

## GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on November 5, 2024, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, Ray Prince, June Knight, LaFaye Copeland, Phillip Drew, Interim County Administrator/Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

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

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the agenda after removing item FA092-24 as it is not ready to present. The motion was approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### PRESENTATIONS

Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club – Stephen Francis

Mr. Francis provided the program reports for the year and requested continued funding for the SMART program. Mr. Francis stated they also attempt to build morals and impart wisdom to the young boys and girls of our community. Mr. Francis relayed a personal story of a character-building moment that he experienced as a high school student. He attempts to show kids that they are responsible for their character and how to build good character. Mrs. Copeland asked about the Diamond Affair and Mr. Francis stated it will be held on January 31, 2025, and Chipper Jones will be the speaker.

Cairo – Grady Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Jarvis

Mrs. Jarvis spoke about the Chamber of Commerce and nominations for the community awards. These awards are for the community, not just chamber members. Anybody can nominate and anyone can be nominated. Mrs. Jarvis stated you can get more forms from the Chamber or their website. The selections are made by people outside our community.

Bond Refunding for Savings – Raymond James and Associates – Tom Owens

Mr. Owens discussed the opportunity to refinance the lake bonds to potentially save money with the bonds. Mr. Owens went through the presentation showing what the savings could potentially be with the refinancing. Mr. Owens stated he is not making a loan. His job is to find someone to lend the money to the county.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting on November 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Dinner, Thursday November 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Today is voting day. Go vote.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

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

C067-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/15/2024.

C068-24 Ratify purchase of excavator from Crystal Tractor - \$72,099.48.

The motion was approved.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA092-was removed from the agenda.

FA106-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the bid for Humphries Road cross drainpipe from Southern Pipe at \$3,213.50. The motion was approved 4-1 with Mr. Moye voting against.

FA107-24 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Georgia Engstrom Homestead Exemption Error refund once Mr. Ridley approves the dates that can be refunded. Later in the meeting, Mr. Ridley stated the time was three years. The motion was approved.

FA108-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the AED bids for FEMA AFG reimbursement grant to purchase from Zoll at \$17,083.75 after January 1, 2025. The motion was approved.

FA109-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the bid from Nutter & Associates for the Macroinvertebrate Survey at \$14,545.00. The motion was approved.

FA110-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Collins Road bid by Scruggs for \$3,203,622.06. The motion was approved.

#### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Administrator Matters – Mrs. Murkerson reviewed the financial statement with the board. Mrs. Murkerson stated the staff Christmas Luncheon will be held December 17, 2024, at the Ag Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Matters – None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to enter Executive Session for litigation at 10:05 am. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to exit Executive Session at 10:40 am.

FA111-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve a \$450.00 payment to Becky Jo Brady for fence repair that had been promised by the county. The motion was approved.

#### **RELEASE AND SATISFACTION OF DEMAND**

In exchange for the payment of \$450 and the replacement of a woven wire fence situated on the property located at 124 Pine Hill Lakes Drive, Cairo, Georgia, the undersigned does hereby fully and forever release Grady County to include its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action arising from the matters presented in the undersigned's demand dated October 22, 2024. The undersigned represents and warrants that Grady County has satisfied all obligations she contends were owed to her in the demand.

  
Becky Joe Brady

#### **REPORTS**

A. Attorney's Report – None

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

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda  
November 5, 2024, 9:00 AM

**I. Executive Duties**

- A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM
- B. Invocation/Pledge
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Public Comments

**II. Presentations**

- Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club – Stephen Francis
- Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Jarvis
- Bond Refunding for Savings – Raymond James and Associates

**III. Correspondence**

- A. Calendar of events
- Regular Meeting November 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Dinner, Thursday November 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**IV. Consent Items – (One motion)**

- C067-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/15/2024.
- C068-24 Ratify purchase of excavator from Crystal Tractor - \$72,099.48.

**V. Formal Actions**

- FA092-24 Approve/Disapprove Tax Relief Request from the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe tabled from 9/17/24 meeting.
- FA106-24 Approve/Disapprove the bid for Humphries Road Cross drain pipe.
- FA107-24 Approve/Disapprove the Georgia Engstrom Homestead Exemption Error refund.
- FA108-24 Approve/Disapprove the AED bids for FEMA AFG reimbursement grant.
- FA109-24 Approve/Disapprove the bid from Nutter & Associates for the Macroinvertebrate Survey.
- FA110-24 Approve/Disapprove the Collins Road bid.

**VI. New and unfinished Business**

- Administrator Matters
- Commissioner Matters

**VII. Executive Session**

- Litigation

**VIII. Reports**

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**VIII. Adjournment**

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The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Drew 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

ATTEST:

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

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Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

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LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER