

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 8, 2019 Regular Called Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on January 8, 2019 at 9 AM for a regular called meeting. Chairman Ray Prince, Commissioners Keith Moyer, LaFaye Copeland, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, and Finance Director Holly Murkerson were all in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 9AM by Chairman Prince. A request was made for a nomination for the 2019 Board of Commissioners Chairman Position.

Mr. Moyer made a nomination seconded by Mrs. Knight to elect Mrs. LaFaye Copeland to the Chairman Position for the 2019 fiscal year. Approved – Unanimous

Mrs. Copeland received the gavel and assumed the Chair position thanking Mr. Prince for his leadership.

A call was made by Mrs. Copeland to nominate a vice chair for the Grady County Board of Commissioners 2019 fiscal year.

Mr. Prince nominated, seconded by Mrs. Knight to elect Mr. Keith Moyer to the Vice Chair position. Approved – Unanimous

A call was made by Mrs. Copeland to recommend and nominate the attorney for the Grady County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson made the recommendation for Mr. Gabe Ridley to be appointed as the Grady County Commissioners Attorney.

Mr. Prince made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knight to appoint Gabe Ridley as the Grady County Commissioners Attorney. Mr. Moyer abstained from the vote due to his family relationship with one of Mr. Ridley's employees. Approved by Prince, Knight and Copeland – Moyer Abstained. Motion carried.

A call was made by Mrs. Copeland to recommend and nominate the County Clerk for the Grady County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson recommended Mr. John White to be appointed to the position of County Clerk of the Grady County Commissioners.

Mr. Moyer made a motion seconded by Mr. Prince to appoint Mr. John White as the new County Clerk for the Grady County Commissioners. Approved – Unanimous

Chair Copeland gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mr. Prince and Seconded by Mr. Moyer to adopt the agenda – Approved – Unanimous

Mrs. Copeland asked for public comments. Mike Binion was called on as time keeper.

Marie Eckles gave comments on her concerns of the sanitation issues in county and dangers to workers and citizens, Corp of Engineer damages to property in their clean up efforts and the utility truck tracks left on right of ways and property.

Wanita Maxwell spoke on sanitation as well and requested a status update on the Lake and Will Butler. Mr. Johnson responded that Mr. Butler was working on the Leon County Situation and that he still had an interested client for Tired Creek.

Jon Monds voiced disapproval of Mr. John White being hired by the Commissioners to the position of Human Resource Director citing his personal disapproval of a vote made by Mr. White in his role on the Grady County School Board. Stated Mr. White was unethical and should not have been considered for the position.

Administrator Johnson called for the floor and was granted permission to speak by the Chair. Mr. Johnson directly questioned Mr. Monds and Mr. White and then addressed the Board of Commissioners rebutting the comments made by Mr. Monds about Mr. White citing that Mr. Monds Passion was built on a foundation of sand and requested that the matter be dropped.

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Mr. Monds stated again his feelings about Mr. White being unethical.

Mr. Johnson stated to the Chair that the comments were borderline slander.

Presentations were given by the following:

- Nola Daughtry, Courtney O'Neal and Melissa Burtle – Update and success of Literary Committee and its impact in Grady County and other areas.
- Georgia Forestry Commission annual report – Available in first 24 hours of any emergency storm situation if needed. 10 titles for military trucks for Grady County at 100.00 per truck have been acquired.
- Linda Aycock – Request on behalf of the Grady County Grand Jury to appoint a community budget oversight committee consisting of 5 citizens and 2 commissioners.
 - o Mr. Johnson agreed to have a proposal for the Board of Commissioners by the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Robert Kimmel – Echoed the earlier concerns of sanitation and garbage issues
- Michelle Dean – Gave a presentation and update on the Pope Store Museum and its progress and achievements in the recent months. She also echoed her concerns of the Sanitation issues and its impact on tourism and businesses in the Grady County area.

Chair Copeland reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King Day parade and that she would be serving as the Grand Marshall this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve a land plot subdivision for Lucille D James Est. and a private subdivision plat for Charles L and Paulette B Williams – Approved – Unanimous

Chair Copeland asked for a motion to accept and approve the official good standing resignation of Mr. T.D. David from the District 5 Commissioners seat.

Mr. Prince made a motion seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the resignation of Mr. T.D. David from the District 5 Commissioners Seat. – Approved – Unanimous

Mrs. Knight made a motion seconded by Mr. Prince to approve the qualifying fee of 179.00 for the Vacant District 5 Commissioners Seat. Approved – Unanimous

Mr. Moyer made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the State Cable and Video Service Franchise Resolution and continue the 5% fee that is currently in place. Approved – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson addressed the Board of Commissioners and the Audience on the current sanitation issues and the proposed plan moving forward. Mr. Johnson proposed to the Board of Commissioners to begin the construction of 4 additional manned dump sites like the 20th Street Site. The sites would be placed on properties already owned by Grady County. He stated that the cost would vary among sites dependent on what was needed to complete the construction. Sites would be built one at the time from the least expensive to the most and would be designed with the intent to improve them over time when funding was available. The current projected costs range from 30K to 100K depending on the amenities however he felt the average cost would be around 50-55K for each site. As sites are completed, the outlying unmanned sites would be closed a few at the time lessening the number of problem areas in the county drastically.

Mr. Johnson stated to the Board of Commissioners that he would like to continue the use of contractors such as Taylor Waste and Thomasville Sanitation Services when needed to avoid the overwhelming buildup of garbage throughout the county. He stated that much of the problem stemmed from no oversight of who or what was being dumped in the 35 unmanned sites throughout the county and that many out of county citizens were using Grady County as an easy target for their garbage and construction materials. He stated that Manned sites like 20th street would drastically slow this issue down in Grady County. Mr. Johnson asked the Board of Commissioners to approve the use of contractors as a band aid when needed.

Mr. Moyer made a motion seconded by Mr. Prince to allow the Administrator to continue the use of outside sanitation services if needed for temporary clean up. Approved – Unanimous

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Mr. Johnson and Mr. Prince gave an update on the GTIB grant for the 188 roundabout project stating that it appears that the Georgia DOT would be taking the project on totally at no cost to Grady County provided the GTIB grant moneys were given to the GDOT for use on the project.

Mr. Moye made a motion nominating Mrs. Knight seconded by Mr. Prince to serve on the SWGA Regional Commission in 2019. Approved – Unanimous

Mr. Moye recognized the Salvation Army for their contributions and support of the Volunteer Fire Service in Grady County and other areas.

Mrs. Knight made a motion seconded by Mr. Moye to adjourn. Approved – Unanimous

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

BUDDY JOHNSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER