

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm 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, Financial Director Holly Murkerson and Executive Assistant Mary Griffin were present.

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

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

Public Comments

Max Allen, 716 Moore Rd

Mr. Allen stated the road department had just trimmed the right of way on the roads and left the clippings. He was wondering if the county was going to return and collect the clippings. Mr. Johnson stated that it was his understanding the county would be returning to collect the clippings.

PRESENTATIONS

Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club, Gabe Ridley and Stephen Francis

Mr. Ridley, County Attorney

The board found that a contribution to the SMART Moves Program would aid a public purpose for which great benefits to the County are expected and that the contribution for such purpose was within the county's corporate power pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-220.

Stephen Francis, Director of the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Francis stated that the mission of the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club fits the requirements of the law to a "T". Mr. Francis stated that the Smart Move program used by the Boys and Girls club talks to kids about drugs, alcohol, and premarital sex. He states they work with the kids on making healthy lifestyle choices and break the cycle that some of the kids are seeing in their home.

Mrs. Copeland stated that they are a partner in the community.

Mr. Drew stated that he applauds the work of the Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs. Knight asked about success stories and Mr. Francis mentioned about one child who had many difficulties as a child and is now a marine.

Mr. Francis also stated that the Atlanta Braves have taken an interest in the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club and there is talk of them singing the National Anthem at the 2020 All Star game.

Birdsong Nature Center, Inc. Margaret Tyson, Kathleen Brady

Ms. Tyson and Ms. Brady asked for a letter of support from the Grady County Board of Commissioners for their application for the Georgia Outdoor Steward Grant(GOSP). If this grant is awarded it would allow the remaining acreage of Birdsong to be placed in a nature preserve for future generations. It would also help the county with advertisement for tourism and provide educational opportunities.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to provide a letter of support for Birdsong and the GOSP grant. The motion was approved.

Ms. Tyson also spoke about the Ochlocknee River Trail and some of the projects they are undertaking. She stated they wanted to put mile markers along the river for people on the river to improve safety. She also discussed the possibility of creating a paddle trail at Tired Creek Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

SPLOST Referendum November 5, 2019

October 23, 2019 – Public Hearings 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

October 29, 2019 – 2 PM Special Called Meeting – Bucky Kinsey (Presentation Only)

November 7, 2019 – Public Hearing 9:00 am

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion from Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to approve C024-19 Minutes from the Regular Meeting from October 1, 2019. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA041-19 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to approve Support Donation to the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls club of \$20,000.00 for 2019. The motion was approved.

FA042-19 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Roddenberry Memorial Library Agreement. The motion was approved.

FA043-19 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to approve Interfund transfer approval from General Fund to D.A.T.E. fund. The motion was approved.

FA044-19 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Drew to approve the proposed millage increase of 4.75 for the 2020 tax digest and budget. Vote to approve by Mr. Prince, Mr. Moye, and Mr. Drew. Vote to disapprove by Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Copeland. The motion was approved.

FA045-19 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve Invoice LGMN00000005817 Harris Computer Systems of \$11,693.25. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson announced that the LMIG has been increased by \$386,000.00 thanks to Rep. Taylor and her efforts to help with State Park Road. This will pay for the paving of State Park Road.

Mr. Ridley stated that Mrs. Copeland was able to speak with our last hold out and hopefully the deed be returned soon.

Mrs. Copeland stated that she has been serving on the South West Georgia Regional Action Committee for the last seven years and just wanted to see if anyone else was interested in serving on it.

REPORTS

- 1. Roads and Bridges
- 2. Animal Control

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

PHILLIP DREW, COMMISSIONER

