



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

Hall County Government Center 2nd Floor
2875 Browns Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30504

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Thursday, January 09, 2025 - 06:00 PM

Call to Order

Chairman Gibbs at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman David Gibbs, Vice-Chairman Gregg Poole and Commissioners Kathy Cooper, Billy Powell 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 Ana Dominguez, County Attorney William Linkous III, and Assistant County Attorney Justin Lawhon

Approve Agenda

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve with an amendment to add item 30 regarding removing environmental health septic tanks from permits —
Vote: 3 to 1*

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — nay

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 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 January 6, 2025 Work Session minutes.
- 4 Approve the December 12, 2024 Voting Meeting minutes.
- 5 Approve the December 12, 2024 Executive Session minutes.
- 6 Approve the December 12, 2024 Meeting minutes.
- 7 Approve the appointment of Commissioner Jeff Stowe to serve as the 2025 Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman.
- 8 Approve the re-appointment of Glennis Barnes to the Hall-Gainesville Land Bank to serve a term from January 31, 2025 to January 30, 2029. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, & 4.
- 9 Approve the appointment of Shannon Davidson to the Planning Commission to serve a term from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027. Chairman's Appointment.
- 10 Approve the re-appointment of Frank Sosebee to the Planning Commission to serve a term from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027. Commission District 1.
- 11 Approve the re-appointment of Chris Braswell to the Planning Commission to serve a term from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027. Commission District 2.
- 12 Approve the re-appointment of Stan Hunt to the Planning Commission to serve a term from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027. Commission District 3.
- 13 Approve the re-appointment of Johnny Varner to the Planning Commission to serve a term from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027. Commission District 4.
- 14 Approve the annual renewal of the contract for GovOS Comprehensive Records Management System for the Clerk of Court Real Estate Division to GovOS Inc. of Dallas, TX, in the amount of \$169,000.00.
- 15 Approve the award of IFB #035-45 for the purchase of four (4) baseball infield groomers for Parks and Leisure to Tri-State Pump and Control, Inc. of Liberty, SC, in the amount of \$118,258.80.

- 16 Approve the update to Hall County's Financial Planning Policies.
- 17 Approve the annual sole source contract #031-45 Emergency Medical Pharmaceutical Supplies & Services for Fire Rescue to Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. of Gainesville, GA. The estimated annual cost is \$85,000.00.
- 18 Approve the Employment Agreement for the Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts.
- 19 Approve the renewal of the Records Management System and Jail Management System's yearly maintenance and support for the Sheriff's Office to CentralSquare Technologies of Lake Mary, FL, in the amount of \$107,720.79.

Other Business - Public Works and Utilities

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

- 20 Authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the collection of a \$187,250.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement in the Mount Vernon Manor Subdivision in the amount of \$187,250.00. Commission District 3.

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

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

Beth Garmon, Director of Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board.

- 21 **5991 Swansey Road | Amend Conditions of Zoning |** on a 38.45 ± acre tract located on the south side of Swansey Road approximately 476 feet from its intersection with Circle Four Ranch | Zoned PRD, Tax Parcel 15048 000034 | **Proposed Use: 100-lot subdivision | Commission District 1 | Abernathy Engineering Group, applicant** NOTE: Tabled at the September 10, 2024 Voting Meeting until the October 24, 2024 Voting Meeting. NOTE: Tabled at the October 24, 2024 Voting Meeting until the December 12, 2024 Voting Meeting. NOTE: Tabled at the December 12, 2024 Voting Meeting until the January 9, 2025 Voting Meeting.

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item.

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Powell — approve removing item 21 from the table — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Guy Abernathy, Buford*
- *Michael Cooper, 2430 Flint Creek Drive, Cumming*

Opposition:

- *Susan McCullough, 5920 Circle Four Ranch, Flowery Branch*
- *Michael Shastel, 5990 Swansey Road, Flowery Branch*

Mr. Nash addressed the Board and discussed roadway improvement options.

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Powell — approve with the nine (9) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

1. *The development shall conform substantially with the proposed site plan and narrative, modified as necessary for compliance with current development standards at time of site plan approval.*
2. *Development shall not exceed 100 residential units or a density of 2.7 units per acre.*
3. *Subdivision lots must access internal roadways only and direct lot access to Swansey Road shall be prohibited.*
4. *All conditions of zoning shall be made a part of any plat of the property.*
5. *The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded for the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."*

6. *The following statement regarding the potential impacts of industrial operations in the area shall be made part of any plat recorded for the property: "Owners and users of this property are informed of industrial uses nearby and should expect noise, odors, and other effects associated with such industrial properties."*
7. *The final plat shall not be approved prior to the property having access to Hall County sewer.*
8. *A vegetative buffer on Swansey roadway which would include the backs of lots 64, 65, 66, 67 and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be provided.*
9. *The County will pave Swansey Road from Friendship Road to the entrance of the proposed development to the maintenance standard by April 30, 2026. The County will pave Swansey Road from the entrance of the development to Blackjack Road to AASHTO standards. The developer will pay to the County the expense of the County paving from the entrance of the development to Blackjack Road prior to the issuance of the land disturbance permit.*

22 **0 & 4435 Ridge Road | Rezone** | from Planned Residential Development (PRD) and Suburban Shopping (S-S) to Planned Commercial Development (PCD) | on a combined 74.38± acre tract located on the east side of Ridge Road at its intersection with Friendship Road | Zoned PRD & S-S, Tax parcels 08154 000022 & 000017 | **Proposed Use: Mixed-use development** | Commission District 1 | **Scott Puckett, Inc., applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item.

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 22 until the January 23, 2025 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

23 **4163 Cleveland Highway | Use Subject to County Commission Approval** | on a 4.41± acre tract located on the west side of Cleveland Highway (GA-129) approximately 540 feet from its intersection with Hunter Road | Zoned H-B (GCOD); Tax Parcel 12026 000009 (pt.) | **Proposed Use: Used auto sales and repair** | Commission District 3 | **Ramon Carrillo Jr., applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Ramon Carrillo, Jr, 6180 Dahlonga Highway, Clermont*

Opposition:

- *Matthew Truelove, 4185 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville*
- *Tim Hollibush, 4173 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville*

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Powell — approve with the fifteen (15) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan dated November 14, 2024, and as described in the updated project narrative dated November 18, 2024, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval. The maximum square footage of the show room shall not exceed five thousand (5,000) square feet in size and the shop shall not exceed eight thousand (8,000) square feet in size.*
- 2. Subdivision of the property shall be subject to the plat review process.*
- 3. Access to the development shall be approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The developer shall be responsible for all costs associated with improvements necessary for access to the development.*
- 4. The new office and shop buildings shall comply with the architectural standards of the Gateway Corridors Overlay District and are subject to approval by the Director of Planning and Zoning or their designee.*
- 5. All maintenance and repair of vehicles shall be conducted within the shop building. No outside storage of any equipment or materials is allowed. Additionally, no storage of vehicles, boats, or recreational vehicles for rental purposes shall be allowed on the property.*
- 6. There shall be a 25 foot wide transitional buffer adjacent to the northern and western property lines.*
- 7. Signage shall comply with Gateway Corridors Overlay District standards and is subject to the approval of the Director of Planning and Zoning or their designee.*
- 8. No variances or development exceptions are granted as part of this request that are not explicitly granted by board approval. The development shall be compliant with the Unified Development Code of Hall County, as well as any other agencies or reviewing departments, including, but not limited to Environmental Health, the Fire Marshal, and Hall County Engineering.*
- 9. All conditions of zoning shall be made a part of any plats or construction plans created for the subdivision.*
- 10. The 10 foot front landscape strip shall be exempt from the shade tree requirement with final review and approval subject to the Director of Planning and Zoning or their designee.*
- 11. Roll-up doors must not be installed on the front of any building or any*

building facing US Highway 129.

12. The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."
13. Gravel shall not be permitted as a paving surface material within the Gateway Corridors Overlay District. All parking areas and driveways within the development shall be paved with asphalt or concrete including other pervious paving materials subject to the final review and approval by the Director of Planning and Zoning or their designee.
14. Fencing shall be required. The fencing along Cleveland Highway must contain brick or stone columns every 50 feet as well as wrought iron fencing. All other fencing along the side and rear property lines must be vinyl-coated chain link fencing with black privacy slats, 6 feet in height and will be allowed to be constructed 5 feet of the property line.
15. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

24 **6515 New Bethany Road | Amend Conditions of Zoning |** on a 1.86± acre tract located on the east side of New Bethany Road at its intersection with Old Lanier Islands Drive | Zoned PID, Tax Parcel 07330 001006B | **Proposed Use: Expansion of storage area | Commission District 2 | Genuine Mapping and Design, LLC, applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Eric Johansen, 3938 Oak Crossing Drive, Suwanee*

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve with the four (4) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions

1. *The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan revision dated May 14, 2024, and amended as described in the projective narrative dated September 20, 2024, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*
2. *The previously approved conditions dated June 21, 2023, as amended shall apply:*
 - a. *The non-residential development shall be subject to the standards of the Gateway Corridors Overlay District (GCOD, 17.420). No variances are granted from these standards.*
 - b. *All outdoor lighting on the premises shall be full cut-off downlight.*
 - c. *All parking and storage areas shall be paved with either asphalt or concrete.*
 - d. *Plans for any further improvements or development of the property shall be submitted for review and appropriate permits obtained.*
 - e. *All conditions of zoning shall be made part of any plats created for the property.*
 - f. *The development shall have a minimum 6 foot high decorative steel fencing with stone or brick columns spaced no less than every 50 feet along all right-of-ways of New Bethany Road and Old Lanier Island Drive. All other fencing shall be a minimum 6 foot high black vinyl link fence and shall be installed along all other property lines.*
 - g. *Hours of operation shall be from 5 am to 10 pm for boat storage and repair.*
 - h. *The applicant shall install a 4 to 5 foot high landscaped berm with decorative fencing.*
3. *No variances or development exceptions are granted as part of this request that are not explicitly granted by board approval. The development shall be compliant with the Official Code of Hall County, as well as any other agencies or reviewing departments, including, but not limited to Environmental Health, Fire Marshal, and Hall County Engineering.*
4. *The submitted typical building elevation dated March 30, 2023, shall be allowed as depicted with final review and approval subject to the Planning and Zoning Director, or their designee.*

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2323 Thompsons Mill Road | Amend Conditions of Zoning | on a 3.88± acre tract located on the west side of Thompsons Mill Road approximately 351 feet from its intersection with White Rock Road | Zoned O-I; Tax Parcel 15041 000003C | **Proposed Use: Uses permitted in O-I** | Commission District 1 | **Civilscapes, Inc. c/o Myles Montgomery, applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- *Myles Montgomery, 7185 Shady Grove Road, Cumming*

Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Powell — approve with the three (3) conditions listed below — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Conditions:

- 1. The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan dated June 5, 2023, and narrative dated September 23, 2024, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*
- 2. The previously approved conditions dated May 11, 2006, as amended shall apply:*
 - a. Driveway design and placement are subject to approval by the Hall County Engineering Department and the Georgia Department of Transportation.*
 - b. Any outdoor lighting on the premises shall be of non-spill type.*
 - c. The vehicle parking areas shall be paved with either asphalt or concrete.*
 - d. All conditions of zoning shall be made a part of any plat created for the property.*
- 3. The following uses are to be prohibited:*
 - a. Funeral homes*
 - b. Mobile food establishments*

Commissioner Cooper exited the meeting.

- 26 **5111 Old Winder Highway | Rezone |** from Agricultural Residential (AR-IV) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a 10± acre tract located on the east side of Old Winder Highway, approximately 2,051 feet from its intersection with Daylily Drive | Zoned AR-IV, Tax Parcel 15038 000076 (pt.) | **Proposed Use: Addition of 38 townhomes to a PRD** | Commission District 1 | **Steven P. Gilliam, applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced items 26 and 27, which were heard together. Ms. Garmon discussed the items. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board regarding both items 26 and 27:

Favor:

- *Steve Gilliam, 340 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 300, Gainesville*
- *Bart Jackson, 1767 Gum Springs Church Road, Jefferson*

Opposition:

- *Jill Cooper, 5125 Winder Highway, Braselton*
- *Tommy Channell, 4737 J M Turk Road, Flowery Branch*

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve with the twenty-six (26) conditions listed below — Vote: 2 to 2

Commissioner Cooper — recused

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — nay

Commissioner Poole — nay

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion failed.

Conditions:

1. *Approval of the amended conditions is contingent upon the approval of the Special Use request of 5079 Old Winder Highway (HZCU24-0039).*
2. *The property shall be developed in accordance with the site plan dated August 23, 2024, and as described in the project narrative submitted on October 18, 2024, modified as necessary for compliance with conditions herein and development standards enforced at the time of site plan approval.*
3. *The minimum heated floor area (HFA) of each residential unit shall be 1,800 square feet.*
4. *Building elevations shall be composed of a mixture of cement siding, stone, and/or brick façade, with a minimum of brick or stone accents on the front of the homes. The balance of the home may be the same material or of fiber-cement material. Vinyl siding is prohibited. Final review and approval of building elevations is subject to the Director of Planning and Development, or their designee.*
5. *All units shall be designed with a two-car garage. Garage doors shall constitute no more than 70 percent of the width of the individual townhouse unit.*
6. *The development shall feature sidewalks no less than five (5) feet in width constructed on both sides of all internal streets.*
7. *The development shall be served by public sewer, with the obtainment of all required easements and other construction costs such as a lift station and force main to be the responsibility of the developer.*
8. *The development shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) model homes prior to approval and recording of the final plat. Model home permits may be issued prior to final plat recording provided that hard surface (crusher run) access is provided and fire protection (functioning hydrant) is located*

- within 500 feet of any structure under construction. No certificate of occupancy permits shall be issued prior to final plat recording.*
- 9. There shall be a mandatory Homeowners' Association (HOA).*
 - 10. All designated open space within the development shall be commonly held, and not held by any individual homeowner(s).*
 - 11. All roadways within the development shall be designated as private and shall be privately maintained by a Homeowners' Association (HOA). All roads shall be designed and constructed to Hall County standards.*
 - 12. The developer shall be responsible for all obtaining the necessary permits as well as all costs associated with the construction of a left and right turn lane on State Route 211 (aka Old Winder Highway) per the traffic impact study recommendations.*
 - 13. All stream buffers must be fully within the Homeowners' Association (HOA) common space and shall not be included on any individual residential building lot.*
 - 14. No variances or development exceptions are granted as part of this request that are not explicitly granted by board approval. The development shall be compliant with the Official Code of Hall County.*
 - 15. The following statement regarding the potential impacts of agricultural operations in the area shall be made a part of any plat recorded on the property: "Owners, occupants, and users of property shown on this plat are hereby informed of the impacts associated with normal farming practices which may take place on adjacent and nearby property including, but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Therefore, owners, occupants, and users of the property shown on this plat should be prepared to expect the effects of such practices."*
 - 16. All conditions of zoning shall be made a part of any plats or construction plans created for the property.*
 - 17. Buildings shall have no more than 6 units per building. Each building shall be staggered a minimum of 4 feet from the front setback of adjacent buildings.*
 - 18. The development shall be limited to 120 total townhome units.*
 - 19. All residential driveways shall measure no less than 20 feet from back of right-of-way.*
 - 20. There shall be a total of 51 guest parking spaces provided as shown on the site plan dated August 23, 2024.*
 - 21. The cluster mailbox unit shall have no less than 6 parking spaces.*
 - 22. Developer is allowed a maximum of one sales office. Office shall be removed at time of sale of last unit.*
 - 23. One construction trailer is permitted, provided the conditions of the Hall County Unified Development Code are met.*
 - 24. The development shall be subject to all townhome standards as listed in section 7.3.1.F. of the Hall County Unified Development Code.*
 - 25. A 50 foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained along the property line of tax parcel 15038 000010.*
 - 26. The developer shall install and maintain a 6 foot high privacy fence or a 6 foot high vinyl coated chain link fence adjacent to the required 50 foot undisturbed buffer. The fence shall be located along the interior edge of the undisturbed buffer.*
 - 27. The detention pond at the rear of the property shall be designed to avoid*

directing stormwater runoff towards tax parcel 15038 000010.

Mr. Linkous stated that since there is a zoning application on the floor, this item would need to be brought back before the Board at the next Voting Meeting.

- 27 **5079 Old Winder Highway | Amend Conditions of Zoning |** on a 20.02± acre tract located on the east side of Old Winder Highway, approximately 1,496 feet from its intersection with Daylily Drive | Zoned PRD, Tax Parcel 15038 000059 | **Proposed Use: Addition of 38 townhomes to a PRD** | Commission District 1 | **Steven P. Gilliam, applicant**

Items 26 and 27 were heard together. See item 27 for public hearing details.

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve tabling item 27 until the January 23, 2025 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — recused

Commissioner Powell — aye

Chairman Gibbs — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

Commissioner Cooper re-entered the meeting.

- 28 **5552 Bogus Road | Rezone |** from Planned Residential Development (PRD) & Agricultural Residential IV (AR-IV) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) | on a 13.81± acre tract located on the west side of Bogus Road approximately 420 feet from its intersection with Claude Peck Road | Zoned PRD & AR-IV; Tax Parcel 12051 000015| **Proposed Use: 15-lot residential development** | Commission District 3 | **Seth Barnes, applicant**

Mr. Lawhon introduced the item. Ms. Garmon discussed the item. Mr. Lawhon conducted the Public Hearing.

The following people addressed the Board:

Favor:

- Seth Barnes, 576 Stillwood Drive, Gainesville
- Mark Harmon, 497 Piedmont Court, Gainesville
- Mike Klein, 309 Dixon Drive, Gainesville

Opposition:

- TJ Mote, 5553 Bogus Road, Gainesville

Payton Anderson of Davis Engineering addressed the Board regarding water lines and utilities on Wellspring Trail.

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve tabling item 28 until the February 13, 2025 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 29 **6000 Wellspring Trail | Amend Conditions of Zoning |** on a 20.29± acre tract located at the terminus of Wellspring Trail | Zoned POD; Tax Parcel 12046 000001| **Proposed Use: Expansion of services |** Commission District 3 | **Seth Barnes, applicant**

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve tabling item 29 until the February 13, 2025 Voting Meeting — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

- 30 Discussion regarding septic tanks and permitting.

Commissioner Poole stated he would like to offer a motion to remove septic tanks from permitting process giving Hall County 30-45 days to implement a plan to rip that bandaid off. Giving time for studies to how to move it out. Commissioner Stowe stated he would second but to give staff 60 days to come up with a plan and to give the Board a list of pros and cons. Commissioner Poole stated County Administrator Propes has already agreed to do this. County Administrator Propes stated for clarity, that on December 12, 2024, they agreed to a two month window. Propes stated that he would be prepared to present to the Board by February 12, 2025 in whatever form is preferred, whether that be a public meeting or individual commissioner meetings. Commissioner Poole stated he believed they should vote on this so that it is logged. Commissioner Stowe stated he was fine with County Administrator Propes bringing something by the February 27th meeting.

Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — Motion that on February 27, 2025 they vote to remove the septic tanks from Hall County's building permit application — Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.

County Administrator

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

- Hall County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.
- Our next Work Session will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 rather than Monday at 3:00 pm.
- Hall County Government facilities will be closed Friday, January 10, 2025, due to inclement weather. Weekend operations will be adjusted based on weather conditions.

Commission Time

Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, stated that County Administrator Propes has been meeting with anyone who would listen regarding funding for transportation and roads. One of the biggest things he sees and worries about is transportation in Hall County. He would like to see a policy created to show more transparency. Stated he trusts Hall County Government and believes Hall County has done nothing wrong with funds. Pledged to create levels of transparency where people can see as far as ordering capital, not day to day functions. Stated that when TSPLOST comes back up on the ballot again, that everyone votes for it. Stated he voted for TSPLOST. Hall County needs this funding. We lost the opportunity to gain 35-45 percent of our funding from people outside of our County because people do not trust our government. That mechanism is needed to provide safe roads for the public.

Adjourn

Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — adjourn at 8:39 p.m.— Vote: 4 to 0

Commissioner Cooper — aye

Commissioner Powell — aye

Commissioner Poole — aye

Commissioner Stowe — aye

Motion passed.