



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION  
MINUTES**

**Hall County Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Monday, November 12, 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 Marty Nix, Assistant County Administrator Lisa Johnsa, Commission Clerk Lisa Ritchie, Deputy Clerk Karyn Reeves, and County Attorney Bill Blalock

**Appointments for Consideration**

1. Parks & Leisure Services Board
  - 1) Commissioner Gibbs' appointment

Commissioner Gibbs stated that he would have an appointment at the Special Called Voting Meeting on Thursday.

**Report from Department of Corrections and Maintenance**

Warden Walt Davis addressed the Board.

2. Approve an Animal Control Officer Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Hall County, Georgia and the City of Gainesville, Georgia.

There was a consensus to add item 2 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Financial Services**

Zach Propes, Financial Services Director, addressed the Board.

3. Approve submittal of application and award for a \$80,459.00 FY2020 Section 5303 Grant for the Gainesville-Hall MPO to conduct transit planning and to appoint Planning Director Srikanth Yamala as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. 10% match provided by Georgia DOT and 10% match provided by Hall County.

There was a consensus to add item 3 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

4. Approval of the award of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for Prisoners Grant Program in the amount of \$28,000 for the Hall County Correctional Institution (CI). Program will assist CI in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within correctional facility to permit substance abuse treatment. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. A match of \$9,333 is required and will be provided with in-kind staff hours.

There was a consensus to add item 4 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

5. Approval of application and if awarded the Community HOME Investment Program in the amount of \$300,000 to provide eligible low and moderate income households assistance with home rehabilitation. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. Grant requires leverage that can be in-kind or cash.

There was a consensus to add item 5 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

6. Approve the Award of IFB #038-39, Scott AirPaks, Cylinders & Valves to American Safety & Fire House, Doraville, GA for \$143,000.00.

There was a consensus to add item 6 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

7. Approval of Award for RFP #39-021 Micro-Transit Feasibility Study to Via Mobility - New York, NY in the amount of \$4,600.00.

There was a consensus to remove this item from the Agenda as the \$4,600 is less than the amount required for the Commission to approve.

8. Approval of a Request for Special Permission to enable an increase in the threshold for County Administration to approve items up to \$50,000 for the Courthouse Renovation Project to ensure Construction Timeline is met.

There was a consensus to add item 8 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

9. Approval of Single Source Procurement of Body Cameras and Tasers for the Hall County Sheriff's Office to Axon Enterprise Inc. of Scotsdale, AZ through a 5 year Lease/Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$1,189,206.66.

Sheriff Couch addressed the Board. He said the body cameras will help with liability.

There was a consensus to add item 9 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Planning and Development**

Srikanth Yamala, Planning and Development Director, addressed the Board.

10. Application of Falcon Design Consultants to rezone from Agricultural Residential-IV (AR-IV) to Light Industrial (I-I) on 203.98± acres located on the west side of Cornelia Highway, 900± ft. from the Hall/Habersham County Line; a.k.a. 5933 Cornelia Highway and 0 Mud Creek Road; Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcels 09005 000011 and 09006 000001. Proposed Use: Permitted uses within the Light Industrial (I-I) zoning district. Commission District 3.  
**NOTE: Tabled at the October 25, 2018 Voting Meeting until the November 15, 2018 Special Called Voting Meeting.**

Mr. Yamala stated that the applicant is still working with the city of Lula and wishes to have the item tabled until the January 24, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting.

11. Public Hearing on revocation of business license for Hulsey Plumbing and Environmental Services located at 6724 Cleveland Highway, Clermont, Ga. Commission District 3.  
**NOTE: Tabled at the October 25, 2018 Voting Meeting until the zoning issues are resolved.**

The Commission stated that they plan to table the item until the December 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting.

12. Application of Creston Warner for a Use Subject to County Commission approval on 58.92± acres located on the north side of Old Whelchel Road, approximately 670± feet from its intersection with Peck Circle; a.k.a. 6866 Old Whelchel Road; Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcel 11092 000003B. Proposed Use: 3-lot subdivision. Commission District 3.

Mr. Yamala stated that the applicant wishes to have tabled. The Commission stated that they plan to table the item until the January 24, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting.

13. Application of Eastwood Homes of GA, LLC to amend conditions of a Planned Residential Development (PRD) on 53.3± acres located on the west side of Spout Springs Road, 1,000± ft. from its intersection with Quincy Drive; a.k.a. 6732 and 6700 Spout Springs Road; Tax Parcels 15042 000020 and 052. Proposed Use: Modify the existing conditions. Commission District 1.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 13 conditions.

14. Application of Clayton Properties Group, Inc. to rezone from Agricultural-Residential-III (AR-III) and Planned Residential Development (PRD) to PRD and to amend an existing PRD on a 138.24± acre tract located on the west side of Spout Springs Road, 2,500± ft. from its intersection with Quincy Drive; a.k.a. 0 and 6818 Spout Springs Road; Tax Parcel 15042 000341 and 15042 000017(pt.). Proposed Use: 187 single-family lots and 144 townhomes. Commission District 1.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 13 conditions.

#### **Report from Public Works & Utilities**

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

15. First Reading and Public Hearing to approve the abandonment of a section of platted right-of-way off Hidden Valley Road and Felicia Court in Commission District 3. The section is approximately one hundred fifty seven (157+/-) feet in length.
16. Approve "Contract Item Agreement Memorandum of Understanding" between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Hall County Department of Public Works and Utilities for utilities relocation for the Spout Springs Road Widening Project; Commission District 1.

There was a consensus to add item 16 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

17. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve the abandonment of a section of right-of-way on Whitehall Road in Commission District 3. The section is approximately two thousand eight hundred fifty (2,850+/-) feet in length.
18. Approve release of \$72,682.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Sidewalks in Ventura Subdivision; Commission District 2.

There was a consensus to add item 18 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

#### **Report from Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Couch addressed the Board.

19. Approve Agreement with the City of Buford for the purpose of housing inmates.  
**NOTE: Tabled at the October 25, 2018 Voting Meeting until the November 15, 2018 Special Called Voting Meeting.**
20. Approve Agreement with the City of Rest Haven for the purpose of housing inmates.  
**NOTE: Tabled at the October 25, 2018 Voting Meeting until the November 15, 2018 Special Called Voting Meeting.**

**Mr. Couch requested that the Commission table both items 19 and 20 until the January 10, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting.**

#### **Report from Tax Assessor**

Kelly McCormick, Deputy Chief Appraiser, addressed the Board.

21. Approve Real Property Refund of \$3,220.09 for overpayment of taxes - Elliott.

There was a consensus to add item 21 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

#### **Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Blalock, County Attorney, addressed the Board.

22. Approve the lease agreement with 117 Bradford, LLC for 117 Bradford St., SE, Gainesville, GA for one year with two annual renewals for \$3,673.38 per month.

Brad Morris, Public Defender addressed the Board.

There was a consensus to add item 22 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

Mr. Blalock stated that he has several condemnations to add to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting. There was a consensus to add these condemnations to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting.

23. Approve a Resolution to Declare Brown Street Property Blighted and Condemn Property.

Zach Propes spoke about acquiring a piece of property to assist the County in moving forward with a revitalization effort in that area using NSP funding. He stated the intent is to revitalize the property and then sell it to a family in need. He said it would serve as a launching point to address dilapidated and abandoned structures in that area.

There was a consensus to add item 23 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

24. Approve Commission Chairman to execute Limited Warranty Deed between Hall County, Georgia and Gainesville and Hall County Development Authority; Commission District 3.

There was a consensus to add item 24 to the November 15, 2018 Board of Commissioners Special Called Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

### **Report from County Administrator**

Mr. Connell introduced the newly hired Fire Chief, Chris Armstrong.

### **Public Comments (Public hearing items (i.e. zonings, ordinance changes, etc.) will be heard at the Voting Meeting)**

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, Congratulated Commissioner Cooper on her being re-elected to the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Richard Higgins commended the elections department on great job they did. He stated that alot of people voted.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.