

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

April 06, 2021 Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on April 06, 2021 at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, June Knight, Phillip Drew, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins, and County Fire Chief Richard Phillips were present. Commissioner LaFaye Copeland participated by phone.

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

Mr. Drew opened the Public Hearing for the 5-year update for the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Barbara Reddick and Mr. Olukayode Olubowale with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission reviewed the process for the 5-year update for the Comprehensive Plan for Grady County, the City of Cairo, and the City of Whigham. The update to the plan is due by October 31, 2021. With no other public comment, Mr. Drew closed the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, 04/20/2021, 6:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve

C019-21 Approval Regular Meeting Minutes from 03/16/2021

C020-21 Approval of Plats for Michael and Angela Everson and Jeffrey Cox and Heath Sanders

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA014-21 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moye to approve the contract with Taylor Waste. The motion was approved.

FA015-21 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the purchase of a Fire Pumper in the 2022 budget from Ten-8 for a price of \$322,761.00. The other bid was from FireLine for \$318,862.00. Chief Phillips stated that the service is cheaper with Ten-8 and that is why the higher bid was recommended. The motion was approved.

FA016 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve the purchase of a Hot Mix Asphalt Machine from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Co. for \$54,200.00. Other bids were received from Richmond Machinery for \$55,976.00 and from Stringfellow for \$57,550.00. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Prince asked Mr. Elkins if they were going to use the reclamator. Mr. Elkins responded that as soon as they get off the Johnson Road Project, they will start back to using the reclamator.

Mr. Drew stated we needed to nominate a representative to the Region 4 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council. Mr. Drew requested that board members bring possible nominations to the meeting on April 20, 2021.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Johnson stated that the CDBG Johnson Road Project has been awarded and Scruggs will start on the finalization of the project on April 12, 2021.

August 10, 2021 will be the Substantial completion and August 24, 2021 will be the Final Completion of the project.

NACo sent a list of questions concerning the American Rescue Plan Act. We are awaiting further information from ACCG, GMA, and NACo on when any funding may become available to Grady County and what the official guidelines will be for its use.

ABM County Efficiency Construction continues throughout the county. One question asked was why do they jump from place to place on different projects (air, lights, ducts, construction, etc.)? The answer is that they do contract each job out and at times different contractors may be doing different jobs in different locations. It is not just one crew handling it all.

ABM Tired Creek Lake is still on track and should meet the estimated deadline of July with their official proposals. Mr. Han has been visiting regular and does a good job of keeping us in the loop with what he sees as potential ideas. All looks very good on this front.

Open Pond Road construction is now underway. Yes, there will be delays to traffic as that is the norm for any construction project. We urge citizens to be patient with the workers and even consider a temporary change to their routes if possible until the construction is completed.

Potholes! We just voted to approve a Hot Mix Asphalt Machine so that should help with the potholes.

Pine Park Road. Stacy Watkins and Associates are completing a 3-4 phase approach to the road repairs. Mr. Watkins does feel that we may not have to do a full reclamation in some areas of concern, which is a blessing if that comes to be the case.

Watkins is also assisting us with another LMIG opportunity dealing with the Safe Roads Initiative. Grady has been chosen as one of the Counties eligible to apply for this funding. We will know something on that soon.

County Departments are running smoothly. We are getting ready to begin mid-year performance reviews. Directors/Officers will be responsible for these to be completed on their respective employees. Our goal is to implement reviews twice a year going forward. Mr. Johnson would like to conduct a workshop with the Board of Commissioners in May to discuss tying performance reviews to the NON-COLA pay increases when they are available. In the past, Grady County has not used the evaluations for this purpose. I believe that it is best practice to do so. This would require all Directors/Officers of any County Paid employee to complete the performance evaluations yearly to qualify their respective employees' eligibility for NON-COLA increases. We could have this workshop at the regular scheduled May 4th BOC meeting.

Mrs. Knight stated that someone from the county needs to be at the lake when tournaments are taking place. Mr. Prince stated he would take that to the Lake Authority and have them decide on it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to enter Executive Session to discuss property and litigation. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

No action was taken because of Executive Session.

REPORTS

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

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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