

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2021 Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on February 2, 2021 at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moyer, June Knight, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, Buildings and Grounds/Code Enforcement Head Brian Harrison, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland and Ray Prince did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Drew gave the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Knight to adopt the agenda. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Age Friendly Community – Suzanne Angell and Barbara Reddick with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission is asking for approval of a Regional Age-Friendly Pilot. This would be through AARP Georgia and be for Southwest Georgia's Region 10. A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and has supportive community features and services.

Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents' engagement in the community's civic, economic, and social life.

The Regional Commission is requesting the backing of Board of Commissioners to align the comprehensive plan with this Pilot. The board will vote on the resolution at its next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, 02/16/2021, 6:00 pm

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Knight to approve

C011-21 Approval Regular Meeting Minutes from 01/19/2021

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA005-21 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moyer to approve the Proposal B bid from Taylor Waste Services which includes the following:

Taylor Waste Services, Inc., will provide equipment and labor to perform all duties in the Grady County solid waste collection. The 182 front load containers at the five (5) manned dumpsites will be dumped on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or as needed.

Taylor Waste Services will provide service to the eleven (11) private containers as scheduled, and pay all tipping fees, for a monthly fee of \$59,041.70.

The ten (10) roll off containers will be serviced on call at the rate of \$185.00 per haul.

Grady County will pay the tipping fee on all roll off containers only.

*Taylor Waste Services will purchase all 182 six (6) yard front load containers at the five (5) manned sites for \$3,640.00. In addition, Taylor Waste will refurbish or replace all the current containers as they become unusable.

The motion was approved.

FA006-21 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the purchase of #5 Stock Rock for the Road Department from CMI for a price of \$49,500.00. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Ridley presented on the Ordinance change for Land Use Regulations Variance. Mr. Ridley reviewed the changes to the variance. After discussion, the board stated that if any changes were recommended, they would take up the final version at the February 16, 2021 meeting and let the Ordinance Change sit for 30 days before approving.

Mr. Johnson provided information on the following topics,

1. Open Pond Road set for construction to begin March 1 and conclude September 11, 2020
 - a. Scruggs will begin setting signs in mid-February.
 - b. Citizens are asked to be cautious during the construction period as there will be stop and go actions throughout the process.
 - c. We encourage people to use other routes if possible, to avoid delays and minimize traffic until the construction is complete.
2. CDBG/Johnson Road and Pine Park bids will be opened, and a winner will be announced at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. This will free up our Road Department to work on the much-needed road maintenance issues we have throughout the County.
 - a. One example: Myself and Mr. Elkins Traveled out to Stagecoach Road and Beckwith Rd to look at several erosion issues there. Mr. Elkins will look into ideas on how to correct the problems. He feels we can solve them inexpensively.
 - b. We have several roads in the county that need attention as these do. Mr. Elkins will begin moving crews as soon as possible to handle those locations and catch up on ditch and scraping needs that have fallen way behind over the years.
3. County Policies update. We are currently looking at different options to attack the policy revisions and creations that need to be done for the Grady County workforce. We are looking at some immediate changes that are needed and will be presenting them to the Board of Commissioners in the next few months.
 - a. Our biggest need is to simply create a new and updated policy manual that will be tech friendly and easily accessible to all departments. Mr. White is researching vendors and firms that specialize in such matters. We will get the cost analysis for this project and present that to the Board of Commissioners as well.
4. Private Roads and County Work. We have had a request by a property owner in Grady County asking if they could pay the county to scrape a private road quarterly. Gabe has ruled on this as a no go since there is liability that would be incurred, and it would also pit us against companies that provide these services. We feel it is worth mentioning that we should not do work, paid or otherwise, on private roads and property as it does violate our ordinance in most cases and would create a slippery slope in the future, not to mention the liabilities that do come with the territory.
5. Tired Creek Lake Buoys and barrier to the Dam/ABM
 - a. The latest storms have created a large amount of runoff and have broken the gate barrier buoys loose sending them over the dam and hanging up there. These cannot be retrieved safely until the water levels drop to a safe level. Mr. Binion and Director Harrison have put up a temporary warning line to caution boaters until we can get the system repaired properly.
 - b. ABM- Still completing their assessment and all looks great on that front currently. Water testing will be the next step and hopefully we will see a proposal soon.
6. Kudo's to the Sheriff's Office and Captain Singletary for a proactive agency policy change that will streamline spending and create oversight that did not exist before. Sheriff Young and his staff have been very cooperative when it comes to the budgeting and financial oversight changes being made and they offer excellent solutions and ideas that make the Commissioners job and mine much more effective and efficient. That is certainly worth mentioning to you all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For personnel and pending litigation

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moye to enter Executive Session.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Moye to exit Executive Session.

No action was taken because of Executive Session.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney’s Report – None
- B. Roads and Bridges
- C. Code Enforcement and Buildings and Grounds Annual Reports

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLOMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER