**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**VOTING MEETING SUMMARY 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, November 12, 2026 - 06:00 PM**

## Call to Order

*Chairman Gibbs at 6:03 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*

## Approve Agenda

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — amend agenda as presented to add an item number 39 concerning the acquisition of the Regions Building at 303 Jesse Jewell Parkway, the establishment of a capital project, and the selection of the location for the future courthouse as part of the judicial complex expansion, including the withdrawal of the County's outstanding letters of intent to purchase properties in the College Avenue area — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve — 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 Jeff Stowe

**Public Comments**

*The following people addressed the Board:*

- *Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Lula*

**Proclamation/s**

*Ms. Rivera addressed the Board and introduced the proclamations.*

3 Approve the proclamation recognizing Edward Wayne Pittman's retirement after 24 years of service to Hall County, GA.

*Commissioner Powell presented Edward Wayne Pittman with the Proclamation.*

*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.*

4 Approve the proclamations recognizing Amberleigh and Claire for their hard work and dedication in creating the "My Little Community Pantry".

*Commissioner Cooper presented Amberleigh and Claire with the Proclamation.*

*Commissioner Cooper/Commissioner Poole — approve — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

5 Approve the proclamation recognizing November 2026 as National Native American Heritage Month.

*Commissioner Stowe presented Penny Walker, Christine Steakley and Kay Beaver of the Colonel William Candler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the Proclamation.*

*Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Poole — approve — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

6 Approve the Proclamation recognizing November 1, 2026 as National Family Literacy Day.

*Commissioner Poole presented Penny Walker, Christine Steakley and Kay Beaver of the Colonel William Candler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the Proclamation.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

**Consent Agenda**

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve — Vote: 4 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — abstained*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

7 Approve the November 9, 2026 Work Session Minutes.

8 Approve the October 27-28, 2026 Board Retreat Minutes.

9 Approve the October 27, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

10 Approve the October 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

11 Approve the October 26, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

12 Approve the October 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

13 Approve the October 22, 2026 Voting Meeting Minutes.

14 Approve the October 22, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

15 Approve the October 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

16 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.

17 Approve the 2027 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

18 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.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.

22 Approve the purchase of twenty-five (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.

23 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.

24 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.

25 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.

26 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.

27 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.

28 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.

29 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.

30 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.

**Other Business - Planning and Zoning**

*Jordan Wallace, Transportation Program Manager, addressed the Board.*

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

*Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Ms. Wallace discussed the item.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Powell — approve tabling item 31 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

**Other Business - Public Works and Utilities**

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

*Mr. Anderson introduced the item. Ms. Wallace discussed the item. Mr. Anderson conducted the Public Hearing.*

*There were no comments from the public.*

*Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — approve tabling item 32 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

*Mr. Gentry stated that the presentation for the public hearing should be conducted and that the adoption can be held at a later date.*

*Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Cooper — rescind previous motion to table — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

*Ms. Wallace discussed the impact fee history and alternatives for adoption consideration. Mr. Anderson conducted the public hearing.*

*The following people addressed the Board:*

- *Susan Smith, 4345 Chamblee Road, Oakwood*
- *Lewis Miller, 4592 Lakeview Lane, Gainesville*
- *Jodi White, 5166 Whitehall Road, Lula*

*Commissioner Stowe/Commissioner Powell — approve tabling adoption of item 32 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

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

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

33 **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.*
*Mr. Anderson introduced items 33, 34 and 35, which were heard together.*

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Stowe — approve removing items 33, 34 and 35 from the table — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

*Ms. Ahmed discussed the items.*

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 33 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

34 **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.*

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 34 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

35 **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**

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

*Commissioner Powell/Commissioner Poole — approve tabling item 35 until the December 10, 2026 Voting Meeting — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

36 **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.*

*Mr. Anderson introduced items 36, 37 and 38, which were heard together.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve removing items 36, 37 and 38 from the table — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

*Ms. Ahmed discussed the items.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve withdrawal of item 36 — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

37 **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.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — approve withdrawal of item 37 — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

38 **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**

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

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve withdrawal of item 38 — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

**Other Business**

39 Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Federal Investment Group, LLC, for the acquisition of approximately 1.2 acres of real property located at 303 Jesse Jewell Parkway, SE, Gainesville, Georgia (Tax Parcel No. 01008 002009), commonly known as the Regions Building, for the purchase price of $15,000,000, for purposes of the County's judicial complex expansion; approve and accept the conveyance of said property to Hall County; establish a capital project in the amount of $15,000,000 for the acquisition; and authorize the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Further, approve the selection of a location contiguous to the existing Hall County Courthouse at the intersection of E.E. Butler Parkway and Jesse Jewell Parkway in downtown Gainesville for construction of the new courthouse as part of the judicial complex expansion approved by the voters under SPLOST IX; discontinue consideration of the College Avenue area and associated properties along Main and Bradford Streets for the judicial complex expansion; withdraw all outstanding Letters of Intent to purchase said properties; and authorize County staff to provide written notice of the Board's decision to the affected property owners and tenants.

*Mr. Gentry discussed the item.*

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Cooper — approve — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*

**County Administrator**

*Mr. Gentry addressed the Board and stated that a Veterans Day program would be held on Friday, November 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Roosevelt Sqaure.*

**Commission Time**

*Commissioner Gregg Poole, District 3, stated that extensive discussion had been held regarding the Judicial Complex expansion project. He highlighted several cost-saving measures incorporated into the project and noted that the expansion is designed to accommodate the County's future needs through 2050, 2060, and beyond. Commissioner Poole also commended Capital Projects Manager Doug Straughan for his outstanding work and contributions to the project.*
*Chairman David Gibbs stated that the planning and development process for the project had been lengthy and thorough. He remarked that the project is moving in the best direction for Hall County and will serve as a valuable asset to the community for many years to come. Chairman Gibbs further noted that a primary objective was to design the expansion in a manner that would integrate as closely as possible with the existing courthouse.*

**Adjourn**

*Commissioner Poole/Commissioner Stowe — adjourn at 6:58 p.m. — Vote: 5 to 0*

*Commissioner Cooper — aye*

*Commissioner Powell — aye*

*Chairman Gibbs — aye*

*Commissioner Poole — aye*

*Commissioner Stowe — aye*

*Motion passed.*