

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2019 Called Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 9, 2019 at 6:05 pm for the called meeting. Chair LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners June Knight, Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Copeland. Mr. White opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda for the meeting was approved on a motion by Mr. Prince and second by Mr. Drew. The motion was approved.

Mrs. Copeland opened the public hearing to Invoke the Power of Eminent Domain for the Johnson Road project.

County Attorney Gabe Ridley opened the hearing by explaining the legal process and what has transpired up until this point in the process.

Richard Wilson, Pine Hills Lake Dr

Mr. Wilson stated that at least 3 people have died since giving the right of way to the county and was wondering if the spouses must resign? Mr. Ridley stated that they did not have to resign.

Jerry Akridge, Woodridge Dr

Mr. Akridge asked how much this project will cost the county and if it will be paid by the grant. Mr. Akridge does not feel that it is legal according to Georgia code for the county to take this property for this road project.

Geraldine Johnson, 255 Pine Lakes Dr.

Mrs. Johnson asked Mr. Akridge if he was against paving the road. Mr. Akridge stated he was not against paving the road, he just did not think it was legal.

Lillie Caldwell, lot 14

Mrs. Caldwell wanted to know if the attorney had tried to contact her. Mr. Ridley stated he would check and see if that had been deeded over and follow up with her.

Jerry Akridge, Woodridge Dr

Mr. Akridge stated that he would like to apologize if he offended the lady. He stated he was only concerned about the law.

Richard Wilson, Pine Hills Lake Dr.

Mr. Wilson was wondering when the project would get started after this hearing. Mr. Ridley stated it was impossible to give an estimate due to the many variables in the court system.

Randy Wind, 1449 15th St NW

Mr. Wind asked if the people who donated the property were offered to be paid for the donated land since the grant had money for property acquisition. No one on the current Board could answer as the former County Administrator had handled that part of the process.

With no further commits the public hearing was closed.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA013-19 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the Resolution to Invoke the Power of Eminent Domain. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

PHILLIP DREW, COMMISSIONER