



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

**Hall County Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Tuesday, May 08, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:14 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, Commission Clerk Lisa Ritchie, and County Attorney Bill Blalock

**2. Approve Agenda**

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

**3. Invocation**

3.1. Chairman Richard Higgins

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

4.2. Commissioner Billy Powell

**5. Presentation**

5.3. National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Commissioner Billy Powell presented the Proclamation to Joe Edwards, Commander Norm Campbell, and Tony Maddox of Home Land Security/Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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

John Mercer, 6320 Falling Water Lane, Hoschton, addressed the Board in regards to the encroachment agreement, item 7.21.

James Nix, 307 Nix Road, Clermont, addressed the Board regarding Property Taxes.

**7. Other Business**

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted,

unanimously, to approve items 7.4 through 7.17.

- 7.4. Approve Department of Transportation contract and one new position for a second DOT work detail to focus on state road maintenance. Contract reimbursement from State DOT will be \$66,601 annually, and includes all salary, benefits, and capital equipment for 3 year period.
- 7.5. Approve Annual Medical Services Renewal Contract with Dr. Linwood Zoller in the amount of \$33,536.
- 7.6. Approve Annual Capacity Contract Renewal with State Department of Corrections
- 7.7. Approval of the application and if awarded the WaterFirst Community Program designation by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Office of Environmental Management. There is no charge for the application.
- 7.8. Approve right-of-way variance request for Stephens Road Tract subdivision; Commission District 2
- 7.9. Approve the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to Unity of Gainesville, Inc. for the abandonment of a section of platted right-of-way off Maynard Circle in Commission District 3. Property should have been included in January 11th Board action for road abandonment.
- 7.10. Approve collection of \$10,538.00 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Sidewalks in Rocky Branch Subdivision; Commission District 3
- 7.11. Approve release of \$20,000.00 Guaranty Performance/Maintenance Agreement for cul-de-sac construction in Reunion Phase 12A Subdivision; Commission District 1
- 7.12. Approval of IFB #063-38 4,000 Gallon Stainless Steel Tanker Truck Body for the Landfill to Diversified Fabricators, Inc. of Griffin, GA in the amount of \$50,408.61.
- 7.13. Approval of Award and establish Project Budget for IFB #062-38 Spout Springs Wastewater Facility Dewatering Facility Project to Lanier Contracting Co. - Suwanee, GA in the amount of \$1,734,389
- 7.14. Approve Ratification of Settlement of Claim with Lanier RacePlex Inc. and Moonshine Arts & Music Festival LLC
- 7.15. Approve transfer of 50 ft X 50 ft parcel, previously used as a voting precinct, to adjoining land owner
- 7.16. Approve April 24, 2018 Special Called Voting Meeting Minutes
- 7.17. Approve April 23, 2018 Work Session Minutes
- 7.18. Airport Advisory Committee - Entire Board Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs to nominate Allen Butts, Motion by Commissioner Powell to nominate Allen Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Cooper and voted unanimously to make the two nominations.

7.19. Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Appointment - Chairman Higgins' Appointment

Motion by Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted, unanimously, to re-appoint Commissioner Powell to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

7.20. Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Appointment - County Administrator's Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to appoint Becky Ruffner to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

7.21. Approve Encroachment Agreement between Hall County, Georgia and Del Webb Homeowners Association, Inc.; Commission District 1

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

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to approve item 7.21.

7.22. Approve new proposed Environmental Health late fee to replace the existing late fee for food service and tourist accommodation establishments with an implementation date of January 1, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted, unanimously, to table item 7.22 until the May 24, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

7.23. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve the request for abandonment of a section of right-of-way on Stanley Road in Commission District 1. Section is approximately four hundred (400+/-) feet in length.

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs and voted, unanimously, to table the Second Reading and Public Hearing, item 7.23, until the June 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

7.24. Second Reading and Public Hearing to approve the request for abandonment of a section of unused and undeveloped right-of-way off Couch Drive and Jones Mill Road in Commission District 3. The section of right-of-way is approximately one thousand three hundred twenty-seven (1,327+/-) feet in length.

Mr. Rearden issued the Reading.

Mr. Blalock conducted the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Powell and voted, unanimously, to approve item 7.24.

**8. Public Hearing to Consider Applications to Ammend the Zoning Map of Hall County as follows:**

Srikanth Yamala, Planning Director, addressed the Board.

8.25. Application of Habitat for Humanity of Hall County to amend conditions of an existing subdivision on a 42.59± acre tract located on the north side of Baker Road, 950± ft. from its intersection with Candler Road; a.k.a Copper Glen Subdivision Phase 3; Zoned AR-IV; Tax Parcels 15024 000233 and 15024 000268-000288. Proposed Use: Remove requirement to improve Baker Road. Commission District 3.

Mr. Blalock gave the Public Hearing instructions.

Mr. Blalock issued the Reading and Public Hearing.

Mr. Yamala stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval with one condition.

Allison McGelvery, 4611 Chartwell Chase Court, Flowery Branch, addressed the Board in favor of the application.

Motion by Commissioner Gibbs to approve item 8.25, seconded by Commissioner Powell with a friendly amendment to include the refunding of the application fee for the rezoning back to Habitat. Commissioner Gibbs accepted the friendly amendment and the Commission voted, unanimously, to approve item 8.25 with the friendly amendment and the following condition:

- 1) All previous conditions of zoning not related to the improvement of Baker Road shall remain.

### **9. Report from County Attorney**

Mr. Blalock did not have any items to report.

### **10. Report from County Administrator**

Mr. Connell stated the May 22, 2018 General Primary Information as follows:

#### **Early Voting**

- April 30 - May 18 at the Hall County Government Center  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday Voting**

- May 12 at the following locations:
  - East Hall Community Center
  - North Hall Community Center
  - Spout Springs Library
  - Hall County Government Center9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

#### **Election Day**

- May 22, 2018 at the PRECINCTS ONLY

Mr. Connell stated that Lisa Ritchie, Commission Clerk, had become the Georgia County Clerks Association President and congratulated her on her accomplishment.

Mr. Connell stated that the Government Scholars Academy was graduating, tonight, at Cherokee Bluffs. He said Mrs. Johnsa was there to congratulate them.

## **11. 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, did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, District 4, stated that four Hall County teams are competing in the soccer semi-finals to go to State; Flowery Branch Girls, Chestatee, Johnson, and Gainesville Boys. He encouraged everyone to wish them all well. He said he was proud of them and of how they represent their school and the community.

Chairman Richard Higgins did not have any items to report.

## **12. Adjourn**

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Stowe and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.