

Hall County Government to Host Budget Open House

May 9, 2013

Hall County Government will hold an open house on the parameters of a draft budget for fiscal year 2014 from 5:30- 7 p.m. May 16 in the Commission Meeting Room of the Hall County Government Center, 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville. Members of the public are welcome to drop in and talk with individual departments about their respective budgets. A presentation explaining the overall county budget and approval process will take place at 6:15 p.m.

Last year was the first time Hall County Government conducted an evening open house to allow for more public involvement. Prior to that, each department presented its budget requests to a Budget Committee made up of administrative staff and Commissioners, and the public was welcome to attend those meetings.

"We were pleased with the results of last year's budget open house as it provided an opportunity for more citizen interaction, as well as an opportunity to educate the public about each department's budget and the services they provide," County Administrator Randy Knighton said. "We are honored to provide the citizens of Hall County with that same level of transparency in the budget process this year."

Question/comment forms will be available at the open house and online at www.hallcounty.org/budget. Draft budget details will be available May 16 at www.hallcounty.org/budget or in the Finance Department from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Hall County Government Center. The Hall County Board of Commissioners must approve a budget by June 30, as the new fiscal year begins July 1.