



**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, March 05, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:03 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

**Appointments for Consideration**

1. Approve appointment to the Gainesville Hall Development Authority
2. Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission - Commissioner Cooper's Appointment
3. Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission Appointment - Commissioner Gibbs' Appointment

**Report from Finance**

4. FY 2018 Six Month Financial Status Update and Mid Year Budget Reconciliation

It was stated that Mr. Propes, Finance Director, will present the item at the Special Called Voting Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

5. Approval of application and if awarded the Treatment Services Supplemental Grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for additional FY2018 funding in the amount of \$9,894.19 for the purchase of furniture. Appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize Chairman Higgins to execute all related application and award documents. There is no match required.

Nancy Smallwood, Grants Manager, addressed the Board.

**Report from Planning**

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board to discuss items 6 and 7.

6. First Reading and Public Hearing to consider a resolution to amend the Zoning Regulations of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, as follows:

To amend section 17.50.010 entitled "Permitted Uses" of Chapter 17.50 "Vacation Cottage District" of Title 17 pertaining to Zoning Regulations of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, by deleting paragraph A(3) in its entirety;

To amend section 17.50.040 entitled "Uses Permitted Subject to Approval of County Commission" of Chapter 17.50 "Vacation Cottage District" of Title 17 pertaining to Zoning Regulations of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, by adding paragraph K to said section for the purpose of including transient occupancy of a vacation home;

To amend section 17.60.040 entitled "Uses Permitted Subject to Approval of County Commission" of Chapter 17.60 "Residential 1 District (R-1)" of Title 17 pertaining to Zoning Regulations of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, by deleting paragraphs H(1) and H(2) in their entirety;

To amend Title 17 pertaining to Zoning Regulations of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia, by adding a Chapter 17.216 entitled "Short Term Rental" for the purpose of providing standards for short term rentals of privately owned residential structures used as vacation homes and rented to transient occupants, to minimize adverse effects of short term rental uses on surrounding residential neighborhoods and preserving the character of neighborhoods in which vacation home use occurs;

To provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting resolutions and ordinances; and for other purposes.

Mr. Yamala stated that he will explain in more detail at the televised meeting on Tuesday, March 6.

7. Approve a Resolution to suspend certain Environmental Health late fees

### **Report from Public Works**

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

8. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve Resolution to amend Section 16.60.060 of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia; Commission Districts 1, 2 3 & 4
9. First Reading and Public Hearing to approve a Resolution to Amend Chapter 10.30 of Title 10 of The Official Code of Hall County, Georgia; Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4
10. Approve proposal from Rochester & Associates, Inc. for Candler Road Landfill 2018 Tier II Testing and Reporting in the amount of \$18,500; Commission District 3
11. Approve Change Order #4 to Tetra Tech, Inc. for Value Engineering Additional Services for the Spout Springs Water Reclamation Facility (SSWRF) Dewatering Project in the amount of \$15,231.00; Commission District 1

12. Approve Change Order #3 to Griffin Brothers, Inc. for the State Route 365 and White Sulphur Road Sewer Extensions Project in the amount of \$59,094.45; Commission Districts 3 & 4
13. Accept \$81,817.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for Streets, Stormwater Management Facilities, and Sidewalks in Reunion Phase 12A Subdivision; Commission District 1
14. Approve acceptance of \$20,000.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for cul-de-sac construction in Reunion Phase 12A Subdivision; Commission District 1
15. Approve proposal from ECS Southeast, LLP for Geotechnical Testing Services for Tumbling Creek Road Bridge Extension in the amount of \$29,500; Commission Districts 2 & 4

### **Report from Purchasing**

Tim Sims, Purchasing Manager, addressed the Board to discuss items 16 and 17.

16. Approve Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC to provide 3rd party inspection and assistance with the CEI project management with Tumbling Creek Road at Norfolk Southern Railroad on as directed basis for a cost not to exceed \$175,743.65; Commission Districts 2 & 4
17. Approval of RFP 38-012 Design/Build Hubert Stephens Road Bridge Replacement to ER Snell at a cost of \$1,271,747

### **Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Blalock discussed items 18, 19, and 20.

18. Approve Resolution authorizing the County Attorney to proceed with the acquisition, by deed or to initiate condemnation proceedings, for right of way along Spout Springs Road and two easements as follows:
  - A permanent easement for the construction and maintenance of slopes and utilities
  - A temporary easement for the demolition of the existing structure
19. Approve Commercial Lease with North Georgia Works, Inc. for property located at 1255 Vine Street
20. Approve Resolution of the County of Hall, Georgia Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Employment of Certain Law Firm to Represent the County in Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis

Mr. Blalock stated that this is part of a national litigation. It is a civil lawsuit against certain manufacturers and distributors to try to recover some of the County's expenses due to opioids (law enforcement, courts, medical, etc.) He said it is on a contingent fee basis. If they do not recover any monies for Hall County then Hall County will not have to pay.

### **Report from County Administrator**

Mr. Connell stated that they need to add the Georgia Department of Transportation construction agreement to the Special Called Voting Meeting tomorrow. He said it just came in and is for the Tumbling Creek Bridge.

**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**

John Rogers, Happy Valley Drive, addressed the Board to discuss the proposals regarding rentals.

Douglas Aiken, 6230 Brady Road, Murrayville, addressed the Board to discuss Mental Health and the shootings throughout the world.

Commissioner Gibbs stated that there is a mental health crisis that needs to be addressed.

**Report from Commissioners**

21. Approval to authorize staff to erect signage for the intersection of Schubert Road and Sloan Mill Road to create a new three-way stop

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for an Executive Session Meeting.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.