



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Hall County Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Thursday, June 21, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

**2. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted, unanimously, to approve the Agenda.

Chairman Higgins turned the meeting over to Jock Connell, County Administrator.

Mr. Connell stated that the proposed budget lays the foundation for the growth that Hall County is expecting. He said he viewed this budget as drastically different from budgets in past years. One of the items the Commission was concerned about was that they needed to find a way to prepare for the coming growth and maintain the greatness of Hall County at the same time. Mr. Connell said that that the proposed budget does not focus on new positions or new programs. The proposed budget is focused on capital and infrastructure to make sure the county can move forward prepared for growth and maintain the quality of life.

Mr. Connell stated that elected officials and department directors had done a great job getting the budget where it is.

Mr. Connell stated that the budget process Zach Propes and his staff have put together is the most efficient one he has witnessed at Hall County.

**3. Financial Services**

Zach Propes, Financial Services Director, addressed the Board. He expressed appreciation to the County Commission and the Budget Committee; County Administrator Jock Connell, Assistant County Administrator Lisa Johnsa, Assistant County Administrator Marty Nix, Human Resources Director Bill Moats, Financial Operations Manager Natalie Booth, Financial Assets Manager Tim Sims and Budget

Analyst Taylor Samples.

### 3.1. Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Presentation

Mr. Propes presented the proposed budget. He stated that the proposed budget is \$58,423,950 for capital funds and \$207,841,447 for operating funds with the total of all funds \$266,265,397.

### **4. Public Hearing on proposed Budget**

#### 4.2. Public Hearing of the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

Mr. Blalock gave the Public Hearing instructions. He conducted the Public Hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Powell said he had been through 14 budget cycles. He said this one was the most challenging because it was totally redone. He said he originally thought it would be a super complicated budget season but it was very well laid out and easy to understand. He said it is a great budget year for Hall County. He expressed appreciation and stated that Hall County has a great future ahead of it.

### **5. Adjourn**

Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.