

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on September 3, 2019 at 9:00 am for the regular scheduled meeting. Chair LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, and Executive Assistant Mary Griffin were present.

Mrs. Copeland opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Drew to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

Public Comments

John Monds, 1017 Old Thomasville Rd

Commissioner Prince stated that the SPLOST was not a new tax, but it is. Mr. Monds stated that all the pennies add up. He will vote against the SPLOST and does not like extortion by stating this is going to happen if the SPLOST is not passed. He stated that the Commissioners wanted the citizens to vote to raise taxes.

Betty Godwin, 369 Pine Park Rd

Mrs. Godwin submitted an open records request as she thought the county administrator was being evaluated at today's meeting, she stated that she requested to receive the performance standards for the county administrator but did not receive them. She requested to see where the board had given approval for the County administrator to use a county vehicle to travel home and was told this was given verbally by the commissioners. Mrs. Godwin stated that she estimated that it would cost \$10,000.00 for him to use the county vehicle. It was stated when the trucks were approved that they were for code enforcement and she does not believe they need two trucks. She does not agree with things in his contract.

PRESENTATIONS

Enterprise Fleet Services – Chelsea Carroll, Fleet Account Manager

Mrs. Carroll discussed Enterprise's maintenance program. For a fee of \$6.00 per month per vehicle they will provide routine maintenance at negotiated prices and track the service and maintenance on the vehicles. This program can be used with the shop as well as 154 local shops within a 50-mile radius. The program has an app available that will send alerts for maintenance and assist in locating a location to perform the maintenance. County Administrator Johnson stated that this would free up the shop so it could focus on keeping the heavy equipment repaired.

First Tryon – Tom Woodward

Mr. Woodward works with First Tryon out of Atlanta, GA. Mr. Woodward presented on refinancing the bonds the county has and helping the county improve its credit rating. The presentation showed where the county could see

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regional Planning Commission Meeting – September 17, 2019 3:30 pm

Grady Grown – October 5, 2019

Tentative Tax Digest Public Hearing Dates – These will be discussed in detail during New and Unfinished Business

October 22, 2019 – 9:00 am

October 22, 2019 – 6:00 pm

November 7, 2019 – Time TBD

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion from Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve C018-19- Minutes from regular meeting on August 20,2019. The motion was approved.

Motion from Mr. Moyer, second from Mr. Prince to approve C019-19- Land Plat for Chris Boswell. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA028-19 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Drew to give the County Administrator temporary approval to pay all CDBG funded invoices until the grant is depleted and/or the project is completed, whichever comes first. The motion was approved.

FA029-19 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Master Layout for the Johnson Road/CDBG Project. The motion was approved.

FA030-19 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Knight to award the contract for monitoring the Johnson Road Project to Watkins and associates at \$750.00/month (only other bid was from Poppell Environmental Services for \$800.00/month) and for staking to Joey Brock Land Surveying for \$8,500.00 (two other bids were from Williams Land Surveying for \$8,500.00 per month and Collins Land Surveying for \$6,890.00 but neither company has any liability insurance for the project). The motion was approved.

FA031-19 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Prince to approve contract with Secure Solutions to destroy the old documents for the county commission at a cost of \$1,000.00 and pay \$65.00 per month to store the other documents. The motion was approved.

FA032-19 Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Prince to approve the county administrator to use one of the leased vehicles for work to and from his residence as well as use by the Commissioners Office Staff for travel to and from long distance events when available. The motion was approved by Copeland, Moyer, Prince, and Drew. Knight voted against the motion.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson review the Fuel Tax Exemption Savings through WEX program and reported it being around \$550.00 per month.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the DATE Fund and how it is not able to fund all its projects.

Mr. Johnson discussed the upcoming budget workshops mentioned in the Calendar of Events.

Mr. Johnson stated that with the number of open records requests that are being received that the Commissioners may have to create a position of Open Records Clerk to handle the open records request.

Mr. Prince updated the commissioners on the Lake Authority meeting and that an eagle scout candidate will be building a kiosk at the lake. The project has been approved by the boy scouts.

REPORTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel and Litigation

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Prince to enter Executive Session. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mrs. Knight to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Drew to extend the contract of County Administrator, J.C. "Buddy" Johnson from now until December 31, 2019. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

PHILLIP DREW, COMMISSIONER