollars in funding approved for the Blue Ridge Connector (Inland Port).*

### **Adjourn**

*Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.*