

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on August 1, 2023, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners June Knight, Phillip Drew, Keith Moye, Ray Prince, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins.

Mr. Drew opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved. Later in the meeting, the agenda was amended to add FA056-23 to issue two RFP's, one for Dirt Road Maintenance and the other for mowing. Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Copeland to amend the agenda. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

TBR Insurance Renewal – John Taylor with Taylor Benefits

Mr. Taylor presented the insurance renewal to the Board of Commissioners. He explained how the plan has been performing and there is only a 13% cost increase in this year's plan. The board then asked follow-up questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing on Randy Clark Variance Request 08/15/23 at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C038-23 Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/18/2023.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA52-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the renewal with TBR. The motion was approved.

FA053-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to switch cellphone providers to FirstNet. The motion was approved.

FA054-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to table the revised Budget Calendar as we still do not know when the Tax Digest will be available. The motion was approved.

FA055-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to table the repairs to the Box Culverts on Old 179 North as Mr. Elkins stated he could do it cheaper than the \$712,377.00. The board would like to see more information on the numbers. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Moye discussed the possibility of doing an RFP for dirt road maintenance and another RFP for the mowing of the county roads.

FA056-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moye to submit an RFP for dirt road maintenance and an RFP for the mowing of the county roads. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnson stated that we may need to move money for overtime for the Road Department for them to catch up on the roadwork. Mr. Moye stated if we do this, we need to see improvements in the conditions of our roads. The overtime amounts would be somewhere around \$1,532.16 per pay period for motor graders and \$1,050.00 for mowers. The board stated they would give tentative approval until their next meeting on August 15, 2023.

Mr. Elkins stated that he has talked with a licensed nuisance wild animal trapper who would be willing to try and remove the beavers that are causing the road issues. The board stated they would like to have him attend our next meeting on 08/15/2023.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 9:42 am, Mr. Drew opened the Public Hearing for the Van Ponder Land Use Variance Request. Mr. Ponder is asking for a variance to the Land Use Regulations which states that roads in a major sub-division must be paved. Mr. Ponder stated he wants to extend the sub-division and is requesting not to have to pave the road in the sub-division as it comes off a dirt road.

Mr. Brian Harrison, Code Enforcement Director, stated that after one year, the county would own the road.

Mr. Ridley stated the roads do not have to be deeded to the county but there would have to be statements in the deed that they meet DOT standards.

Mr. Ponder stated that the length of the road would be around 3500 feet.

Terry Akridge, 111 Wood Duck dr., stated that he feels the road should be paved.

With no further comments, at 9:52 am, Mr. Drew closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Knight asked where we were with roads. Mr. Johnson stated they are currently working on Old Thomasville Road. Next would be Lower Hawthorne Trail, South Broad, and then Long Branch Road. We will be asked to renew the TSPLOST in 2024.

Mr. Paul Fryer, Representative with Congressman Sanford Bishop's office, stated that Golden Triangle will be getting a simulator to help train motor graders.

Mrs. Copeland asked if we bought a machine to help pave roads. Mr. Prince stated it is sitting under a shelter at the Road Department. They can run it, but it pulls workers off other work details.

Mr. Johnson stated the hot mix machine will be back running at the end of this week to fix potholes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Recreation Department 06-23

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda AMENDED

August 01, 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

Insurance Presentation- TBR

III. Correspondence

- A. Calendar of events
Regular Board meeting on August 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Public Hearing on Randy Clark Variance Request 08/15/23 at 6:00 PM

IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

C038-23 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 07/18/2023.

V. Formal Actions

- FA052-23 Approve/Disapprove TBR Renewal.
- FA053-23 Approve/Disapprove switching to FirstNet for cellphone service.
- FA054-23 Approve/Disapprove the revised Budget Calendar
- FA055-23 Approve/Disapprove Old 179 North Box Culvert Improvements by Southern Concrete \$712,377.00.

VI. New and unfinished Business

Keith Moye – Road RFP

FA056-23 Approve/Disapprove issuing an RFP for Dirt Road Maintenance and an RFP for mowing county roads.

VII. Public Hearing

Van Ponder Variance Request to the Land Use Regulations

VII. Executive Session

None

VIII. Reports

- a. Attorney's Report
- b. Rec Department 06-23
- c.
- d.

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

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

