

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on January 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm for a regular scheduled meeting. Chairperson LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners June Knight, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, and County Clerk John White were all in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Copeland. County Attorney Gabe Ridley was asked to open the meeting with prayer and pledge to the flag.

The agenda for the evening was amended to add the plans for the Beck Branch Road dump site. The motion to adopt the amended agenda was submitted by Mr. Prince and the second was by Mr. Moye. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Mrs. Copeland asked for public comments. Stanley Elkins was called on as time keeper.

Peter Wright of Stevens Rd stated he would like to nominate John Monds and Betty Godwin to the Oversight Committee. Mr. Wright stated that they would perform in a way that an oversight committee is supposed to perform.

John Monds, 1017 Old Thomasville Rd

Mr. Monds stated that he made comments prior to the last meeting to Mr. Prince and Mr. Johnson so they would not be blindsided by Mr. Monds' comments about Mr. White. Mr. Monds feels as if Mr. Johnson used the opportunity to attack him. Mr. Monds revisited his comments from the prior meeting on 01/08/19. He stated that Mr. Johnson failed to mention that he asked Mr. Monds to not state his comments or write a letter to the editor in order to give Mr. White a chance. Mr. Monds stated what message is the board sending to the community when they hire someone with Mr. White's record?

Steve Rudd 412 Beck Branch Rd

Mr. Rudd wanted to know what the plan is for the Beck Branch Rd dump site. Mr. Rudd wanted to know if he was going to get 4 times more trash since the dump sites were being consolidated. He wants to beautify the dump site. Mr. Rudd stated that the fence is close to the road and does not meet the 25 feet set back. He stated that some of the fence was leaning and needed to be corrected. Mr. Rudd asked if some Leyland Cypress could be planted around the fence and stated he may would be willing to purchase the trees.

Betty Godwin 369 Pine Park Rd

After Mr. Monds spoke last meeting, a county employee questioned Mr. Monds as if in a legal proceeding and then questioned as newly hired county employee in the same manner. The newly hired county employee spoke without being recognized by the chair and without being under oath. The county official stated Mr. Monds was getting close to slander and spoke while Mr. Monds was speaking. This is an infringement on free speech and has a chilling effect on the citizens addressing the commissioners. The citizens will have to decide on how they will respond to all of this.

Michael Moore 440 Courtney Lane

Mr. Moore arose to speak and was informed that he was on the agenda.

Presentations

Trey Gainous, fishing tournament request has requested to be moved to the next commissioner's meeting.

Michael Moore 440 Courtney Lane

Mr. Moore stated that he lives on the end of Courtney Lane and it is not maintained by the county. He stated that he was told that once all the property was sold the county would take over the road. He stated that the road is in bad shape and first responders cannot get down the road. Commissioners asked some follow up questions and stated that they would conduct a deed search to see if there was any agreement between the land owners and the county for road maintenance.

Correspondence

Drug Free Grady 1/29/2019 at the Vanlandingham Center.

Rattle Snake roundup in Whigham is Saturday, 1/26/19.

Consent Items

The minutes for the 01/04/2019 and 01/08/2019 were presented as well as Exempt Plat Non-Approved Building plat for Douglas M. Lake. After some wording changes in the minutes were made, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Prince and a second by Mrs. Knight. The motion was approved.

Formal Actions

On a motion by Mrs. Knight and second by Mr. Prince, Joe Walden was re-appointed as Non-public member for Grady County on SWGRC. The motion was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Moyer and second by Mrs. Knight, Teresa Groves was re-appointed to the Georgia Pines Community Service Board.

On a motion by Mr. Prince and second by Mr. Moyer, LeVerne Whigham was re-appointed as District 2 representative for the Grady County Planning Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Moyer and second by Mr. Prince, Christopher Weaver was appointed as District 3 representative for the Grady County Planning Commission.

The approval of the CDBG-17p-y-065-1-6002 Language Access Plan was completed on a motion by Mr. Prince and second by Mr. Moyer.

The Intergovernmental Agreement DPS tower IGA #0003 for GA DPS seeking space on County owned tower located on State Park Road was approved on a motion by Mr. Moyer and second by Mrs. Knight.

The Grady County Per Diem/Travel Policy for all county employees travel was presented. The per diem will be \$50.00 per day for meals with 75% paid on days of travel to and from overnight meetings. Mary Griffin will make all travel arrangements for the county. The policy must lay for 30 days for review upon approval. Motion to approve the policy was made by Mr. Moyer and second by Mr. Prince. The motion was approved.

The invoice for Laura Benze was reviewed and the commissioners discussed the invoice. Mr. Johnson stated that hopefully there will be an MOU between Grady and Leon Counties that will reduce the number of legal issues with the lake. A motion to approve and pay the invoice for \$14,142.42 for the months of November and December was made by Mr. Prince and second by Mr. Moyer. The motion was approved.

The Road Department has submitted bids to purchase lime rock for the road department.

CMI bid 1500/ton lime rock @ \$32.50 \$48,750.00

Southern Contractors bid 1500/ton lime rock @ \$34.90 \$52,350.00.

A motion by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince was made to purchase the rock from CMI for a price of \$48,750.00. The motion was approved.

New Business/Unfinished Business

Plans for the Beck Branch Manned Collection site were presented. The house for the site will be built by Cairo High School so the county will only have to purchase the material. A porta-potty with hand wash station will be supplied.

The anticipated cost for the project is as follows

White Fence Company, to supply and install two (2) 12' gates \$1500.00

Porta-potty Peaks Septic Tank with hand wash station \$130.00 monthly

Porta-potty Bonds Sand Mine with no hand washing station cleaned weekly \$215.00 monthly

Rock:

CMI

350/tons lime rock base @23.50 ton \$8225.00 delivered

575/tons crushed asphalt @38.00 ton \$21,850.00 delivered

Southern contractors

350/tons lime rock base @25.85 ton \$9,047.50 delivered

575/tons crushed asphalt @ \$26.00 ton \$14,950.00

Salaries for three (3) part time employees 2 \$7.69 per hour \$29,991.00 yearly.

It was stated that Mr. Elkins could use the same fencing and move the site back to meet the required 25 feet from the road.

Mrs. Copeland stated that Mr. Elkins will go out to the site to determine what can be done.

Mr. Prince suggested that Mr. Elkins check on the price of a roll back at auction.

Mrs. Knight stated that we needed to look at the price of a septic tank and bathroom at the site instead of a porta-potty.

Mr. Rudd who addressed the committee during the public comments offered to purchase the five-acre site for \$40,000.00. Mrs. Copeland thanked Mr. Rudd.

A motion was made by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince to purchase the lime rock for the site from CMI at \$8,225.00 and the crushed asphalt from Southern Contractors at \$14,950.00. the motion was approved.

Discussion took place about a manned site on Collins Rd. Mr. Elkins stated the site was not big enough for a manned site.

The Collaborative Commissioners/Citizen Budget Oversight Committee proposal was presented. This will be an advisory committee created by the Commission Chairperson. The rules in the proposal are straightforward. Mrs. Copeland stated that she thinks one citizen from each district needs to serve on the committee. The commissioners want to wait until the district 5 commissioner is on board before naming the committee.

Mr. Moye asked if they would have to attend all the budget meetings.

Questions from the citizens about what will happen if more than one person from a district wants to serve. The commissioner from that district would make the decision.

Mary Atkins from Beachton Place made the recommendation to develop guidelines for the people who want to serve on the committee.

Reports

Roads and Bridges report for December 2018 was reviewed and the commissioners remarked that things are looking better.

Mrs. Knight needed to know about Mr. Sherman. Mr. Johnson stated he is still working with the Joint Development Authority to see if they would be able to accept and disperse money from people who want to donate money to work on the roads. If the JDA is willing and able to do this, the commissioners will get Mr. Ridley to draw up an agreement so we have this option.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince. The motion was approved.

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER