

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on November 7, 2023, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

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

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Old Growth Forest – Margaret Tyson

Ms. Tyson spoke on the opportunity to designate Wolf Creek Trout Lilly Preserve as an old growth forest. She stated there is no financial obligation for the county.

Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club – Stephen Francis

Mr. Francis told the commissioners thanks for their support for the SMART program at the Boys and Girls club. Mr. Francis stated last year was challenging with 120 kids and this year is no different as there are up to 151 kids. Jacameron Spence, who spoke at the Diamond Affair on November 2, 2023, is one of the success stories of the SMART program. He has a goal to go into law enforcement and he stated SMART has assisted him in making good choices in his life.

Audit Report – Perry Henry

Mr. Henry presented the audit for 2022. Issues in the Tax Commissioner's office cause an extension to be filed for completing the office. Mr. Perry stated the county was in very good shape. He stated there were four findings in the audit. 1. Lack of segregation of duties which cannot be corrected due to staffing. 2. The Tax Commissioner's office did not reconcile bank statements in a timely manner. 3. The Tax Commissioner's office failed to transfer funds in a timely manner. 4. The Law Library went over budget.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Budget Hearing, November 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Regular Board Meeting on November 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

VFD Appreciation Dinner, Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

C056-23 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/17/2023.

C057-23 Approval of Support/Maintenance of Geographic Information System Tax Parcel Data and Soil Data.

C058-23 Approval of DPC Acres Plat.

C059-23 Approval of Clark Plat.

C060-23 Approval of the 2024 Holiday Schedule.

C061-23 Approval of the 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

The motion was approved.

#### **FORMAL ACTIONS**

FA068-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the Employee Handbook changes to support the time clock system. The motion was approved.

FA069-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moye to approve the trailer purchase for the Road Department in the amount of \$35,000.00 from Royce's Towing. The motion was approved.

FA070-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Uniform Bid by Unifirst for \$236.55/ week to provide uniforms for the county. Other bids received were from Aramark for \$319.27/ week, and Cintas for \$446.25/ week. The motion was approved.

FA071-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moye to approve the Pope Store Museum Shakespear 2024 request for \$500.00. The motion was approved.

FA072-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Old Growth Forest Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution regarding the Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve. The motion was approved.

FA073-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Tall Timbers request for \$500.00. The motion was approved.

FA074-23 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to approve the ACCG/Grady County Mental Health Resolution. The motion was approved.

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Johnson stated that there was one Road Maintenance bid received and it was from North Grady Investments for a total of \$1,350,000.00. The board decided not to go in that direction with that cost.

Mr. Johnson stated there were two bids received for the mowing of the roads. One was from AAA Landscape Management LLC for a total of \$525,000.00 annually. The other bid was from Evergreen Outdoor Services for a total of \$139,000.00 annually.

FA075-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to engage Evergreen for the roadside mowing. The motion was approved.

The commissioners decided to set a workshop date of 11/14/23 at 5:00 pm to meet with the Paper Please delegation. The commissioners then decided to set a workshop for roads on 12/05/23 at 10:30 am.

Mr. Johnson stated that Georgia DOT had requested and received an extension on the Roundabout at 188 and Old Thomasville Road.

Mr. Johnson stated that we may be able to contract out the clipping of the roads, so we are seeking bids on the clipping of the roads.

Mr. Binion reported that the county has satisfied the requirements for monitoring of the mitigation sites so will no longer have to pay for that service.

Mr. Drew stated the oak tree at the courthouse will need to be removed due to it being a hazard.

FA076-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to seek bids on the removal of the oak tree and seek bids on the replacement of the oak tree. The motion was approved.

Mr. Moye stated that Chief Phillips was seeking bids for a new fire station on Woodland Road.

Mr. Drew recognized Mrs. Copeland had completed all eight tracks of training with ACCG.

Mr. Binion stated that the dam inspection was held last week, and everything was good.

Mr. Elkins stated that they have been awarded the Tire Amnesty Grant again and the date will be January 27, 2024.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

### **REPORTS**

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 10-23
- C. Tired Creek Lake 10-23
- D. Roads and Bridges 10-23
- E. Recreation Department 10-23

### **RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS**

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda  
November 07, 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
  - Old Growth Forest – Margaret Tyson
  - Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club – Stephen Francis
  - Audit Report – Perry Henry
- III. Correspondence
  - A. Calendar of events
  - Budget Hearing, November 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM
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- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
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  - C061-23 Approval of the 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.
- V. Formal Actions
  - FA068-23 Approve/Disapprove Employee Handbook changes to support the time clock system.
  - FA069-23 Approve/Disapprove Trailer purchase for \$35,000 for the Road Department from budgeted funds.
  - FA070-23 Approve/Disapprove Uniform Bid choice.
  - FA071-23 Approve/Disapprove Pope Store Museum Shakespear 2024 request.
  - FA072-23 Approve/Disapprove Old Growth Forest MOA and Resolution.
  - FA073-23 Approve/Disapprove Tall Timbers Request.
  - FA074-23 Approve/Disapprove ACCG/Grady County Mental Health Resolution.
- VI. New and unfinished Business
  - Road Maintenance and Road Mowing Bids.
  - Round About Grant Extension
  - Set Workshop Dates
  - Commissioner Matters
- VII. Executive Session
  - None
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Attorney’s Report
  - b. Recreation 10-23
  - c. Roads and Bridges 10-23
  - d. Animal Control 10-23
  - e. Tired Creek Lake 10-23

VIII. Adjournment

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The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moye 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 Moyer, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER