

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021 Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on March 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, June Knight, Phillip Drew, Ray Prince, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. Commissioner LaFaye Copeland and County Administrator Buddy Johnson participated by phone.

Mr. Drew gave the invocation and pledge to the flag.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

County Holiday, Friday, April 2, 2021 Good Friday

Lake Authority Meeting, 04/05/2021, 8:30 am

Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan, 04/06/2021, 9:00 am

Regular Board Meeting, 04/06/2021, 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C017-21 Approval Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes from 03/02/2021

C018-21 Approval of Plat for Ricky E Warren.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

None

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Report – Holly Murkerson

Financial Review for February 2021

Revenue:

1. Based on budget, month-end Revenue was at 87% and the ideal remaining percent was 83% for the General Fund
 - a. The budgeted revenue amounts are not entered by month but rather by the year and some significant revenues do not come in until later in the year
 - b. LOST receipts for February 2021 were \$144,000 compared to \$125,000 for February 2020; a \$19,000 increase
 - c. SPLOST receipts for February 2021 were \$145,000 compared to \$120,000 for February 2020; a \$25,000 increase
 - d. TSPLOST receipts for February 2021 were \$132,000 compared to \$151,000 in January 2021; \$19,000 less

Expenditures:

2. Based on budget, month-end Expenditures were at 88% with the ideal remaining percentage was at 83% for the General Fund (under budget)

Other news:

3. We continue to implement the internal controls procedures in the finance department that will also address segregation of duties with our small team.

4. We are also implementing several changes regarding the process of accounts payable to ensure efficient, timely and complete payments. One example, paying by statement (when available) rather than by invoice will ensure that all invoices are included in payments, credits are applied, and fewer checks, envelopes, and postage are utilized not to mention the time/labor involved. While the previous process has carried us through thus far, the new process will be an improvement and move us toward more efficiency and effectiveness as duties and responsibilities increase.

5. We changed the process of sending invoices through Southern Correctional Medicine (SCM) to be sent to ACCG for repricing for emergency medical services. We will be sending them directly to ACCG. I have created a spreadsheet for monitoring these claims to provide timely and accurate answers to providers when they inquire regarding payment.

6. We will continue to implement additional changes in stages to include electronic payments, electronic deposits, etc.

7. I would like to take a moment to recognize both Patti Crawford, part-time clerk and Gail Cook, Payroll Manager for their willingness to jump in when and as needed and for their “over and above” attitudes over the last several weeks as one of our full-time team members has been out. It has been stressful and overwhelming at times, but we have all learned so much and how everything fits together in the big picture. Our team continues grow stronger and stronger every day!

Mr. Drew spoke about how Animal Control is partnering with Best Friends Dog Rescue and Mrs. Deese. Mr. Drew stated that since she has been partnering with Animal Control, she has been able to adopt out or foster every dog that has come into the shelter. Mr. Drew stated this is a very positive partnership for Grady County.

Mr. Drew stated that he hoped that work would start soon on Open Pond Road. Weather has caused a delay in the start of this project.

Mr. Drew stated work is being done on the culvert on Pine Park Road. A delegation from the county met last week with the DOT Commissioner in a meeting facilitated by Representative Darlene Taylor. It was a very positive meeting, and they were promised extra funding to assist with Pine Park Road.

Mr. Johnson stated the meeting was for Pine Park Road and they will receive assistance with the road as well as the bridge.

Mr. Johnson stated that within the next 30 days, we should be receiving 50% of our stimulus money from the federal government based on the information we are currently receiving from ACCG and other official sources.

Mr. Prince stated he has had calls from citizens concerning the state of Perry Road. Mr. Prince stated the city is using it as a cut through for their trucks and it is messing up the road.

Mr. Johnson stated he would discuss the issue with Chris Addleton of the city.

Mrs. Copeland stated that she has spoken with Mr. Addleton in the past about the road and it has not changed.

Mr. Prince also mentioned that a tree planting ceremony needs to be planned at the Recreation Department in honor of former County Commissioner Ronnie Hall who passed away.

Mr. Johnson stated he would get with Becky and get it scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney’s Report – None
- B. Animal Control
- C. Buildings and Grounds
- D. Code Enforcement
- E. Roads and Bridges

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK