

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

November 14, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on November 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm for a workshop meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Keith Moyer, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Election Superintendent and Probate Judge Denise Maddox, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

Commissioner Knight and County Clerk White were not in attendance.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Field Searcy, Mr. Sam Carline, and Mrs. Arlene Spooner spoke for Georgians for Truth to state why they feel paper ballots should be used for all elections held in Grady County. Several citizens spoke about their thoughts on elections, and it is a trust issue.

Denise Maddox, Election Superintendent and Probate Judge, Judge Maddox discussed the voting process that the state requires. Judge Maddox certifies voting results in Grady County.

Attorney Ridley did some research and advised as to why he feels the county nor Judge Maddox has the authority to decide what voting method they will use for elections. Mr. Ridley stated that Georgia law states that elections must be the same throughout the state. There are two court cases that are challenging Georgia's election law and how the voting is conducted.

Mr. Drew stated that the board will follow the opinion of our attorney on this matter.

Mr. Moyer made the motion to adjourn the workshop and the workshop was adjourned.

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PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

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JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

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Keith Moyer, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER