

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2021, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on October 19, 2021, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, June Knight, Phillip Drew, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, and EMS Director, Rodney Gordon were present. Mr. Michael Bryant, representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop's office, was also in attendance. Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Murkerson were not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Drew opened the meeting with the invocation and pledge to the flag.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Miss Alyssa Blakley, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director, was present and introduced Mrs. Shelly Searcy as her executive assistant for Tourism for Grady County. Mrs. Searcy stated that she was excited to be home and promote Grady County.

FA056-21 was moved up on the agenda as Mr. Ridley had a meeting conflict. Mr. Ridley explained the two resolutions, one for package sales of distilled spirits and one for sale by the glass. After Mr. Ridley answered the board's questions, Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve both resolutions to place the question on the ballot for the voters. The motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board meeting, 11/02/2021, at 9:00 am.

Lake Authority meeting, 11/01/2021, at 8:30 am in the commissioner's chamber.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C052-21 Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/05/2021 meeting.

C053-21 Joint Development Authority Plat.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

Mr. Stephen Francis, Director of the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club, presented an annual report on the SMART Moves Program which is an alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and teen pregnancy prevention program. Mr. Francis reviewed 5 success stories from the SMART Moves Program.

FA058-21 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moye to approve continued funding of the SMART Program at \$20,000.00. the motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMS Director Rodney Gordon presented to the board on his need to hire 3 additional persons for the EMS department. Mr. Gordon also stated that he needs to raise the hourly rates of his employees so he can hire the three positions and keep employees. There are three level of raises being proposed. Mr. Johnson stated that he would send a spreadsheet to the commissioners with the proposed levels on it for the commissioners to review.

Mr. Johnson provided the Financial Report in the absence of Mrs. Murkerson.

General Fund Revenue: Ideal % = 25%, Actual % = 53%. Under budget to ideal.

(Budget is \$17,224,300; received to date is \$8,113,500)

General Fund Expenditures: Ideal % = 25%, Actual % = 36% Under budget to ideal.

(Budget is \$17,224,300; spent to date is \$11,098,600)

Sales Tax Revenue:

LOST: Sept 2021 = \$161,300 Sept 2020 = \$314,100 Down \$152,800

SPLOST: Sept 2021 = \$162,500 Sept 2020 = \$314,100 Down \$151,600

TSPLOST2: Sept 2021 = \$142,800 Aug 2021 = \$140,300 Up \$2,500

SEPTEMBER 2020 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS DUE TO DOR AUDIT.

Other news:

1. Will submit the "Project and Expenditure" report by October 31, 2021, for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
2. Need to schedule an ARPA workshop to plan for use of funds. The commissioners will look at a date in November.
3. Next steps for efficiency in the finance department:
 - a. Talked with a couple of banks regarding services offered to make the County Finance Department more efficient; I'll send some information to each of you over the next few weeks.

How much money will be raised with a single county TSPLOST and are items exempt from TSPLOST?

The amount of money collected will depend on your county and your sales rate. Projections based on current SPLOST collections are a good starting point minus the exemptions listed below.

There are six items that are exempt from taxation on the law. (See O.C.G.A. 48-8-269)

- The sale or use of any type of fuel used for off-road heavy-duty equipment, off-road farm or agricultural equipment, or locomotives.
- The sale or use of jet fuel to or by a qualifying airline at a qualifying airport.
- The sale or use of fuel that is used for propulsion of motor vehicles on the public highways*.
- The sale or use of energy used in the manufacturing or processing of tangible goods primarily for resale.
- The sale or use of motor fuel for public mass transit; or
- The purchase or lease of any motor vehicle.

Mr. Drew stated that they have completed the cross-drain work on Pine Park Rd. Hopefully paving will start soon.

Mr. Prince stated that he spoke with Tax Commissioner, Barbara Darus, last week who stated that there are several very small pieces of property that are up for tax sale and are not big enough to sale at a tax sale. Mr. Prince stated that it seems we could do something to get these properties off the tax books and have them bring in a little money. Mr. Johnson stated he would contact Mr. Ridley and have him investigate the property and what if anything could be done.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Roads and Bridges
- C. Animal Control

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

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

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER