

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on March 3, 2020 at 9:00 am for the regular scheduled meeting. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, June Knight, Ray Prince, County Clerk John White, Financial Director Holly Murkerson and Executive Assistant Mary Griffin were present. County Administrator Buddy Johnson was participating by telephone.

Mr. Moye called the meeting to order.

Mr. Moye asked Mrs. Murkerson to give the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

#### Public Comments

Philip Troyer, 635 Meridian Rd

Mr. Troyer spoke about trash, especially trash along side of the road. Mr. Troyer stated he recently found out that the property owner is responsible for picking up trash on the side of the road. He asked if solid waste could be responsible for picking up within a mile of the dump site as that is where it appears to be the worse. He also asked if the county would consider a deposit charge on containers such as foam containers to cover the collection cost.

Richard Jordan, 303 Jordan Rd

Mr. Jordan stated he was appalled with what was published in the Thomasville Times concerning the administrator's contract. Mr. Jordan stated that Mr. Johnson was attempting to hide his wages due to his disability retirement. Mr. Jordan stated he spoke with ACCG and was told the LLC contract was highly unusual and they could not review it unless a commissioner requested the review. Mr. Jordan stated he requested Mrs. Knight request the review and she refused. He stated the contract should not be allowed to stand.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Ward Davis concert is March 6, 2020 at the Cultural Center.

Grady Growth, Development, and Marketing committee will meet on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Agricenter.

Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Early Voting is now.

The Grady County Board of Commissioners will move the April 7, 2020 meeting to Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 9:00 am.

GCA production of Midsummer Night's Dream April 18, 2020 2:00 pm

Regular meeting Grady County Board of Commissioners April 21, 2020 6:00 pm.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

Motion from Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the following consent items:

C020-20 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 02/18/2020,

C021-20 Ratification of Christmas Bonuses from 2019.

The motion was approved.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA012-20 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to authorize the Chair of the Grady County Board of Commissioners to enter into a 5 year lease Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. to finance

the purchase of an Ambulance Remount in the amount of \$171,126.00 purchased from Custom Truck and Body Works. The motion was approved.

FA013-20 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve posting the RFP for the Recodification of the Code of Ordinances. The motion was approved.

FA014-20 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve a fishing tournament hosted by the Chamber with the proceeds going to purchase grass carp for the lake. The motion was approved.

FA015-20 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve to start a 401-A Retirement option with ACCG for the County Commissioners, County Administrator, County Finance Director, and the County Clerk/HR Director. The motion was approved.

FA016-20 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Georgia Internship Program Grant Agreement. The motion was approved.

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Johnson responded briefly to Mr. Jordan's comments. Mr. Johnson stated the LLC is legal and this is nothing but a personal attack by Mr. Jordan. Mr. Johnson also warned Mr. Jordan that he was very close to violating HIPPA act with his comments.

Mrs. Knight suggested that the county may want to revisit the services of Mr. Butler with the Tired Creek Lake Authority. Mrs. Knight suggested that the Chair and Vice-Chair meet with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Butler to see where we are. Mr. Johnson stated he would arrange the meeting.

Mr. Prince stated that he has spent the last two weeks riding the county roads and the county will need to address the chick house issue. Mr. Prince stated the chick houses on Cain Road are very bad. He stated that you could smell them a mile away. May want to consider a moratorium on chick house permits.

### **Closed/Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to enter executive session in order to discuss real estate and personnel. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to exit executive session. The motion was approved.

Mr. Ridley gave an update on Mr. Johnson's contract. Mr. Ridley stated the County Ordinances stated that the County Administrator must be an employee of the county.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight for Mr. Ridley to draft an Amended employment contract for review by the commissioners and Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved.

### **REPORTS**

1. Attorney's Report – None
2. Buildings and Grounds
3. Code Enforcement

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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KEITH MOYE, CHAIR

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PHILLIP DREW, VICE-CHAIR

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER