



**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, January 22, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:05 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, and County Attorney Bill Blalock

**Presentations**

1. Hall County Sheriff's Office methods for tracking speeding on Hall County roadways

Sergeant Todd Casper addressed the Board and discussed the purchase of speed detection devices and their uses. He said the data from the devices help determine which areas need to be patrolled the most.

**Report from Corrections**

2. Approve contract for Transportation services to Transitional Center Residents at Hall County Correctional Institute

Warden Walt Davis addressed the Board.

There was a consensus to add item 2 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Finance**

Nancy Smallwood, Grants Manager, addressed the Board to discuss the Grant items.

3. Approval of application and if granted the award of the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the purchase of two stationary generators for Fire Stations 4 and 8 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. A 15% match is required.

There was a consensus to add item 3 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

4. Approval to apply and if awarded accept the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount not to exceed \$350,000. Approve the Grants Manger as Program Designee and authorization for Chairman Higgins to execute all related grant application and award documents. A 10% match is required.

There was a consensus to add item 4 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

5. Approval to apply and if awarded accept the Wildlife Viewing Grant for the Hall County Parks and Leisure Department in the amount of \$3,000 for the creation of new signage and repairs of the overlook at Williams Mill Park. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. No match is required.

There was a consensus to add item 5 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

6. Approval to apply and if awarded accept the Watson - Brown Foundation, Inc. Grant for the Healan's Mill water wheel and works restoration in the amount of \$10,000. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. No match is required.

There was a consensus to add item 6 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

### **Report from Parks & Leisure**

7. Approval of Agreement between Hall County, Elachee Nature Center and The Chattahoochee Riverkeeper to operate the Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center at River Forks Park

Mike Little, Parks & Leisure Director, addressed the Board. He stated that the agreement will relocate Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center from Aqualand Marina to Riverforks Park.

Andrea Timpone, Jason Ulseth, and Peter Gnden addressed the Board to discuss the item.

There was a consensus to add item 7 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

### **Report from Planning**

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board.

8. Application of Jerry Freeman to rezone from Agricultural-Residential-III (AR-III) to Highway-Business (H-B) on a 1.08± acres located on the south side of Hilltop Circle, approximately 240± ft. from its intersection with Cleveland Highway; a.k.a. 3341 and 3339 Hilltop Circle; Zoned AR-III; Tax Parcels 10146 000203

and 10146 000227. Proposed Use: Boat Storage. Commission District 3.

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

9. Application of General Outdoor Advertising to amend the conditions of an existing Planned Commercial Development (PCD) on a 2.93± acre tract of land located on the southeast side of Cornelia Highway, at its intersection with Mud Creek Road; a.k.a. 5804 Cornelia Highway; Zoned PCD; Tax Parcel 09021 000008 (pt). Proposed Use: Commercial Signage. Commission District 3.

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

10. Second-Reading and Public Hearing of resolution to re-adopt Hall County Official Zoning Map

Mr. Yamala stated that the re-adoption of the Hall County Official Zoning Map is an annual item.

11. Application of KPL Investments, LLC to rezone from Agricultural-Residential-IV (AR-IV) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) on 9.23± acres located on the east side of Benefield Road, approximately 340 feet from its intersection Highway; a.k.a. 5439 Winder Highway; Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcel 15028B000003 (pt.). Proposed Use: 13-lot subdivision. Commission District 1 NOTE: Tabled at the December 12, 2017 Special Called Voting Meeting until the January 25, 2018 Voting Meeting

Mr. Yamala said that the Planning Commission recommended approval with 14 conditions.

### **Report from Public Works**

12. Approval to reevaluate Ivy Springs Drive and Spout Springs intersection within 10-12 months after the Spout Springs Road widening is completed and is open to traffic; Commission District 1 NOTE: Tabled at the October 26, 2017 Voting Meeting until the January 25, 2018 Voting Meeting

Mr. Rearden gave a short presentation and recommend proceeding with the project and reevaluating the intersection at Ivy Springs Drive 10-12 months after the Spout Springs Road project is completed, open to traffic, and returned as a County route.

There was a consensus to add item 12 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Agenda.

13. Approve collection of \$89,456.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Streets, Stormwater Management Facilities, and Sidewalks in Riverbrook Landing Subdivision; Commission District 2

There was a consensus to add item 13 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

### **Report from Purchasing**

14. Approve the Award of IFB #053-38 Courthouse and Parking Deck Fire Alarm Replacement to M.C. Dean Inc. of Suwanne, GA

Tim Sims, Purchasing Manager, addressed the Board.

There was a consensus to add item 14 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Sheriff's Office**

15. Approve compensation adjustments for certified law enforcement positions in the Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Gerald Couch addressed the Board.

There was a consensus to add item 15 to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Report from Tax Commissioner**

16. First Reading and Public Hearing for a resolution to amend Chapter 3.90, Mobile Home and Manufactured Home Decals, of Title 5 of the Official Code of Hall County.

Darla Eden, Tax Commissioner addressed the Board.

**Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Blalock did not have any items to report.

**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**

Douglas Aiken, 6230 Brady Road, addressed the Board.

**Report from Commissioners**

17. Discussion regarding rescheduling the April 26, 2018 Voting Meeting

There was a consensus to add the cancelation of the April 26, 2018 Voting Meeting and a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. to the January 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners Voting Meeting Consent Agenda.

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

Commissioner Billy Powell, Commission District 2, stated that it had come to his attention that the current County Code dealing with additional widths on existing streets and roads has no differentiation between roads that are maintained by the county as

public ways and those that are non-county maintained. He said presently, when subdivisions occur on a ditch road, 60 feet, 30' from the centerline on either side, must be provided as public right of way. The requirement for curb streets is 50 feet, 25' from the centerline on both sides. He said those right-of-way requirements are necessary on county maintained roads to insure access for proper maintenance by the county. However, in the case of non-county maintained roads, these requirements are not as essential. Property owners who desire to bring a non-county roadway into compliance as a county maintained road at a future date can make the necessary right-of-way donations at that time. Commissioner Powell directed county engineering staff to review the current code, and to work with the County Attorney to amend the right-of-way requirements for non-county maintained roads. Commissioner Powell stated that the First Reading and Public Hearing should be held at the February 22 Voting Meeting and the Second Reading and Public Hearing should be held at the March 8, Voting Meeting.

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 did not have any items to report.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.