

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on August 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, June Knight, LaFaye Copeland, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

County Administrator Buddy Johnson participated by TEAMS.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yancy Maxwell, 1406 Tired Creek Rd

Mr. Maxwell spoke about the shoulder situation on Lower Hawthorne Trail since the road had been widened. Mr. Drew stated he checked the road today and that Mr. Watkins will be down on Thursday to look at the road.

Eugene Poppell, 2467 Stagecoach Rd

Mr. Poppell stated that Stagecoach Rd needs some work completed on it. The ditches are full of trees and limbs and the road has some dangerous holes in it that need to be fixed. The board stated that Mr. Elkins will check on the road tomorrow.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Labor Day September 2, 2024.

Regular Board Meeting on September 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

Public Hearing on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM for a Special Event Variance Request.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C049-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, and Executive Session Minutes from 08/06/2024.

C050-24 Approval of Chad Johnson Plat.

C051-24 Approval to declare as surplus and sell the following vehicles.

2005 Crown Victoria 2FAFP71W45X152024

2012 Charger 2C3CDXATXCH234251

2013 Charger 2C3CDXAT6H694850

2003 F-150 1FTRW07673KB28762

2007F-250 0FTSW20598EB244

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA083-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Taylor Benefits Insurance Renewal. The motion was approved.

FA084-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Drew to approve the purchase of stock pipe from Southern Pipe & Supply at a cost of \$45,964.10. The motion was approved.

FA085-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the ordinance to make the Elections Board a five-member board. The motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH THE GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH THE DATE IN WHICH THE BOARD WILL ASSUME ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, TO SET THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION AT FIVE MEMBERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Grady County Board of Commissioners:

For the purposes of this section, the term "Board" shall mean the board of elections and registration created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-40.1.

The Grady County Board of Elections and Registration is hereby established.

Beginning on January 1, 2025, the Board shall assume the duties of the election superintendent, shall have the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections, and shall have the powers and duties of a board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures.

The Board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of Grady County, who shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Membership of the Board shall be governed by the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-40.1.

For the initial Board, two members shall be appointed to an initial term of two years so as to provide for the staggering of the terms of office of the Board members.

The county executive committees of the political parties whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of Governor that received the largest and second largest number of votes in this state for Governor may submit a list of recommended appointees to the Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Board established pursuant to

this section; provided, however, that the Board of Commissioners is under no obligation to appoint any person listed on such list of recommended appointees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect at such date and time it is adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024.

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:  _____

Keith Moye, Chairman

Attest:  _____

John White, County Clerk

(Affix County Seal)



NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board of Commissioners agreed to participate in the Latin Heritage Month Parade on September 14, 2024 and the Christmas Parade on December 5, 2024.

The Board of Commissioners decided for each commissioner to nominate an individual from their district to serve on the Board of Elections.

District 1 – Sam Carnline

District 2 -Sandy Reagan (2-year term)

District 3 – Kathy Smith Mills

District 4- Renee Gee-Theophile

District 5 – Robert “Bobby” Gwaltney (2-year term)

FA086-24 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve the above nominations to serve on the Board of Elections. The motion was approved.

Administrator Matters – Mr. Johnson stated that the property assessments by GMASS have been delayed once again and the Tax Assessors hope to have them by Monday, August 26, 2024. Mr. Johnson stated the digest will not be released until after the 45-day appeals period which means it will be November or even December before the millage rate and budget can be set.

Commissioner Matters – Mr. Moye stated that outside work will begin on the outside of the EMS building on Monday, August 26, 2025. Inside work will begin 60 days after that. Mr. Moye stated we will need to locate a temporary location for the Help Agency.

Mr. Prince stated there was an issue with the floor at the new Recreation Building but that has been corrected and the floor looks good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to enter Executive Session to discuss Property, Litigation, and Personnel at 6:35 pm. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to exit Executive Session at 7:12 pm. The motion was approved.

FA087-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to pay the interest to ACCG Retirement on retirement benefits that were not paid in due to the county’s error. The amount is \$2,668.97. The employee will pay the principal of \$5,896.35 which should have come out of the paycheck. The motion was approved.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney’s Report – None
- B. Tired Creek Lake 07-24

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
August 20, 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

None

III. Correspondence

- A. Calendar of events
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IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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V. Formal Actions

- FA083-24 Approve/Disapprove TBR Insurance Renewal.
- FA084-24 Approve/Disapprove Stock Pipe bid.
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VI. New and unfinished Business

- Latin Heritage Month Parade participation (9/14/24)
- Christmas Parade participation (12/5/24)
- Election Board discussion
- Administrator Matters

- Commissioner Matters
- VII. Executive Session**
Executive Session for Property and Litigation
- VIII. Reports**
 - a. Attorney's Report
 - b. Tired Creek Lake 07-24
 - c.
- VIII. Adjournment**

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

Keith Moyer, CHAIR

JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER