

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on June 6, 2023, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, June Knight, Keith Moyer, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, Fire Chief/EMA Director Richard Phillips, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yancey Maxwell, 1406 Tired Creek Rd Whigham, GA

Mr. Maxwell commended the article in the paper last week. He also stated the Road Department has been working on potholes. Mr. Maxwell asked if Mr. Johnson was the County Administrator or a contractor. He also stated he read in the paper about the County Administrator using a county vehicle outside the county on personal business and that is not good. Mr. Johnson stated that he is a contractor who is contracted to be the County Administrator. Mr. Maxwell also mentioned the decals on the county trucks.

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St Calvary, GA

Mr. Cook thanked the Road Department for the work being done in the Calvary Area. Mr. Cook stated that how citizens are appointed to boards is an issue as witnessed at the last meeting without any other suggestions. Mr. Cook stated that those needed to be placed on the website with who is on the boards and when the term ends.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moyer to approve:

C028-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/16/2023.

C029-23 Approval of K-Row Berries Plat

C030-23 Approval of Faircloth Plat

C031-23 Approval of the DJJ Lease Agreement Renewal

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA036-23 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Copeland to not approve the Fireworks Grant purchase of \$24,243.00 for equipment. The motion was approved.

FA037-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to disapprove the tire replacement for Mrs. Barrineau. The motion was approved.

FA038-23 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the Cross Drain Replacement on Lower Hawthorne Trail by Foley for \$44,539.68. This will be paid for by TSPLOST as the road is the next to be paved on the TSPLOST list. The motion was approved.

FA039-23 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the Budget Calendar for the 2024 Budget. The motion was approved.

FA040-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Moyer to advertise the RFP for Professional Services. The motion was approved.

F041-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve moving forward with the Resolution for Vehicle Decal Placement. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board recognized Keith Moye and Holly Murkerson for their completion of Leadership Grady.

ACCG IRMA insurance will increase by \$67,000.00 for 2024.

Mrs. Knight stated the following roads need to be added to the next TSPLOST: Union Springs, Ridge Road, Spring Hill, Fred Collins, Magnolia, Providence Church Road, Waldrop Road, Brinson Road. Mrs. Knight stated she also had a call from David Johnson, HOA of Wood Ridge Subdivision, requesting speed bumps and lights for streets. Mr. Elkins stated that he would need permission from the board for the speed bumps and David was told to check with EMC concerning the lights. Also had a call from Joe Addison about Bunn Lane but that issue is located on private property. Old Eighty-Four there is a hole patched and it is a culvert issue due to beavers.

Mrs. Copeland wanted to know when we will start the TSPLOST process. She wants to make sure Collins Road is on the list.

Mr. Johnson stated we have and will meet every requirement of the current TSPLOST. We will ask for a new one so we can continue to work on our roads.

Mrs. Copeland asked about the Lake Authority and Mr. Johnson stated there are still two interested investors.

Mr. Johnson stated the appointments the board made at the last meeting were legal and the board has done nothing wrong. The commission struggles to get people to serve in these positions. How people are appointed is up to the discretion of the board.

Mr. Drew stated that he went through four different people when he was seeking someone to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is a contractor who is contracted to be the county administrator. This board has full authority to fire Mr. Johnson if they see fit. Mr. Johnson states that he pays every dime of his tax that he owes.

Mrs. Copeland asked about the appointments for the last two positions and if we were legal. It was totally legal.

It is recommended that no action be taken on the Wood Ridge Subdivision and ask them to bring something in writing for the request and conduct more research.

Mr. Phillips, EMA Director, EMA Director, recommends Maura Elkins as the Deputy Director for EMA. The city is on board with the appointment. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – Mr. Ridley will do a memo on the Fitness Life tax matter at the next meeting.
- B. Grand Jury Report 05-23
- C. Roads and Bridges 05-23
- D. Animal Control 05-23

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

June 6, 2023, 9:00 AM

- I. Executive Duties
 - A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM
 - B. Invocation/Pledge
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
 - None
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Calendar of events

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IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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V. Formal Actions

FA036-23 Approve/Disapprove Fireworks Tax Grant purchase.

FA037-23 Approve/Disapprove Rettia Barrineau tire replacement.

FA038-23 Approve/Disapprove Cross Drain Replacement on Lower Hawthorne Trail.

FA039-23 Approve/Disapprove the Budget Calendar for the 2024 Budget.

FA040-23 Approve/Disapprove advertising RFP for Professional Services

FA041-23 Approve/Disapprove moving forward with proposed Resolution-Vehicle Decal

Placement.

VI. New and unfinished Business

Recognize Keith Moye and Holly Murkerson for Leadership Grady.

ACCG IRMA Increase

VII. Executive Session

None

VIII. Reports

a. Attorney's Report

b. Grand Jury Report 05-23

c. Roads and Bridges 05-23

d. Animal Control 05-23

VIII. Adjournment

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

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

