

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### ROADS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on December 5, 2023, at 10:30 am for a Roads Workshop. Commissioners Ray Prince, Keith Moye, LaFaye Copeland, June Knight, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and Roads Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present.

Mr. Drew opened the Workshop.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda for the Roads Workshop. The motion was approved.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Board discussion on Roads to address in the county.

Mr. Johnson presented some history on the roads in the last 5 years. In 2018 you had no administrative structure and no budget information or structure. Had HR disfunction. Had no IT structure. Had garbage and sanitation issues with 36 sites with trash everywhere. Had the Corp and Leon County on our backs for Tired Creek Lake. Had low pay and morale issues. SPLOST 1 was an issue with the aquatic center. SPLOST 2 deadline was missed which pays the lake debt. Had stalled road projects such as Open Pond Road. The Road Department had equipment that was outdated trying to work in-kind labor on road projects. In the last five years, fully staffed and organized the administrative team. Grown the fund balance for the county. TSPLOST was a huge win. Open Pond, State Park, Sunset Lane, Johnson Road, Pine Park Road, Old Thomasville Road, Mizpah Road.

Equipment has been provided to the Road Department for them to do the road. \$19 million over the last five years has been spent on roads in Grady County. County Commissioners must address more than just roads. Doing well over the last five years. Fire Stations and trucks, EMS equipment and vehicles, police equipment and vehicles. The Division of Aging turned the building the building over to the county. At that time, there were only 17 seniors being served, now there are over 233 seniors in Grady County now being served through their revamped program. Rec department upgrades. EMS revenue grows. Mr. Gordon is doing a great job at EMS.

The past was purposefully reviewed. Attacked the low hanging fruit. Improved communication and leadership styles. The board set priorities for the projects that need to be addressed. Built up a budget fund. Set up a contract for a clipping project. Contracted the mowing for the county starting next year. Will bid out projects. Can do it now because we can now borrow against ourselves. Got to maintain the roads of Grady County. Cranford Road will hopefully get a grant to build up the road. LMIG funding from the state should help with one road. One road is McCraeville road that may could do with the additional LMIG funding.

Potential LMIG funding: Decided to make a suggestion at the next meeting.

District 1: Union Springs Road, Springhill Road, Ridge Road, Harrell Road

District 2: Wilcox Road, Singletary Road, Old Newton Road

District 3: rest of Lower Hawthorne, McCraeville, Calvary Street, Mayfield, Piedmont, Oakhill Road

District 4: Collins Road, Perry Road, Wight Road,

District 5: Forest Glenn

Will discuss striping at next meeting.

Board of Commissioners Roads Workshop Agenda

December 05, 2023, 10:30 AM

I. Executive Duties

A. Call to Order – 10:30 AM

B. Invocation/Pledge

C. Approve the agenda.

II. Presentations

Board discussion on Roads to address in the county.

VIII. Adjournment

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Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to adjourn the workshop. 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