

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on March 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, June Knight, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, Chief Richard Phillips, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present. Commissioner Keith Moye participated by telephone.

Public Hearing on Variance Application submitted by Darin Foy

Mr. Drew opened the Public Hearing for the Variance Request for Pastime Subdivision.

Gerald Pionessa – JMJ Group. Mr. Pionessa stated the Variance Request is due to the shape of the property. The request is for a Variance of 600 feet for the cul-de-sac so all the property can be used.

A person in the audience asked where they would put the road (entrance) for the subdivision? Mr. Pionessa stated it would be a drive on Walden Road.

It was stated that the plans call for 31 houses in the subdivision. Mr. Pionessa stated that swells would be installed on this property to capture water draining from surrounding properties.

With no other comments or questions, Mr. Drew closed out the Public Hearing.

Mr. Drew opened the meeting with the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to amend the agenda to include FA017-23 and FA018-23. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yancey Maxwell, 1404 Tired Creek Rd

Mr. Maxwell stated that the box culvert on 179 could be repaired instead of being replaced. Just call Southern Concrete and they can do it. Mr. Maxwell stated spot repairs can be done on roads patched with overlay to buy some time. Mr. Maxwell stated that approaches to the bridges need to be cleaned.

Mr. Johnson stated that Southern Concrete is the one who stated the culvert needed to be replaced.

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St Calvary, GA

Mr. Cook stated that he appreciates what Stanley and his crew has done. He stated that the people need to be informed of the progress taking place.

Mr. Kenneth Whitaker asked for more detail on the Pastime subdivision and Mr. Pionessa stated this was just the preliminary plat.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve:

C013-22 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes from 03/07/2023.

C014-23 Sletten Plat

C015-23 Printer lease from Rumbles for the Tax Assessor's Office.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA014-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to consolidate all the county bank accounts at Ameris Bank. The motion was approved with Mr. Prince abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

FA015-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the bid for Debris Removal from Ceres for an hourly cost of \$2,208.64. Other bids received were from Crowder Gulf for \$2,732.05/ hour and Looks Great for \$3,076.00/ hour. The motion was approved.

FA016-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the bid from Reames & Sons Construction Company to resurface Old Thomasville Road at a cost of \$1,733,810.11. The motion was approved.

FA017-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the Debris Monitoring bid from Wit O’Briens at a cost of \$195.00 per hour. Other bids were submitted by Debris Tech - \$232.50 per hour, Thompson Consulting - \$265.50 per hour, and GMC - \$233.00 per hour. The motion was approved.

FA018-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve paying Stokes Paint & Body, \$2,159.65 for the repair of damage to the truck of Marty Watson. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Report – Mrs. Murkerson presented the finance report below,

Grady County Financial Review for February 2023				
Presented March 21, 2023 – Holly Murkerson, Finance Director				
General Fund Revenue:			General Fund Expenditures:	
IDEAL %	ACTUAL %		IDEAL %	ACTUAL %
83%	13%		83%	89%
BUDGETED	RECEIVED		BUDGETED	SPENT
\$20,151,700	\$2,616,454		\$20,151,700	\$2,294,942
Ideal percentages decrease month to month at equal intervals.				
Sales Tax Revenue:				
		2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
	SPLOST:	\$ 160,100	\$ 153,200	\$ 6,900
	LOST:	\$ 160,500	\$ 153,200	\$ 7,300
	TSPLOST2:	\$ 136,600	\$ 137,700	\$ (1,100)
*Six items are exempt from TSPLOST taxation:				
1. The sale or use of any type of fuel used for off-road heavy-duty equipment, off-road farm or agricultural equipment, or locomotives;				
2. The sale or use of jet fuel to or by a qualifying airline at a qualifying airport;				
3. The sale or use of fuel that is used for propulsion of motor vehicles on the public highways;				
4. The sale or use of energy used in the manufacturing process of tangible goods primarily for resale;				
5. The sale or use of motor fuel for public mass transit; or				
6. The purchase or lease of any motor vehicle				
Other financial news:				
1. 2022 EOY budget amendments are anticipated to be presented approximately April 2023				
2. Onboarding with Tyler Technologies is complete. We have started training for the implementation process.				
Projected go live with general ledger is approximately April 17, 2023 and payroll approximately end of May, first of June 2023				
3. Will move forward with bank changes/consolidation once approved by BOC.				
4. Just found out that City of Cairo is utilizing this same software and offered any assistance requested.				

Mrs. Knight asked about Ridge Road and when that may be paved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney’s Report – None
- B. Lake Authority 02-23
- C. Code Enforcement 02-23
- D. Buildings and Grounds 02-23

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda AMENDED
March 21, 2023, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties
 - A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
 - B. Public Hearing on Land Use Variance Request
 - C. Invocation/Pledge
 - D. Adoption of Agenda
 - E. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
 - None
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Calendar of events
 - Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 am
- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
 - C013-23 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from 03/07/2023.
 - C014-23 Approval of Sletten Plat.
 - C015-23 Approval of printer lease for the Tax Assessor’s Office.
- V. Formal Actions
 - FA014-23 Approve/Disapprove consolidating the bank accounts.
 - FA015-23 Approve/Disapprove Debris Removal bids.
 - FA016-23 Approve/Disapprove bid for Old Thomasville Road.
 - FA017-23 Approve/Disapprove Debris Monitoring bids
 - FA018-23 Approve/Disapprove vehicle repair to Stokes Paint and Body for Marty Watson vehicle
- VI. New and unfinished Business
 - Finance Report
 - 1st Reading of the Distilled Spirits Ordinance
 - Vehicle Repair.
- VII. Executive Session
 - None
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Attorney’s Report
 - b. Lake Authority 02-23
 - c. Code Enforcement 02-23
 - d. Buildings and Grounds 02-23

VIII. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Keith Moyer, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER