

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on January 7, 2025, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, Interim County Administrator/Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

Mrs. Murkerson called the meeting to order and asked Mr. White to open with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

Officers: Mrs. Murkerson asked for nominations for Chair.

Chair: Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to nominate Ray Prince as Chair. The motion was approved. Mrs. Murkerson then turned the meeting over to Mr. Prince.

Vice-Chair: Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to nominate LaFaye Copeland for Vice-Chair. The motion was approved.

County Attorney: Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to appoint Gabe Ridley as the county attorney.

County Clerk: Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to appoint John White as county clerk.

E-911 Committee: Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to appoint Chris Dorsey to the E-911 Committee. The motion was approved. Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to appoint Mr. Drew to the E-911 Committee. The motion was approved.

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve Mr. Joe Walden as the non-public member. The motion was approved. Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Sam Kines as the Commissioner representative. The motion was approved.

Georgia Pines Community Service Board: Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to appoint Mrs. Teresa Groves to serve in this position. The motion was approved.

Southwest Georgia Community Action Council: Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to appoint Mrs. LaFaye Copeland to this position. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook would like the meetings to be online. People are concerned about the assessments, and he wants help in getting the process going. HB 987 needs to be passed in the legislature. Need help with tax assessments.

Richard Jordan, 303 Jordan Ln

Mr. Jordan stated that the tax bills have now gone live, and it was a big shock. Need to think outside the box to address the tax bills. Mr. Jordan suggested a FLOST may help this process. May want to look at this to give relief to the taxpayers/property owners. Mr. Drew stated he has been in discussions with Thomas County to get information to decide on this issue.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

MLK Day Parade, January 20, 2025, Line up at 10:00.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve:

C001-25 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/17/2024 and called meeting minutes from 12/19/2024.

C002-25 Approval of Alcohol License Renewal for 2025 for the following business:

Harpreet Singh Makkar, Mallika 1126 Inc. 2499 US Hwy 319 S Thomasville, GA 31792.

C003-25 Approval of M. Everson Plat.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA001-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the purchase of a motor grader from Dobbs for \$282,450.00. The motion was approved. The motor grader will be purchased using SPLOST funds.

FA002-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to not approve the tire repair from Mr. Rhodes. The motion was approved.

FA003-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the lease agreement for Wes Meadows to run the Concessions at Barber Park. The motion was approved. Mr. Ridley will look at the possibility of doing a multi-year lease.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters – Mrs. Murkerson stated that the tax bills are going out. She has sent an email to not spend anything that does not have to be spent until taxes start to be collected. Mr. Worsham stated the bills should go out by this Friday.

Commissioners Matters – Mr. Maxwell stated he appreciates the opportunity to serve Grady County. He will listen to the taxpayers. He hopes we can all work together and find solutions to the issues. He stated it is a privilege to serve on this board.

Mr. Elkins stated that tire amnesty will be held on January 25, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel and Litigation. Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to enter Executive Session at 9:48 am to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to come out of Executive Session at 11:26 am.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control 12-24
- C. Roads and Bridges 12-24
- D.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

January 7, 2025, 9:00 AM

- I. Executive Duties
 - A. Call to Order –9:00 AM
 - B. Invocation/Pledge
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Officers:
 - Chair –
 - Vice-Chair –
 - County Attorney –
 - County Clerk –
 - E 911 Committee –
 - SWGA RC – Non-Public – Joe Walden, Commissioner –
 - Georgia Pines Community Service Board – Teresa Groves
 - E. Public Comments
- II. Presentations
 - None
- III. Correspondence
 - A. Calendar of events

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- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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- V. Formal Actions
 - FA001-25 Approve/Disapprove Motor Grader bid.
 - FA002-25 Approve/Disapprove Rhodes tire damage request.
 - FA003-25 Approve/Disapprove the Barber Park Concessions lease with Wes Meadows.
- VI. New and unfinished Business
 - Administrator Matters
 - Commissioner Matters
- VII. Executive Session
 - Personnel and Litigation
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Attorney’s Report
 - b. Roads and Bridges 12-24
 - c. Animal Control 12-24
 - d.
- VIII. Adjournment

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The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Drew and second by Mr. Maxwell. The motion was approved.

Ray Prince, CHAIR

LaFaye Copeland, VICE-CHAIR

Yancey Maxwell, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Sam Kines, COMMISSIONER

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER