

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, June Knight, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Fire Chief Richard Phillips, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present.

Mr. Drew opened the budget hearing with a prayer and the pledge to the flag so that was not repeated.

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

Presentation:

Greg Perret and Travis Felts made a presentation by ZOOM for TCP timeclocks. They reviewed the quotes and benefits for both the biometric clocks and standard time clocks with a camera feature. They reviewed the benefits and cost savings of the time clock system. These time clocks will interface with our new Finance System, ERP Pro 10. The commissioners asked some follow-up questions with one of them being which was the best clock to go with. Mr. Perret responded that the biometric clock was the best way to go.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Drew reviewed the rules for public comments.

Billy Poitevint , 1926 Stagecoach Road Pelham, GA

Mr. Poitevint spoke about the road conditions on Stagecoach Road. Mr. Poitevint stated that he would give permission for the water from the road to run through his pasture to help with the issues.

Yancy Maxwell, 1404 Tired Creek Rd

Mr. Maxwell asked if there was a road committee. He stated there was no pride with the signs that were placed on the county vehicles.

Mike Moss, 935 Piney Grove Rd

Mr. Moss and other citizens who live on Piney Grove Road were present to talk about the condition of the dirt road. Mr. Moss stated that it needed to be scraped at least monthly and the ditches need to be pulled three or four times a year.

Field Searcy, 103 Margarets Way Thomasville, GA and Sam Carline, 1813 Springhill Rd Whigham, GA

Mr. Searcy and Mr. Carline appeared before the commissioners to talk about the need for the use of paper ballots in elections. Mr. Carline stated he is still waiting for a response from the county from the last time he spoke.

PRESENTATIONS

Cairo/Grady Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Jarvis

Mrs. Jarvis spoke to the board about the Leadership Grady program and asked the board if they would be willing to sponsor this program with \$1,500.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Public Hearing on Van Ponder Variance Request 08/01/23 at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C036-23 Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/05/2023.

C037-23 Ratify vote to approve probation services in Superior Court through Judicial Alternatives of Georgia.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA48-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the proposal from TCP to install Biometric Clocks and software for a price of \$37,854.81. The motion was approved.

FA049-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve reappointing Mr. Drew Pyrz to the Joint Development Authority following the recommendation of the Joint Development Authority. His term will run from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. The motion was approved.

FA050-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to purchase turnout gear for the Volunteer Fire Department from Central Alabama Training Solutions (CATS) at the recommendation of Chief Phillips at a cost of \$43,044.00. Other bids were received from Georgia Fire & Rescue Supplies - \$50,112.10, Municipal Equipment Company (MECO) - \$47,532.00, AEST Fire & Safety - \$46,993.68, and Bennett Fire Products Co., Inc - \$46,452. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Drew asked Mrs. Murkerson to update the board on bank consolidation. Mrs. Murkerson stated that the interest earned from January 2023, through April 2023 before the accounts were consolidated to one bank in May 2023 was \$22,300. The interest earned in May 2023 after consolidation was \$34,000.00, and the interest earned for the first full month of consolidation in June 2023 was \$46,900.00.

Mr. Prince announced that today the Lake Authority signed a contract on 200 acres for development of an RV park at Tired Creek Lake. Mr. Johnson stated that Lake Director Mike Binion, the Lake Authority, and Lake Authority Attorney, Charles Ferenchick, have worked hard for the last several months to put this \$1.7 million deal with Cairo Grady Development LLC together. Mrs. Knight stated this was a very good thing.

Mr. Elkins made a presentation on a Buffalo Turbine blower mounted on a trailer to pull behind the mowers with the mowing crew truck. This would allow the same number of personnel to continue to mow while using the truck that follows the mowers to blow the clippings out of the road as required by law. The cost of the unit is \$13,300.00. After some discussion, the board decided to act on the presentation.

FA051-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to purchase the Buffalo Blower for a cost of \$13,300.00. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved. There was no action taken because of the Executive Session.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Roads and Bridges 06-23
- C. Animal Control 06-23
- D. Code Enforcement 05-23 and 06-23
- E. Buildings and Grounds 05-23 and 06-23

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
July 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

I. Executive Duties

- A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM
- B. Invocation/Pledge
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Presentation: Greg Perret -TCP Time Clocks
- E. Public Comments (3 Mins)

II. Presentations

Cairo/Grady Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Jarvis

III. Correspondence

- A. Calendar of events
 - Regular Board meeting on August 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM
 - Public Hearing on Van Ponder Variance Request 08/01/23 at 9:00 AM

IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

- C036-23 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/05/2023.
- C037-23 Ratify vote to approve probation services in Superior Court through Judicial Alternatives of Georgia.

V. Formal Actions

- FA048-23 Approve/Disapprove TCP proposal and for which clock.
- FA049-23 Approve/Disapprove re-appointing Drew Pysz to serve on the JDA from October 1, 2023, until September 30, 2026 per the recommendation of the JDA.
- FA050-23 Approve/Disapprove Turn Out Gear purchase for Volunteer fire Department.

VI. New and unfinished Business

VII. Executive Session

None

VIII. Reports

- a. Attorney’s Report
- b. Roads and Bridges 06-23
- c. Animal Control 06-23
- d. Code Enforcement 05-23 and 06-23
- e. Buildings and Grounds 05-23 and 06-23

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.

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

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK