

## **GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

July 05, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 05, 2023, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners 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. Commissioner LaFaye Copeland was absent.

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

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved. After the presentation by Mr. Stan Mobley with S&L Integrated concerning the ARPA Grant with the Superior Court, motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to amend the agenda by adding FA047-23 to approve/disapprove funding the pending reimbursement for the Superior Court ARPA Grant. The motion was approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Yancy Maxwell, 1404 Tired Creek Rd

Mr. Maxwell stated Mr. Lashley, who runs the side-arm mower for the county is doing an excellent job. Mr. Maxwell stated Hammond Road needs blading. Signs on vehicles and Mr. Maxwell did not complete the thought. Mr. Maxwell stated that potholes and cracks in road surfaces come from water seeping under the pavement and causing the roadbed to deteriorate. Mr. Maxwell stated Tire Creek Road needs work.

Peter Wright, 304 Stephens Road

Mr. Wright stated that at the last meeting it was suggested that things were coming down the pipe that citizens should be more worried about. What things are coming down the pipe? Can only assume it has to do with the re-evaluation of property and the need to add money to the lake for infrastructure upgrades and the lake already has \$50 million in bonds.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Cairo/Grady Chamber of Commerce – Mrs. Jarvis was unable to attend and will be scheduled for another meeting.

Superior Court ARPA Grant – Stan Mobley – S&L Integrated

Mr. Mobley and Judge Heather Lanier met with Mr. Johnson in the last week or so. Governor appropriated money to assist the Superior Court with technology to help with the backlog. Judge Lanier applied for the ARPA funds and was awarded the grant. All bids were received and S&L Integrated was chosen to do the work for the technology upgrades. It is a 100% grant, but the money must be paid up front and then it is reimbursed. They are asking the county to pay the bill and then get reimbursed from the grant. The total amount is \$308,362.85.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

C033-23 Regular Meeting Minutes from 06/20/2023.

C034-23 Ratify vote to allow the county attorney to assist the Chief Magistrate in a court matter.

C035-23 Approve the Knight Plat.

The motion was approved.

### **FORMAL ACTIONS**

FA46-23 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to appoint Steve Sykes as consultant for the Aquatic Center. The motion was approved.

FA047-23 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to approve funding the ARPA grant upgrades for the three courtrooms in the county pending reimbursement from the state. The motion was approved.

## **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Vann Ponder made an informal request for a variance to the Land Use Ordinances. After discussion between the board and the county attorney, it was decided that a formal request must be made through the normal process.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved. There was no action taken because of the Executive Session.

## **REPORTS**

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Recreation Department Reports
- C.
- D.

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

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda AMENDED

July 05, 2023, 9:00 AM

- I. Executive Duties
- A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM
- B. Invocation/Pledge
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
  - Cairo/Grady Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Jarvis
  - Superior Court ARPA Grant – Judge Heather Lanier
- III. Correspondence
- A. Calendar of events

Regular Board meeting on July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
  - C033-23 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 06/20/2023.
  - C034-23 Ratify vote to allow the county attorney to assist the Chief Magistrate in a court matter.
  - C035-23 Approve Knight Plat.
- V. Formal Actions
  - FA046-23 Approve/Disapprove Steve Sykes as consultant for the Aquatic Center.
  - FA047-23 Approve/Disapprove funding the ARPA grant upgrades for the three courtrooms in the county pending reimbursement from the state. (AMENDED item)
- VI. New and unfinished Business
  - Land Use Variance Request by Vann Ponder

- VII. Executive Session
  - Personnel
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Attorney's Report
  - b. Recreation Department Reports
  - c.
  - d.
- VIII. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting, or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-377-1512 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the Affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the open meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF GRADY

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Phillip Drew, Chair of the Grady County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1.

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on July 5, 2023.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into executive session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(2)

Discussion or voting on:

Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(A);

Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(B);

Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(C);

Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(D);

Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(E);

X Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic review O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2);

Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2);

Other

5.

During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss same ceased immediately.

The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non-exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting.

This 5th day of July, 2023.

Chair, Grady County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of July, 2023.

Notary Public

My commission expires: Sept. 30, 2025

HOLLY D. MURKERSON  
NOTARY  
EXPIRES  
GEORGIA  
Sept. 30, 2025  
PUBLIC  
GRADY COUNTY

The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Knight 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