

Grady County Board of Commissioners
33 17th Ave NW Cairo, Georgia 39827
Special Called Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting Chair Ray Prince, Yancy Maxwell, Phillip Drew, Sam Kines,
Interim County Administrator Holly Murkerson, County Clerk Katie Hall, HR Director John White.
Absent Vice Chair LaFaye Copeland.

EXECUTIVE DUITES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray Prince at 6:05 p.m.
Invocation and pledge led by Commissioner Yancy Maxwell.
Motion to adopt agenda was made by Phillip Drew, Seconded by Sam Kines. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St., discussed how he doesn't live in the area of this issue but in the past has lived in a city where it was a nuisance and it was miserable living, and he does not suggest the amended time variance for the event.

Belinda Neff, 191 Evergreen Lane, disagrees with the variance, doesn't believe it should be amended due to they have to live with the noise and they can't go and have anything done to make it stop, so the time change should not be given.

Carl Neff, 191 Evergreen Lane, thinks that G.P.F., and commissioners should listen to the community members and come up with some type of agreement and make some changes and implement maybe some type of noise barriers, such as Georgia Pacific did when the community members were complaining about the lights, and noise.

Charlene & Carey Bishop, 209 Evergreen Lane, both spoke against the time change variance, and believes it should not be changed, they say if you give a little each time, then before long they will have everything "they" want, its constant noise and kids riding on the roadways.

Dahl & Belinda Johnson, 131 Evergreen Lane, they want something done that everyone can be in agreeance with, but do not feel the 8 a.m. time change on a Sunday should be allowed. They want to be able to go outside and enjoy their yard and pool time without hearing the "bubblebee" noise constantly.

Ray Woods 891 Bold Springs Rd., Owner of G.P.F. Racetrack and he would like to have a time variance change for a new event that he has never put on before, he has food vendors, patrol, and would like to be able to start at 8 a.m. on Saturday for practice time, for races which start on Sunday and he is asking to start at 8 a.m. on Sunday. He is willing to work with commissioners as well as community members to work on a proper special events ordinance so there will be no more bickering back and forth, and everyone can get along. He is expecting people to come into our community from North Florida, Alabama and surrounding areas.

Commissioner Phillip Drew took the lead and spoke on the good things Mr. Woods does do for the community and the children with scholarships and such. He would like to have a workshop put together where everyone can hash out their differences and we can all come to an agreement and work together for the better good of the community and our community members.

The ordinance in place covers "motor vehicles that are operating on the racetrack", that does not include music sounds or anything else, other than the motor vehicles operating on the racetrack during the operating times.

Sheriff Earl Prince stood up and spoke that if he gets a call about noises from the motor vehicles operating on the track after the allotted hours he will have to enforce the law and write Mr. Woods a ticket.

The commissioners came to an agreement to change the time variance for this event; April 11-13, 2025. Friday will be 8 a.m.-8 p.m.. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Motion was made by Sam Kines, Seconded by Phillip Drew, all approved.

A workshop will be put in place in the next few weeks, possibly on a Saturday to fit schedule for everyone to be able to be in attendance.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Phillip Drew, Seconded by Sam Kines at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order- 6:00 PM
- 2. Invocation/Pledge
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Public Comments
- II. Presentations
 - 1. Public Hearing: Variance Request by Ray Woods for Land Use Regulations
- III. Formal Actions
 - FA-0125: To Approve or disapprove Variance time change for one time only event
- April 12-13,2025
- IV. Adjournment

ATTEST:

KATIE HALL, COUNTY CLERK

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice- Chair

Yancy Maxwell, Commissioner

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

Sam Kines, Commissioner