

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on January 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Keith Moyer, LaFaye Copeland, Phillip Drew, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins, and Recreation Director Becky Bracewell were present.

Mr. Moyer asked Mr. White to give the Invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook thanked the board for the job they do. He stated that the citizens are concerned about Mr. Moyer's statement during the January 2, 2024, meeting that he does not have to allow public comment. Mr. Cook also stated the citizens are concerned that the commissioners may be violating the open meetings laws by conducting business by text, phone calls, and emails. Mr. Cook also stated the agendas are not showing up on the website. Mr. Ridley asked which meeting or business Mr. Cook feel violated the Open Meetings Law and he did not respond. Mr. Cook praised the Roads Department for their work over the last two weeks.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting on February 6, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Tire Amnesty Day will be on January 27, 2024, from 8:00 – 4:00.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

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

C005-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 01/02/2024, and Executive Session Minutes from 01/02/2024.

C006-24 Ratify approval of truck purchase for the Road Department from Hobson Chevrolet.

C007-24 Approval of copier/printer lease and maintenance contract from Rumbles for the Road Department and Recreation Department.

C008-24 Appoint Stephen McKinnon as Fire Marshall.

The motion was approved.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA007-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the resolution to set the Qualifying fees for 2024. The motion was approved.

FA008-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve the purchase of pipe for the Road Department from Gulf Atlantic for a total cost of \$59,815.00. The other bid was provided by Southern Pipe and Supply for a total of \$64,006.65. The motion was approved.

FA009-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland, to appoint Keith Moyer as the elected official to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The motion was approved.

FA010-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve awarding the Concessions Contract for the Recreation Department to Wes Meadows. The motion was approved.

FA011-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve bidding out the resurfacing of the remainder of Pine Park Road and Singletary Road. The motion was approved.

#### NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Moyer recognized and acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Prentiss Mitchell from the Grady County Board of Tax Assessors. Mr. Mitchell expressed his appreciation to the board for their support during his tenure on the Board of Assessors as some tough decisions have been made during his tenure. Mr. Moyer stated that if anyone is interested in serving on the Tax Assessors Board to contact him or Mr. Ed Kennett who is chair of the Tax Assessors Board.

Mr Moyer stated that they received a letter of resignation from Mr. Larry Murkerson from the Planning Commission. Anyone interested may contact any member of the board. Mr. Moyer stated the commissioners would like to fill both positions at the February 6, 2024 meeting.

Mr Moyer appointed Ray Prince, LaFaye Copeland, Buddy Johnson, and Brian Harrison to work on the committee to work with the Planning Commission on updating our codes. The Planning Commission will name two members to serve on the committee.

Administrator Matters – Mr. Johnson will be meeting with Stacy Watkins on the final plans for EMS Building renovations. Mr. Johnson stated that permits for Tired Creek Lake may now be received at the Code Enforcement office on the third floor of the courthouse. Mr. Johnson clarified Mr. Moyer's comments on Public Comments and that they are not required. The board is not doing away with public comments.

Commissioners Matters – Mrs. Knight stated District 1 roads. Mr. Johnson did state that the board needs to start narrowing down the road list for the next TSPLOST.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

#### **REPORTS**

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 12-23
- C. Tired Creek Lake 12-23
- D. Roads and Bridges 12-23

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

##### Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2024, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties
  - A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM
  - B. Invocation/Pledge
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
  - None
- III. Correspondence
  - A. Calendar of events

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- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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- V. Formal Actions

FA007-24 Approve/Disapprove the resolution to set Qualifying fees for 2024.

FA008-24. Approve/Disapprove pipe quotes.

FA009-24 Approve/Disapprove appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

FA010-24 Approve/Disapprove the 2024 Concessions Contract with Wes Meadows at the Recreation Department.

FA011-24 Approve/Disapprove putting out to bid the resurfacing of the remainder of Pine Park Road and Singletary Road.

- VI. New and unfinished Business

Resignation of Mr. Prentiss Mitchell from the Grady County Board of Tax Assessors.

Resignation of Mr. Larry Murkerson from the Grady County Planning Commission.

Appoint committee to work with the Planning Commission.

- Administrator Matters
- Commissioner Matters
- VII. Executive Session
  - None
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Attorney's Report
  - b. Animal Control 12-23
  - c. Tired Creek Lake 12-23
  - d. Roads and Bridges 12-23
- 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.

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GRADY COUNTY SETTING QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2024 ELECTION AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF SAME**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 requires the governing authority of each county, not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election; and

**WHEREAS**, a general primary, nonpartisan election, and general election are scheduled to be held in 2024;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Grady County, as the governing authority of Grady County, does hereby set qualifying fees for candidates for the county offices to be elected in 2024 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the county clerk is authorized and directed to publish the list of qualifying fees in accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 21-2-131 no later than February 1, 2024.

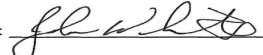
**THIS RESOLUTION** is adopted and made effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Keith Moye, Chairman

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**2024 QUALIFYING FEES**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>QUALIFYING FEES</u>
County Commissioners	\$249.00
Clerk of Superior Court	\$ 1,779.00
Probate Court Judge	\$1,779.00
Sheriff	\$2,262.00
Tax Commissioner	\$1,779.00
Magistrate Judge	\$1,779.00
State Court Judge	\$1,380.00
Coroner	\$302.00
County Board of Education Member	\$126.00

The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Copeland and second by Mrs. Knight. The motion was approved.

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Keith Moye, CHAIR

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JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

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Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK