

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2022, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on May 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Phillip Drew, June Knight, LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. Commissioner Keith Moyer participated by telephone and County Administrator Buddy Johnson was absent.

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

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diann Pyles, 620 Old 179 S Whigham, GA

Mrs. Pyles stated that Collins Road is extremely dangerous due to the potholes. She also stated that someone was mowing at the lake the other day and they damaged the flagpole.

Mrs. Pyles also stated the county did not need to invest any money in the RV Park.

Roger Singletary, 928 Providence Road Whigham, GA

Mr. Singletary stated that the lake is being overrun with grass and the county does not need to let it get out of hand.

Steven Ulmer, 316 Merritt Rd Whigham, GA

Mr. Ulmer stated that roads should be the priority for the commissioners. He stated his road was just scraped yesterday for the first time in two months. Mr. Ulmer stated the roads are a mess.

Mr. Drew addressed roads. He stated that last year we spent \$2.5 million on road paving last year. Mr. Drew acknowledged that they hear everyone and see the roads and are addressing them. We have purchased a hot patch machine and we are having issues getting asphalt. Cold Patch is a waste of money as it only lasts a couple of days. Mr. Drew stated the roads have been neglected and we are working diligently to repair the roads.

Mr. Prince stated that some parts of the county received five inches of rain the other night and it washed out some roads. The Road Department is getting the roads repaired. Mr. Prince stated that they could call him any time about roads.

Mr. Drew stated that the last spraying for weed control at the lake did not work. UGA was down this week to assist with addressing the grass issue in the lake.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Lake Authority Meeting, Monday, June 6, 2022, at 8:30 am.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

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

C018-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/03/2022 meeting.

The motion was approved.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA034-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the copier lease with Rumbles for the Clerk of Court office. The motion was approved.

FA035-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve appointing Rodney Gordon to continue to serve on the Region 8 REMSAC. The motion was approved.

FA036-22 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Budget Calendar for the 2023 budget. The motion was approved.

**Grady County Board of Commissioners**

**FY 2023 Budget Preparation Calendar**

CONTINGENT ON NO HEARINGS REQUIRED		
Activity	Date	Time
Commissioners Approve Budget Calendar	Tuesday, May 17, 2022	6:00 PM
Budget Request Forms to Dept Heads/Elected Officials by	Thursday, May 26, 2022	4:00 PM
Budget Request Forms returned to Finance Director by	Thursday, June 23, 2022	4:00 PM
Tax Assessor Present Digest Numbers to Tax Commissioner by	Friday, July 15, 2022	5:00 PM
Finance Director to review, combine, and enter collective budgets and review with County Administrator and make any needed adjustments by	Friday, July 15, 2022	5:00 PM
County Administrator and Finance Director to review budget and email to Dept Heads and Elected/Constitutional Officers by	Thursday, August 4, 2022	5:00 PM
Elected/Constitutional Officers to advise County Administrator if they would like to present to the County Commissioners by close of work	Monday, August 8, 2022	5:00 PM
Elected/Constitutional Officers may present to Commissioners in budgetary workshop ...if needed	TBD	9:00 AM
Five Year History Advertisement - ad to messenger to run 8/2/22 <b>MUST RUN 7 FULL DAYS BEFORE COMMISSIONERS</b> <b>APPROVE FINAL MILL RATE</b>	Friday, July 29, 2022	5:00 PM
Commissioners Adopt Tentative Budget and Set Millage Rate	Tuesday, August 16, 2022	6:00 PM
Tax Commissioner Present Digest to DOR by	Friday, August 26, 2022	5:00 PM
Tax Commissioner Mails Tax Bills	Friday, October 14, 2022	5:00 PM
Approved Tentative Budgets to be sent out to Dept Heads and Const. Officers for review for final budget by	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	5:00 PM
Final Budget Request Forms returned to Finance Director by	Friday, November 11, 2022	5:00 PM
Commissioners Adopt Final Budget	Tuesday, December 6, 2022	9:00 AM

FA037-22 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moye to approve the bid from the Scruggs company for \$1,802,691.27 for the paving of Pine Park Road Phase II and Sunset Lane. The motion was approved.

FA038-22 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve awarding the Porta-Potty bid to Ouzts Outhouses at \$85.00 per site as he is a resident of Grady County. Other bids were received from Peak's Septic Tank in Climax for \$75.00 per site and Potty Man Portables from Thomasville for \$100.00 per site. The motion was approved.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

County Finance Director's Report

Mrs. Murkerson provided the following report:

## Grady County Financial Review for April 2022

### General Fund Revenue:

1. Ideal % = 67%, Actual % = 86%

Ideal percentages decrease month to month at equal intervals. Actual remaining indicates actual receipts per month. Some significant revenues are received later in the year.

Budget is \$18,341,500; received to date is \$2,490,300

### General Fund Expenditures:

1. Ideal% = 67%, Actual % = 74%

Budget is \$18,341,500; spent to date is \$4,858,600

### Sales Tax Revenue:

LOST:	APR	2022 = \$166,300	APR 2021 = \$167,800	DOWN	\$ 1,500
SPLOST:	APR	2022 = \$166,300	APR 2021 = \$167,800	DOWN	\$ 1,500
TSPLOST2:	APR	2022 = \$150,200	APR 2021 = \$151,200	DOWN	\$ 1,000

### Other news:

1. Next steps for efficiency in the finance department:
  - a. Back burner for now - Continue to work on banking and software services that will make the finance department more efficient
  - b. Back burner for now - Continue to work on new a purchase request form and process that will utilize encumbrances to assure budget alignment
  - c. Continuing to interview for vacant A/P position
2. Audit is underway - final audit report likely to be presented in June

Mr. White provided the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Land Use Regulations as shown below:

**RE: Proposed Amendments to the Grady County Land Development Regulations**

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Please accept delivery of these proposed amendments to the Grady County Land Development Regulations. Pursuant to section 10-1 of the regulations, the Grady County Board of Commissioners submit these proposed amendments to the Planning Commission for review. I request that Commission members provide the Board with their written comments in a timely manner. The proposed amendments are as below. Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~ text. Additions are indicated by underlined text.

**9-1. Authorization.**

The Board of Commissioners may grant a variance of the development standards of this Regulation, except ~~frontage and~~ minimum lot area requirements, when it is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Regulation. A variance may only be granted in the specific instances hereinafter set forth; upon findings of fact based upon the standards hereinafter prescribed demonstrating that there are practical difficulties or particular hardships obstructing compliance with the strict letter of these regulations; and that the granting of a variance will not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant, but is necessary to alleviate some demonstrated hardship or difficulty which is unique to the property in question and not created by the applicant.

**10-1 Amendments.**

These Land Development Regulations may be amended by the Board of Commissioners to increase the effectiveness of the regulations. Amendments shall be initiated by either the Grady County Board of Commissioners or the Grady County Planning Commission, but the Planning Commission shall review all proposed amendments and ~~shall~~ may advise the Board of Commissioners by providing forward written comments ~~to the Board of Commissioners on a timely basis no later than thirty days after delivery of the proposed amendments.~~ After the Planning Commission has had an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed amendments, ~~the~~ official public hearing will be set and held by the Board of Commissioners and public notice will be given no less than fifteen (15) days nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to the official hearing date. Public hearing notices will be published within a newspaper of general circulation within Grady County. The public notice will state the time, place and purposes of the hearing.

**4-7 Certificate of Approval, Grady County Health Department.**

This section is to be amended by deleting the following certificate of approval:

<b>GRADY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
<p><b>Site inspected and approved for the installation of individual water supply and/or sewer management systems. Plot plans must be submitted and approved and appropriate permits obtained prior to any construction. Final approval will be give only if the Grady County Health Department’s procedures and regulations are followed.</b></p>
<p><b>Date:</b> _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Environmental Health Specialist</b></p>

And substituting in lieu thereof, the following certificate of approval:

<b>GRADY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
<p><b>Lots are approved to meet the minimum lot sizing requirements. Additional soil investigations will be required for the approval for on-site septic systems. Contact Grady County Environmental Health Office regarding Well and Septic installation permits.</b></p>
<p>_____</p> <p><b>DATE</b></p>
<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Environmental Health Specialist</b></p>

Mrs. Knight stated Roads. Mr. Prince stated Mizpah Church Road is next.

Mr. Prince referred to the Roads and Bridges report submitted monthly by Mr. Elkins.

Mrs. Copeland asked about animal control and if they can address smell. Mr. Ridley stated there should be a way to address the smell coming from a neighbor's yard due to pets. Mr. Ridley will research and report back at the next commissioners meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**REPORTS**

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 04-22
- C. Roads and Bridges 04-22
- D. Code Enforcement 04-22

**RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS**

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

May 17, 2022, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties
  - A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
  - B. Invocation/Pledge
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
  - None
- III. Correspondence
  - A. Calendar of events

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 07, 2022, at 9:00 am

Lake Authority Meeting, Monday, June 06, 2022, at 8:30 am

- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
  - C018-22 Approval Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/03/2022
- V. Formal Actions
  - FA034-22 Approve/Disapprove Printer Lease for the Clerk of Court.
  - FA035-22 Approve/Disapprove appointing Rodney Gordon to continue to serve on the Region 8 REMSAC.
  - FA036-22 Approve/Disapprove the Budget Calendar for the 2023 budget.
  - FA037-22 Approve/Disapprove the bid for Pine Park Road Phase II and Sunset Lane for \$1,802,626.57.
  - FA038-22 Approve/Disapprove the Porta-Potty Quotes.
- VI. New and unfinished Business
  - County Finance Director's report
  - First Reading of the Ordinance changes for the Land Use Regulations
- VII. Executive Session
  - None
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Attorney's Report
  - b. Animal Control 04-22

- c. Roads and Bridges 04-22
- d. Code Enforcement 04-22

VIII. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting, or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-377-1512 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

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June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

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Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER