

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2020 Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on December 1, 2020 at 9:00 am for a workshop meeting. Commissioners Keith Moyer, June Knight, Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, County Clerk John White, Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins, Shop Director Chris Dix, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

Mr. Moyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mr. Moyer asked Mr. White to give the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ray Woods, 894 Bold Springs Rd

Mr. Woods thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing the last two events. The Heritage event was on October 16-18, 2020 and the November 13-15, 2020 Cash for Class event. Mr. Woods stated that there was a motorcycle represented from 1956 in the Heritage event.

At the Cash for Class event, Mr. Woods stated there were 477 entries and the financial contributions were doubled. Mr. Woods thanked the following local sponsors for helping with the event:

I Heart media

Pro-Tech Cycle

Stallings

South Georgia Tractor

Pendergast Farms

Dark Horse Café

Highway RV

Shrimp Shack

Mr. Woods stated that GPF would also like to thank the residents who came out to support the event. Mr. Woods will keep the community well informed. Mr. Woods stated there was one incident on Bold Springs Road with an ATV being on the road. Mr. Woods stated he had a remedy to the issue and will open his back gate so they will not have to get on the road. Mrs. Copeland asked how they handled the COVID-19 restrictions and Mr. Woods stated they followed the guidelines from the American Motorcycle Association to the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6 PM

A Diamond Affair, Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Holidays, December 24-25, 2020.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve

C070-20 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/03/2020 with spelling corrections (tabled from the 11/17/2020 meeting).

C072-20 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/17/2020.

The motion was approved.

Workshop

Mr. Johnson reviewed four options for mowing.

Option 1 \$201,619.05 is for adding a new person and tractor and mower to keep up with the demand.

Option 2 \$221,574.05 is for using current staff and adding spraying the roads to help suppress the growth of vegetation.

Option 3 \$226,800.00 (low bid) for 4 rounds of complete mowing per year by a private contractor. This option would not relocate staff.

Option 4 \$97,314.73 which goes with Option 3 if you move the staff to other departments and they keep their job. The total cost for option 4 would be \$324,114.73.

Mr. Johnson stated he is not in favor of Options 3 and 4.

Mrs. Copeland stated she is not in favor of anyone losing their job.

Mrs. Knight is in favor of option 1.

Mr. Elkins recommended option 1.

Mr. Johnson recommends option 1 with the understanding that we will also have to get a new tractor and mower to replace one of the existing tractors and mowers.

Mr. Dix stated leasing for the tractor is going to be the best way to go.

Mr. Drew stated we need to get on a schedule of replacing our mowing equipment every four years.

FA0090-20 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Drew to approve option 1, \$201,619.05, for mowing and an additional \$40,000.00 for new tractors and mowers. The motion was approved.

Sanitation

Mr. Johnson stated that the question is do we want to get completely out of the sanitation business? If so, then we would need to do an RFP to see our cost. Mr. Johnson stated that if we get out of sanitation then we could absorb the staff. Mr. Elkins stated that they have cleared the property on Bunn Lane.

After much discussion, Mrs. Copeland stated she is not knocking getting out of the sanitation business; she just does not want workers to lose their jobs.

Mr. Johnson wanted to be clear that no employees will lose their job.

FA0091-20 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to do an RFP with the manned site operators remaining county employees. The motion was approved. The RFP will run for four weeks.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Ridley reported that the dump truck lease has not been updated to meet Georgia law. Mr. Ridley stated he will prepare a lease with the correct language and submit for the company's review.

Mr. Johnson updated the board on the vacant space and asked for their direction for office allocation.

Mrs. Kines will have to use the current vacant space while the contractors work on their new space.

Mrs. Copeland suggested leaving the chambers as is for the time.

Mr. Moyer wants Mr. Johnson to continue to make decisions on space. Mr. Prince and Mr. Drew prefer this as well.

FA0092-20 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland for Mr. Johnson to oversee the move and space allocation. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnson said thank you to the board for being supportive during his surgery.

Mrs. Knight extended congratulations to Mike Binion for his engagement.

Mr. Prince asked about zoning. Mr. Johnson stated he would reach out to Mr. Weaver to see where they are in the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B.
- C.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

KEITH MOYE, CHAIR

PHILLIP DREW, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK