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HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING MEETING AGENDA

Hall County Government Center 2nd Floor
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504
March 26, 2015- 6 p.m.

1. **Call To Order**

2. **Report From Finance**

Consider retirement of old Leachate Plant Debt in the amount of \$808,558.48.

[FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS LINK](#)

3. **Report From The Correctional Institute**

Request approval for 10% matching funds for grant position. Requiring salary for a counselor position through the accountability courts.

Documents:

[WEBSITE RFP SCORE SHEET.PDF](#)

4. **Report From Planning**

[GHMPO MAP APPROVAL](#)

5. **Report From Public Works**

Second Reading and Public Hearing to consider approval of a resolution deleting Chapter 15.80 of Title 15 of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia titled "Flood Management/Flood Damage Prevention" and substituting in lieu thereof the newly revised chapter of the same name and chapter number. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4 - NOTE: This item was discussed at the February 23, 2015 Work Session – The 1st Reading and Public Hearing was held

[DOCUMENT FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

Second Reading and Public Hearing to consider request for the abandonment of approximately one thousand seven hundred eighty six feet (1,786') of right-of-way along Tumbling Circle off Old Oakwood Road associated with the closing of the Norfolk Southern Railway crossing in that area. Commission District 2 - NOTE: This item was discussed at the February 23, 2015 Work Session – the First Reading and Public Hearing was held at the February 12, 2015 Commission Voting Meeting – tabled until the February 26 Meeting which was cancelled due to inclement weather

[DOCUMENT FOR TUMBLING CIRCLE ITEM](#)

Documents:

[WATERCRAFT-PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.PDF](#)

[STATION 5 SIGN PAINTING- LANIER TECH.PDF](#)

6. **Report From County Attorney**

Bill Blalock

7. **Report From County Administrator**

Randy Knighton

8. **Public Comments**

2 minutes per speaker/20 minutes maximum

9. **Commission Time**

10. **Adjourn**

If you have a disability or impairment and need special assistance, please contact the Commission Clerk prior to the meeting at 770-535-8288.

Architectural-Spatial Needs Consultant for Building Renovation

RFQ Evaluation Form

Evaluated by: Katie Crowley

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	WEIGHT FACTOR (%)	COMPANY NAME/RATING						NOTES
			Civic Plus	Civica Software	Full Media	Nicola Pages	Ospro Systems	Vision Internet	
Introductory Letter	Firm name, address, contact name, former firm names, joint venture information, out of state offices, if applicable. A clear and concise response as to why Hall County should select your firm for this project.	5%	5	4	5	4	4	5	
Firm Experience and Workload	Detailed description of similar projects completed by the firm. Cite specific contracts of similar nature. Listing of all projects completed for Hall County within the last 5 years. Listing of current projects and possible workload.	20%	20	18	15	10	15	20	
Questionare	Were List of Questions answered in a satisfactory manner in addition to being a detailed answer to the questions posed?	55%	55	10	55	45	50	50	
Reference Projects	Were list of Reference projects given similar in scale and complexity; proposed key personnel indicated in the design and development of the referenced projects cited in submittal.	15%	15	15	10	5	8	15	
Other Relevant Info	Any other relevant information given by vendor to enhance the redesign process or indicate value added services	5%	3	2	5	0	0	3	

TOTAL SCORE (out of 100): 98 0.00 49 0.00 90 0.00 64 0.00 77 0.00 96 0.00

Rank: 1 1 1 1 1 1

The Hall County Tax Commissioner's Office has launched a renewed effort to collect unpaid taxes on watercraft and personal property in the County.

"We are confident that these efforts, which started at the beginning of summer, are producing a positive result because our delinquent accounts are lower than this time last year," said Hall County Tax Commissioner Darla Eden.

Eden said the renewed effort was made possible, in part, by a new position in her office, which was approved by the Hall County Board of Commissioners in the 2015 budget.

"In prior years, the delinquent tax department was a one-man operation due to budget constraints," she said. "Having an additional staff member working on this initiative will show an immediate return on investment."

Eden said there are currently 7,071 delinquent watercraft and personal property accounts, totaling nearly \$5 million. She said 1,100 of those accounts became delinquent in 2013 and total approximately \$490,000 in unpaid personal property taxes. Eden said collecting these taxes has not been easy.

"Collecting delinquent personal property tax brings on new challenges due to businesses closing, changes in ownership and residents selling their personal property," she said.

The renewed effort comes on the heels of last year's initiative, which was the collection of unpaid taxes on mobile homes in Hall County. Eden said she hopes the renewed effort involving personal property will mirror the success they've seen in their collection of mobile home taxes. The collection rate on delinquent mobile home taxes in May 2013 was 69.98 percent. The collection rate for 2013 is now 90.98 percent.

"This increase in the collection rate has been made possible due to a partnership that our office has had with the Hall County Marshal's Office, who has been critical in issuing citations to mobile home owners who are delinquent" she said.

Although Eden has put a stronger emphasis on mobile home and personal property collections recently, real property has been the main focus for her and her staff since she took office in January 2013. Real property generates the most revenue for the county. The current collection rate for real property in 2013 is 99.57 percent.

"It is the responsibility of our office to collect taxes, and if all taxes are collected in a timely matter, it helps county departments operate as budgeted," Eden said. "If everyone pays in a timely manner then the tax burden is distributed throughout the County to support services such as fire, EMS, the sheriff's office, parks and leisure and the court system."

Hall County Fire Station #5 has some new signage in front of its facility, courtesy of a group of students from Lanier Technical College.

Hall County Fire Chief Jeff Hood said the existing signs at Station #5 needed a facelift, so the firefighters at the station enlisted the help of Lanier Tech's Automotive Collision Repair Department.

"The metal signs, which were donated by Metals USA, were painted by the students at Lanier Tech, and we are very pleased with their work," said Hood.

Lanier Tech Instructor Damien Anderson said the partnership was also a positive experience for his students.

"This was definitely a win-win situation," Anderson said. "The fire station got their signs painted, my students had an opportunity to learn how to prepare metal for paint, and Lanier Tech received some positive exposure."

He said two experienced students worked on the project with two newer students, providing them an opportunity to practice their painting skills.

To thank the students for their help with the signs, the firefighters at Station #5 invited them over for a cookout Tuesday afternoon.

"I told my students that firemen are notorious for eating well, so they were excited to come out and eat with the crew," said Anderson.

In addition to the cookout, Hood said the afternoon's activities also included a ceremony to unveil the new signs and an opportunity for students to have their pictures taken in front of their work.

"We are fortunate to have such a rich business and educational community here," Hood said. "Hall County Fire Services is proud to partner with individuals within those communities as we work to serve Hall County citizens."