



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

**Hall County Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Monday, June 25, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Chairman Richard Higgins, Vice Chairman Kathy Cooper and Commissioners Billy Powell, Scott Gibbs and Jeff Stowe

Also present were County Administrator Jock Connell, Assistant County Administrator Lisa Johnsa, Commission Clerk Lisa Ritchie, and County Attorney Bill Blalock

**Report from Financial Services**

Zach Propes, Financial Services Director, addressed the Board.

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Resolutions:
  - 1) Hall County
  - 2) The Victim Witness Assistance Program
  - 3) The Community Service Center

Mr. Propes stated some of the highlights of the proposed Hall County Budget Resolution as follows:

- The overall County budget is \$266,000,000 which includes all funds
- 5% salary increase for all full time, Contract, and part time regular employees
- 2% retirement match increase for all eligible employees
- 1,716 authorized positions
- 5 year capital improvement plan totaling \$284.2 million

Mr. Propes stated that the Victim Witness Assistance Program Budget Resolution is for \$192,930. He said that the Community Service Center Budget Resolution is for approval to release \$126,531 from fund balances held at the City of Gainesville to satisfy the Dial-A-Ride services (Hall County's portion).

There was a consensus to add item 1 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

2. Approve the tax levy resolutions setting the millage rates for 2018

Mr. Propes stated the Tax Levy Resolutions as follows:

- General Fund Millage Rate (Unincorporated and Incorporated property owners) = 5.36 mills
- Fire Services – Unincorporated areas of the County = 2.65 mills

- Fire Services – Incorporated areas of the County (all except for the City of Gainesville) = 4.08 mills
- Emergency Services District (unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County) = .571 mills
- Development Services District (unincorporated areas of the County) = 1.005 mills
- Parks and Leisure District - all unincorporated and incorporated properties except for Gainesville = .364 mills
- School Board System = 18.29 mills – Mr. Propes stated that the County Commission only approves the millage rate so that the taxes can be levied.

There was a consensus to add item 2 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

3. Approve FY2018 Budget Adjustment Resolution

The Budget Adjustment Resolution allows Financial Services the opportunity to close out FY2018 books and balance the budget to actuals between departments and funds.

There was a consensus to add item 3 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

4. Approve authorization of the Chairman to execute a "Direction to Redeem Bonds" to the Gainesville Hall County Development Authority to redeem remaining principal and accrued interest of the \$7,600,000 Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Hall County Facilities Project), Series 2010 (the "Series 2010 Bonds") issued pursuant to the Trust Indenture, dated as of October 1, 2010 (the "2010 Indenture"), between Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority (the "Authority") and Regions Bank, as trustee (the "Trustee").

Mr. Propes stated that they would like authorization to redeem bonds for an effort to save the County \$225,000 in interest.

There was a consensus to add item 4 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Planning and Development**

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board.

5. Application of Kevin & Brenda Bater for a Use Subject to County Commission approval on a 5.96± acre tract located at the terminus of Davis Bridge Road; a.k.a. 3434 Davis Bridge Road; Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcel 10063 000075. Proposed Use: Equestrian center.\*\* Commission District 3.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 5 conditions.

6. Application of Tammy Reed Maney for a Use Subject to County Commission approval on a 0.38± acre tract located at the terminus of Holland Drive; a.k.a. 4269 Holland Drive; Zoned AR-III and V-C; Tax Parcel 08057 001005. Proposed Use: Reestablish a nonconforming use of a mobile home on the property.\*\* Commission District 2.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 1 condition.

7. Application of Laurie Dovey/Crisp Boat & Auto LLC for a Use Subject to County Commission approval on a 0.56± acre tract located on the north side of Browns Bridge Road at its intersection with Trudy Circle; a.k.a. 5210 Browns Bridge Road; Zoned H-B; Tax Parcel 08081 007006. Proposed Use: Vehicle sales and detailing.\*\* Commission District 2.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 7 conditions.

8. Public Hearing to adopt Hall County's updated Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvement Element.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Commission approved the transmittal of Hall County's updated Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvement Element last month. He said this item it for the purpose of adopting the actual program.

### **Report from Public Works**

Ken Rearden, Public Works & Utilities Director, addressed the Board.

9. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve Resolution to amend Chapter 13.10 of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, titled "Sewers and Sewage Disposal" so as to delete Section 13.10.1110 titled "Owners Required to Connect" in its entirety and to substitute in lieu thereof a new Section 13.10.1110 and authorize Board of Commissioners to execute Resolution. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4
10. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve the abandonment of a section of right-of-way on Smith Mill Road in Commission District 2. Section is approximately seven hundred twenty-five (725+/-) feet in length. Unused section is the result of the realignment of Smith Mill Road.
11. Approve release of \$10,538.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Sidewalks in Rocky Branch Subdivision; Commission District 3

There was a consensus to add item 11 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

12. Approve acceptance of \$10,538.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Sidewalks in Rocky Branch Subdivision; Commission District 3

There was a consensus to add item 12 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

### **Report from Purchasing**

Tim Sims, Financial Assets Manager, addressed the Board.

13. Approval of Award for RFP 38-015 Parks Facilities Master Plan to Clark, Patterson & Lee of Suwanee, GA in the amount of \$82,240.00

There was a consensus to add item 13 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

14. Approval of Award for IFB #068-38 Furnish and Install Standing Seam Roof for Fire Station #12 to BWL Construction, LLC of Gainesville, GA in the amount of \$40,150.00

There was a consensus to add item 14 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

15. Approval of Award for IFB #071-38 Fall Protection Equipment/Technical Rescue Equipment split to Gravitee Systems of Poulsbo, WA in the amount of \$11,923.96 and Premier Safety of Suwanee, GA in the amount of \$9,738.60.

There was a consensus to add item 15 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

16. Approval of Award of IFB #004-39 Bottled Water Service Annual Contract to Highland Mountain Water - Gainesville, GA Estimated Annual Spend \$30,000.00

There was a consensus to add item 16 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

17. Approval of Award for IFB #005-39 Dental Services for Inmates Annual Contract to Dr Christopher Childs, DDMD, PC, Gainesville, GA - estimated yearly spend \$30,000.00

There was a consensus to add item 17 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

18. Approval of Award for IFB # 018-39 Overhead Door Maintenance & Repair Services Annual Contract to Top Notch Garage Door - Oakwood, GA - estimated annual spend \$48,000.00

There was a consensus to add item 18 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

19. Approval of Award for IFB #019-39 Plastic HDPE Pipe Annual Contract to Southeast Culvert - Winder, GA - estimated yearly spend \$14,000.00.

There was a consensus to add item 19 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

20. Approval of Award for IFB #020-39 Septic & Grease Tank Pumping Services Annual Contract to Banks Septic of Cumming, GA - yearly estimated spend \$31,000.00.

There was a consensus to add item 20 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

21. Approval of Award for IFB #024-39 Vehicles Fuels Delivery Annual Contract to James River Solutions - Ashland, VA - estimated yearly spend \$200,000.00.

There was a consensus to add item 21 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Tax Assessor**

Steve Watson, Chief Appraiser, addressed the Board.

22. Approve Real Property Refund of \$1,479.73 for overpayment of taxes – Haynes

Mr. Watson stated that the property owner had been charged for a finished basement. He said the basement is not complete therefore a refund is due.

There was a consensus to add item 22 to the Board of Commissioners June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from County Attorney**

23. Approve Resolution finding Charter Fiberlink and Charter Advanced Services (aka "CHARTER:") in violation of O.C.G.A. 46-5-134 Concerning 911 surcharge collection and remittance for failure to comply with the audit request of Charter's business records to ensure proper payment NOTE: Tabled at the June 14, 2018 Voting Meeting until the June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting
24. Approve execution of Development Agreement, Spout Springs - Lancaster Sewer Project, between Hall County, Georgia and Clayton Properties Group, Inc. d/b/a Chafin Builders; Commission District 1 NOTE: Tabled at the June 14, 2018 Voting Meeting until the June 28, 2018 Voting Meeting

**Report from County Administrator**

Mr. Connell did not have any items to report.

**Public Comments (PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS (i.e. ZONINGS, ORDINANCE CHANGES, ETC.) WILL ONLY BE RECEIVED AT THE REGULAR SCHEDULED VOTING MEETINGS IN WHICH THE ITEM IS TO BE HEARD) 2 minutes per speaker/20 minutes**

There were no comments from the Public.

**Report from Commissioners**

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, Commission District 1, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Billy Powell, Commission District 2, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Scott Gibbs, Commission District 3, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, Commission District 4, did not have any items to report.

Chairman Richard Higgins expressed his appreciation for the work that was done by Commissioners Cooper and Powell for the GTIB Grant for the round about.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.