

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2022, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, Keith Moye, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, Chief Richard Phillips, Recreation Director Becky Bracewell, and Bobby Newmons, Interim Director for Code Enforcement, were present.

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

The Board of Commissioners recognized the 12 and under State Baseball Champions. Mrs. Bracewell praised the coaches and parents of the kids who play.

Mr. Drew opened the Public Hearing for the change in the Land Use Regulations.

Sherry Knight, 388 Springhill Rd Whigham, GA

Mrs. Knight stated she inherited property from her father and ran into this issue with the land having no road frontage. She does have an easement that was grandfathered in prior to the regulations being passed. She would like the commissioners to be able to grant a variance so she can pass the property on to her children.

Kelly Kennett, 318 1st St SW Cairo, GA

Mrs. Kennett believes in personal property rights and encourages the board to do what is needed to ensure the families can keep the land in the family.

With no other individuals coming forth to speak, Mr. Drew closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda as amended by adding FA059-22 Approve/Disapprove Radar Renewal for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Audit Presentation – Perry Henry

Mr. Henry presented the audit for the 2021 fiscal year. Mr. Henry stated it was a clean audit. The audit reviews the general ledger and several other sources. They hit a sampling of the invoices to ensure things are processed correctly. Assets increased by \$6,284,140 to \$94,282,919 or 7.14%. Liabilities decreased \$1,879,292 or (6.76%). The county had one internal control and compliance items cited: 2017-M – Lack of Segregation of Duties, 2021-A- Not timely recording activity of energy efficient project. Two findings and one is almost impossible to remove, and the other has already been corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Lake Authority Meeting, Monday, August 1, 2022, at 8:30 am

Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 9:00 am

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve

C024-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/06/2022 meeting.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA05622 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the LOST Distribution. The percentages are City of Cairo – 38.8%, City of Whigham – 1.63%, and Grady County – 59.57%. The motion was approved.

FA057-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the purchase of a 2006 Fire Truck for \$95,000. This is a budgeted item. The motion was approved.

FA058-22 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Change Order No. 1 for Pine Park Phase II for a total of \$132,470. The motion was approved.

FA059-22 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Radar Renewal for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Director Holly Murkerson provided the following report:

Grady County Financial Review for June 2022

Presented July 19, 2022 – Holly Murkerson, Finance Director

General Fund Revenue:

1. Ideal % = 50%, Actual % = 78%

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 \$3,967,800

General Fund Expenditures:

1. Ideal% = 50%, Actual % = 59%

Budget is \$18,341,500; spent to date is \$7,473,100

Sales Tax Revenue:

LOST:	JUNE	2022 = \$177,900	JUNE 2021 = \$164,500	UP	\$
13,400					
SPLOST:	JUNE	2022 = \$177,900	JUNE 2021 = \$164,500	UP	\$
13,400					
TSPLOST2:	JUNE	2022 = \$156,300	JUNE 2021 = \$144,800	UP	\$
11,500					

*Six items are exempt from TSPLOST taxation:

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

Other financial news:

1. Next steps for efficiency in the finance department:
 - a. Continue to work on banking and software services that will make the finance department more efficient and will include electronic purchase orders that will utilize encumbrances for budgetary purposes; primary concentration after tentative budget approved as we would like for our conversion to interface with the 2023 Fiscal Year for January 2023
 - l. Currently in process of scheduling demos from three software companies and obtaining updated quotes
 - a. Tyler Technologies/Incode demo is set for July 27, 2022, from 9 a – 12p

Mrs. Knight asked Gabe asked Mr. Ridley about Hartsfield Lane. Mr. Ridley recommended that the person wanting the lane closed put the request in writing.

Mr. Johnson stated that they are getting to the end of the first stage of the budget process and are around an 8.6% increase in the budget at this time. It is unknown at this time what the numbers will be for revenue. Inflation is very real, and Mr. Johnson stated he would be asking the commissioners to look after our employees in this budget.

Mrs. Copeland brought up the need to name a voting delegate for the Legislative Conference in Jekyll Island. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to enter in executive session to discuss property. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moye to exit executive session. The motion was approved. There was no action taken from the executive session.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – Mr. Ridley stated that Garland Favorito filed a statewide lawsuit to void the election against every Election Superintendent in the state. Mr. Ridley stated our ACCG insurance does not cover this type of lawsuit and he filed an answer for the county in response to the lawsuit.

Mr. Ridley also stated that an individual has built an illegal dock at the lake, so Mr. Ridley is asking for the board's approval to move forward with getting the dock removed. The gave their approval to move forward.

- B. Roads and Bridges – 06-22
- C.
- D.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda (AMENDED)

July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties
 - A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
 - B. Invocation/Pledge
 - C. Recognize the State Champ Baseball Team
 - D. Public Hearing on the Land Use Regulation Changes
 - E. Adoption of Agenda
 - F. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
 - Audit – Perry Henry
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Calendar of events

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- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
 - C024-22 Approval Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/06/2022
- V. Formal Actions
 - FA056-22 Approve/Disapprove LOST Distributions
 - FA057-22 Approve/Disapprove purchase of a Fire Truck
 - FA058-22 Approve/Disapprove Change Order No. 1 for Pine Park Rd Phase 2.
 - FA059-22 Approve/Disapprove Radar Renewal for the Sheriff's Office.
- VI. New and unfinished Business
 - Finance Director's Report
- VII. Executive Session
 - Property

VIII. Reports

- a. Attorney's Report
- b. Roads and Bridges 06-22

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 Mr. Prince and second by Mrs. Knight. The motion was approved.

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Keith Moyer, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER