

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on October 1, 2019 at 9:00 am for the regular scheduled meeting. Chair LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners Phillip Drew, June Knight, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White and Executive Assistant Mary Griffin were present. County Finance Director, Holly Murkerson was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Copeland opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Drew to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

The Board of Commissioners recognized the Grady County 4-H and presented a proclamation in honor of National 4-H week. Mr. Daron Rehberg stated that around 450 to 550 kids take part in 4-H and Grady County has 3 Master 4-H participants. Master means they have won state in their project areas. The 4-H provided brunch for the board.

#### Public Comments

None

#### PRESENTATIONS

Southern Insurance stated that they will be presenting a bid for the workers compensation insurance. They are looking at using Bitco which is the largest workers comp insurance company in the country. Southern Insurance stated they think they can beat the price of ACCG and that will help keep the money local. Southern Insurance stated they will be presenting their bid in the coming weeks.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Grady Grown – October 5, 2019

SPLOST Referendum November 5, 2019

October 22, 2019 – Tentative Public Hearings 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

November 7, 2019 – Tentative Public Hearing (Time TBD)

November 12, 2019 – ACCG 2019 District Meetings Dougherty County 4-6 pm

#### CONSENT ITEMS

Motion from Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the consent items listed below. The motion was approved.

C020-19 Minutes for Regular Meeting from September 17, 2019

C021-19 Minutes from Called Meeting from September 17, 2019

C022-19 Approve Debbie Johnson Plat

C023-19 Approve Lee Hopkins Plat

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

*FA037-19* Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to table contracting with a group to assist the County in Financial planning and debt service oversight as the board would like to do more research. The motion was approved.

*FA038-19* Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve the sale of the old SCBA Compressor. The motion was approved.

*FA039-19* Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the purchase of 1000 (Hydrilla) Carp for \$8000.00 from Owen and Williams Fish Farm in Newton, GA. The motion was approved.

*FA040-19* Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the purchase of Asphalt from CMI, Inc to complete the McCraeville Road paving project at \$15,074.00 from CMI. The other bid was from Southern Contractors for \$22,950.00. The motion was approved.

## **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

County Attorney Ridley stated Johnson Road is almost completed legally. He still has one hold out who has a quarter interest on the 15 feet of road that is needed.

Stanley Elkins stated they are working on putting Beck Branch back together and making repairs after a vehicle accident over the weekend at the dump site.

Tax Commissioner Darus stated that they started selling duck hunting permits at their office this morning.

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to take a recess for brunch provided by the 4-H. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to come out of recess. The motion was approved.

## **REPORTS**

1. Grand Jury Report
2. Buildings and Grounds
3. Code Enforcement

Mr. Johnson then opened reports up so the department heads could give updates. Mr. Johnson updated the board about office space with the Probate/Magistrate Courts. The Magistrate Court will be moving to the house behind the courthouse and the house will also house an office for the Coroner. The Registrar will move into the office space that currently houses the Magistrate Court across the hall from the Probate Court. The board was fine with the move.

### Road Paving 2020

Mr. Johnson asked the Board of Commissioners for guidance on which roads to tackle next and the commissioners provided the following list.

1. Open Pond Rd
2. Mizpah Church Rd
3. Borden Rd
4. Mayfield Rd
5. Pine Park Rd

### Dump sites

1. Ridge Road
2. State Park Road as potential site for Whigham area
3. Collins Road
4. Will then look for something on East side of County
5. Look for something in Beachton area.

### Recreation

Mrs. Bracewell states that there are approximately 600 kids in fall sports at Barber Park. There are 200 – 300 kids in the soccer program.

Tennis courts will need to be renovated and may make one court a pickle ball court. Commissioner Prince stated that the school system should help with the resurfacing.

We will also need to do a reclamation of the softball tower as it is in bad shape.

### Buildings and Grounds/Code enforcement

Mr. Harrison stated that they have completed 1500 work orders so far this year

Code Enforcement has issued 1000 permits and has received \$72,000. He also stated that the Planning Commission wants to look at Zoning for the county in the future.

### Roads and Bridges

Mr. Elkins stated that he has 1 dump truck running and the equipment is worn out. Commissioner Knight asked about leasing equipment and that is the direction the county is moving toward.

Mr. Elkins stated they are still working on State Park Road and equipment break down is slowing the progress.

Old 179 was completed and there has now been a shift from maintaining roads to creating roads.

As for solid waste, in the very near future the county will have to decide if it wants to stay in solid waste or contract it out.

Mr. Elkins asked if county equipment could be used to tear down the burned fellowship hall at a church as the county has done in the past and the commissioners approved with verbal acknowledgement.

At this point Mrs. Copeland had to leave the meeting.

EMS

Mr. Gordon stated that calls are up this year and they need a new truck. He stated that staff have been running lite due to staff having surgery and taking vacation.

He stated that revenue continues to increase as the call volume continues to rise.

Animal Control

Mr. Mobley stated that things are going well, and they are working on getting as many animals adopted or transferred as possible.

Fire Department

Mr. Phillips stated that they have been wide open with brush fires due to the dry conditions. He stated they have two houses being prepped for training.

He stated the new pumper for Whigham is new completion.

The firefighter's appreciation dinner will be on 11/12/2019.

EMA will do a tabletop exercise in January 2020.

Mr. Phillips will meet with pastors to better coordinate the comfort stations.

Mr. Phillips stated that may need to start morphing into a paid department in the future.

Registrar

Mrs. Butler stated that she is getting ready for early voting.

The deadline for registering to vote or make changes is October 7, 2019.

Early voting will start on October 14, 2019.

Tired Creek Lake

Mr. Binion stated that water samples were collected last week to be sent off.

Dam inspection is this month.

The Boy Scouts will start working on the kiosk at the lake this weekend.

Mr. Johnson asked if the board wanted to make the morning meeting more of a workshop and use the night meeting as more of a business meeting. Commissioner Knight stated that she likes how it was today, a combination meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Knight and second by Mr. Drew. The motion was approved.

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LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

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KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

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JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

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PHILLIP DREW, COMMISSIONER