

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on April 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Keith Moye, LaFaye Copeland, Phillip Drew, June Knight, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. County Administrator Buddy Johnson participated in TEAMS video.

Mr. Moye asked Mr. White to open with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yancy Maxwell, 1404 Tired Creek Rd

Mr. Maxwell stated that farmers are doing more road work with box blades than the county road crew. Mr. Maxwell stated that they need to keep track of the hours on the motor graders and make sure they are running during working hours. Cross drains are stopped up and the roads are a mess.

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated someone needs to follow up on the shoulder clipping in the south part of the county, especially Thomas Road. He stated that is now 5 inches of sand on the road. Mr. Cook stated there are some very angry people concerning the roads.

PRESENTATIONS

RFQ Presentations

Makr III – Rusty Parker and Greg Aloman

They presented the GCHIP which stands for Georgia City/County Health Insurance Pool. They discussed their presentation with the board.

Taylor Benefit Resource – John Taylor

Mr. Taylor presented the slides to the board pointing out that TBR has been the provider for the county since 2013 and has saved the county around \$2,000,000.00.

The board will make a decision at the meeting on May 7, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting on May 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C028-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from 04/02/2024.

C029-24 Approval of consent vote for the Grant Writer Contract for the CDBG Grant.

C030-24 Approval of consent vote for the Architect Contract for the CDBG Grant.

C031-24 Approval of plats 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 for Turkey Creek.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA041-24 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to approve the annual Department of Public Safety Tower Lease agreement. The motion was approved.

FA042-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve quote from Axon Enterprise of \$424,696.60 over the next five years for Tasers and Body Cameras for the Sheriff Office. The motion was approved.

FA043-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve the bid from Reames and Son for \$1,446,681.40 for Pine Park Road Phase III and Singletary Road. The low bid was by Scruggs Company for

\$1,412,157.48 but as the bid by Reames was within 5%, the commissioners chose to go with the local bid. The motion was approved.

FA044-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the lease for two dump trucks through Magnolia Bank. The motion was approved.

FA045-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to purchase pipe from Southern Pipe at a cost of \$14,580.00 to repair Sammie Bulloch Road. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Ridley introduced the Land Use Regulations Ordinance for the Lake Property. He stated the purpose of the ordinance is to protect the lake and water and to ensure compliance with all permits that are currently in effect. Mr. Ridley stated that a Public Hearing must be held no sooner than fifteen (15) days and no later than forty-five (45) days from the introduction of the ordinance. Mr. Ridley also stated that Policies and Procedures must be adopted prior to the Public Hearing as the county does not have any in place regarding zoning of property.

FA046-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to adopt the Policies and Procedures Governing the Conduct of Public Hearings on the Adoption, Repeal, or Amendment of a Zoning Ordinance as presented by Mr. Ridley. The motion was approved.

The board set the Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the 2nd floor courtroom at the courthouse located at 250 N Broad St Cairo, GA.

Administrator Matters - Mr. Johnson informed the board that the Recreation Department has purchased portable mounds and fencing for hosting baseball tournaments. Mr. Johnson stated that the EMS bid opening will be May 9th and bids were opened today for the Aquatic Center. Those bids will be presented at the May 7, 2024 board meeting.

Commissioners Matters – Mr. Moyer stated the Recreation Department will host a baseball tournament on May 4, 2024. Mr. Moyer stated that they will be reviewing the fees for hosting tournaments. Mr. Moyer stated he has been approached by businesses wanting to rent fence space for advertising. Mr. Moyer stated he will investigate what other places are charging.

Mr. Prince stated we have a lot going on at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 03-24
- C. Roads and Bridges 03-24
- D. Recreation Department 03-24
- E. Tired Creek Lake 03-24

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2024, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties**
 - A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM**
 - B. Invocation/Pledge**
 - C. Adoption of Agenda**
 - D. Public Comments**
- II. Presentations**
 - RFQ Presentations:**
 - Mark III – Rusty Parker**
 - Taylor Benefits – John Taylor**
- III. Correspondence**
 - A. Calendar of events**

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IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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V. Formal Actions

FA041-24 Approve/Disapprove Annual Department of Public Safety Tower Lease agreement.

FA042-24 Approve/Disapprove Officer Safety Plan with Tasers and Body Cameras presented by the Sheriff Office.

FA043-24. Approve/Disapprove Pine Park/Singletary Road bid.

FA044-24 Approve/Disapprove Dump Truck Lease.

FA045-24 Approve/Disapprove pipe purchase to repair Sammie Bulloch Road

VI. New and unfinished Business

Land Use Regulations for the Lake Property

Administrator Matters

Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

None

VIII. Reports

a. Attorney's Report

b. Animal Control 03-24

c. Roads and Bridges 03-24

d. Recreation Department 03-24

e. Tired Creek Lake 03-24

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.

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

Keith Moye, CHAIR

JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK