HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING MEETING MINUTES  
Hall County Government Center 2nd Floor  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Thursday, February 09, 2017 - 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present:
Chairman Richard Higgins, Vice Chairman Jeff Stowe and Commissioners Kathy Cooper, Billy Powell and Scott Gibbs

Also present were County Administrator Randy Knighton, Assistant County Administrator Marty Nix, Commission Clerk Lisa Ritchie and County Attorney Bill Blalock

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Invocation

3.1 Pastor Mike Taylor, Pastor of Flat Creek Baptist Church/Volunteer Chaplain with Hall County Fire Services

4. Pledge of Allegiance

4.2 Commissioner Kathy Cooper

5. Presentation

5.3 Recognition of the Hall County Government Center Public Art Program's 3rd Floor Artists

Katie Crumley, Public Information Officer, addressed the Board. She recognized J. Tanner. Mr. Tanner has loaned the County a piece, High Tide, to display on the 3rd floor.

6. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only (2 minutes per speaker/20 minutes maximum)

There were no comments from the public.
Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to remove item 7.17 from the Consent Agenda, for clarification purposes, and approve items 7.4 through 7.16 of the Consent Agenda.

7. Consent Agenda

7.4 Approve January 26, 2017 Voting Meeting Minutes
7.5 Approve January 26, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
7.6 Approve January 26, 2017 Special Called Meeting Minutes
7.7 Approve January 23, 2017 Work Session Minutes
7.8 Approve Appalachian Regional Commission ARC Grant - Healan's-Head Mill
7.9 Approve budget adjustment to the landfill fund and the purchase of a Caterpillar Trash Compactor and a Dozer
7.10 Approve 2017 Mercer Consulting Statement of Work
7.11 Approve Amendment to Hall County Sewers and Sewage Disposal Fee Schedule Resolution. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4.
7.13 Approve Grinding and Polishing of Concrete Floors at Fire Station #8 to Robles Concrete
7.14 Approve Stucco Repair at Fire Station #8 to Dr. Stucco
7.15 Approve Replace the Glass Store Front at Fire Station #8 to North Metro Glass
7.16 Approve Resolution to change annual due date from December 1 to November 15 for real and personal property
7.17 Accept Notification of relocation of motor vehicle kiosk from North Hall Community Center to a different location

NOTE: Removed during the approval of the Consent Agenda

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Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted, unanimously, to table item 7.17 until the Commission Voting Meeting on February 23, 2017.
8. Other Business

8.18 Consider Chairman's designee to the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC)

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted, unanimously, to appointment Chairman Higgins to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) and to have Mark Lane represent him in GMRC’s meetings.


Susan Rector, Business License Director, issued the reading.

Mr. Blalock issued the Public Hearing.

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8.21 Consider/Approve Job postings and salary re-class / adjustments

Mr. Moats addressed the Board. He stated that since opening the pharmacy the savings are $2.2 million; employees $800,000 and the County $1.4 million. He said labor and management expenses have been about $840,000 which has been covered by the rebates from Cigna. To date the rebates are $940,000.

Brad Morris, Public Defender’s Office, addressed the Board. He stated that the position request is to replace an Indigent Defense Eligibility Evaluator.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted, unanimously, to approve the Public Defender’s request.

Judge Diaz, Juvenile Court, addressed the Board. He stated that the position request is to replace one part time Clerk.
Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Cooper and voted, unanimously, to approve the Juvenile Court position request.

Charles Baker, Clerk of Court, and Micelle Meeks, Office Manager, addressed the Board. Mr. Baker stated his requests to replace a full time Deputy Clerk and a part time Deputy Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Stowe

The Commission discussed approving one or the other position and asked Mr. Baker which he needed the most. Mr. Baker said the full time position is the most important at this time.

Commissioner Cooper amended her motion to approve the full time Deputy Clerk position and deny the part time Deputy Clerk position. Commissioner Stowe seconded the amended motion and the Commission voted, unanimously, to approve the amended motion.

Mr. Moats stated that Darla Eden’s, Tax Commissioner, request is issue increases to some of her employees. Ms. Eden addressed the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted, unanimously, to deny the Tax Commissioner’s request.

9. Public Hearing to consider applications to amend the Zoning Map of Hall County as follows:

9.22 Application of Scott & Cheryl Wright for a Use Subject to County Commission Approval on a 0.35± and 0.43± acre tracts located on the south side of Pine Circle Drive, 140 ± ft. from its terminus, a.k.a. 2371 and 2377 Pine Circle Drive; Zoned R-II; Tax Parcels 08005 000019 and 08005 000020. Proposed Use: Reestablish a nonconforming use of a single wide mobile home** Commission District 4.

Mr. Blalock issued the Reading.

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board and stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval with no conditions.

Mr. Blalock issued the Public Hearing.

Scott Wright, 4062 Summer Hill Drive, addressed the Board in favor of the item.

Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted, unanimously, to approve item 9.22 with the following conditions:
1) Units shall have roofs inspected by Hall County’s Building Inspections Department and masonry under skirting
2) All renovations to the unit/s shall be completed prior to issuance of the occupancy permit

Mr. Blalock issued the Reading.

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board and stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval with three conditions.

Mr. Blalock issued the Public Hearing.

Ed Myers, representative for Sosebee & Britt Holdings, LLC, addressed the Board in favor of the item.

Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted unanimously, to refund the site plan review fee of $520 and to approve item 9.22 with the following conditions:

1) The development shall conform substantially with the proposed site plan and narrative, modified as necessary for compliance with current development standards at time of site plan approval.
2) A signage master plan shall be submitted to the Planning Director for approval.
3) All conditions of zoning shall be made a part of any plats created for the development.
4) The applicant shall perform video camera inspection of the existing storm outfall line they tie into to the terminus of that outfall line at the Milliken Pond. This inspection log shall be given to the Hall County Public Works Engineering Department for review.
5) The development shall meet the Gateway Corridor Overlay district standards.

10. Report from County Attorney

Mr. Blalock stated that he has a closing document from the Department of Transportation for a piece of right-of-way that they have negotiated to acquire from the County at Station Five, Martin Road, and Falcon Parkway. They are acquiring a .076 acre tract for the purchase price of $34,700. They are also paying the County $3,900 to move the County’s sign and flag pole.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted unanimously, to allow the Chairman to sign the deed and closing documents regarding the .076 acre tract at Station Five, Martin Road, and Falcon Parkway.

11. Report from County Administrator

Mr. Knighton stated that he had the opportunity to provide Leadership Hall with an
overview of County Government.

12. Commission Time

Commissioner Kathy Cooper, District 1, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Billy Powell, District 2, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Scott Gibbs, District 3, expressed his concerns regarding House Bill 204 (HB204). He directed County Administration to follow HB204 and to contact ACCG to express County’s displeasure regarding HB204.

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, District 4, did not have any items to report.

Chairman Richard Higgins did not have any items to report.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Stowe, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

If you have a disability or impairment and need special assistance, please contact the Commission Clerk prior to the meeting at 770-535-8288.