

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, June Knight, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Attorney Gabe Ridley, and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present.

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 FA032-23 and FA033-23. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yancey Maxwell, 1406 Tired Creek Rd Whigham, GA

Mr. Maxwell stated that signs needed to be put back up after they are removed. Mr. Maxwell stated that he sees trees down in the road and pipes washed out. Potholes are busting these aluminum rims on vehicles. Mr. Maxwell stated that somebody will be responsible for the roads. Mr. Maxwell stated that they need to come up with a better plan for the potholes.

Mr. Prince stated they are making repairs to potholes all the time.

Albert Ball, 1412 S Broad St, Cairo, GA

Mr. Ball thanked the commissioners for the job they do and for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Ball stated he wanted to make a request. The Help Agency is staffed totally with volunteers, and they help citizens of Grady County of all ages, sex, and race. Mr. Ball stated the Help Agency is a great asset to the county. Mr. Ball requested that if the commissioners seek to move the help agency, that a cost comparison study be done on the move to see which option would be cheaper.

Mr. Drew thanked Mr. Ball for the job they do and stated that if they decide to move on to that action, they will meet with the Help Agency Board to discuss it with them.

PRESENTATIONS

Marty Cannington

Mr. Cannington stated it is his understanding that there is an opening on the Board of Assessors, and he would like to be considered for the position. Mr. Cannington stated that he has been in banking for many years and feels as if he is qualified for the position.

After discussion was had as to when Mr. Rawls' term expired and if there were any others who had expressed and interest:

FA034-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to nominate Marty Cannington to the Board of Assessors. The motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

C025-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/02/2023.

C026-23 Approval of Norton Plat

C027-23 Approval of the Department of Public Safety IGA #000003 (Tower space lease).

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA029-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to not approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement and revisit it when discussing the 2024 budget. The motion was approved.

FA031-23 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland after much discussion to table FA031-23 which is the Tax Error/Release Request form Fitness Enterprises until Attorney Ridley has time to research the issue. The motion was approved.

FA032-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to purchase the Motor Grader that is coming off lease for \$134,166.47. The motion was approved.

FA033-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve purchasing the warranty on the Motor Grader for \$5,500.00. This extends the warranty until 5-22-2025 or 9,000 hours. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Prince stated there will be an opening on the Planning Commission as Mr. Earl Prince will have to resign. Mr. Prince stated he would like to appoint Mr. Larry Murkerson to replace Earl Prince on the Planning commission. Mrs. Copeland asked if anyone else was interested.

FA035-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to approve Larry Murkerson to the Planning Commission. The motion was approved.

Mr. Moye presented to Mr. Johnson an award that a group at the ACCG Conference voted to name J C Buddy Johnson the Making a Difference award winner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 04-23
- C. Roads and Bridges 04-23
- D. Tired Creek Lake 04-23

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda AMENDED
May 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties
 - A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
 - B. Invocation/Pledge
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations

Marty Cannington – Board of Assessors

- III. Correspondence
 - A. Calendar of events

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- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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- V. Formal Actions

FA029-23 Approve/Disapprove Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. (Tabled from 5/02/23 meeting)

FA031-23 Approve/Disapprove Tax Error/Release Request from Fitness Enterprises.

FA032-23 Approve/Disapprove purchasing the leased Motor Grader

FA033-23 Approve/Disapprove purchasing the extended warranty on the Motor Grader.

- VI. New and unfinished Business

- VII. Executive Session
 - None

VIII. Reports

- a. Attorney's Report
- b. Animal Control Report 04-23
- c. Roads and Bridges 04-23
- d. Tired Creek Lake 04-23

VIII. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER