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Elwyn Childs, Chairman

LaFaye Copeland, Commissioner

Thomas David, Commissioner

Ray Prince, Vice-Chairman

Keith Moye, Commissioner

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

**Grady County Commissioners' Board Room
250 North Broad Street
Cairo, GA 39828**

The Grady County Board of Commissioners welcomes, appreciates, and encourages participation in the Board of Commissioners Meeting. The Board requests that you limit your public comments to three (3) minutes per person. The Board reserves the right to reasonably limit the total time for Public Comment on any particular noticed agenda item as it may deem necessary.

If you wish to address the Board during the meeting as a presentation, please provide the County Clerk with a topic and any related material prior to consideration of the agenda item.

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GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2017
AGENDA

I. EXECUTIVE DUTIES

- A. Call to Order – 9 AM
- B. Invocation/Pledge
- C. Adoption of Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING – Tentative Millage and Budget

- D. Public Comments
- E. County Attorney's Report

II. PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Calendar of Events

IV. CONSENT ITEMS – Requires one motion for all items

- A. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting and July 18, 2017 Called Meeting
- B. Approve Purchase of New AC Unit
- C. Approve Private Subdivision Plat for Betty N. Bearden

V. COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

VI. FORMAL ACTIONS

- A. Error and Release Request for Katherine D. Thomas and Joseph Lee Thomas

VII. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

****NOTE: There is another Public Hearing on the Millage Rate at 6:00 p.m. tonight**

Correspondence

GRADY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 1, 2017	TUES-9AM	REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC HEARING #1
AUGUST 1, 2017	TUES-6PM	PUBLIC HEARING #2
AUGUST 15, 2017	TUES-6PM	REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC HEARING #3
AUGUST 23-25, 2017	WED-FRI	LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Mr. Prince is attending
SEPTEMBER 4, 2017	MONDAY	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017	TUES-9AM	REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017	TUES-6PM	REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2017	TUES-9AM	REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 11-13, 2017	WED-FRI	LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE Augusta, Georgia

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Cairo City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

Whigham City Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Board meets the fourth Monday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Chamber of Commerce.

The JDA meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Tired Creek Lake Authority meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

The Elijah Franklin American Legion Post #544 meets on the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Legion Hall.

Grady County Historical Society meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Historical Society Building.

The Jake Poller American Legion Post #122 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Cairo Masonic Lodge.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Items are routine and non-controversial items. These items should be considered in one motion. Should an item require discussion, it will be pulled and placed in Formal Actions.

Minutes of Called Meeting July 18, 2017

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met for a Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 with Chairman Elwyn Childs, Vice-Chairman Ray Prince and Commissioners TD David and Keith Moyer in attendance. Also present were County Administrator Carlos Tobar and County Clerk Carrie Croy. Commissioner LaFaye Copeland participated via phone. County Attorney Kevin Cauley was absent.

Chairman Childs called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Prince to offer the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Childs asked that a Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter be added to the Agenda.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adopt the Agenda, with the addition, with Mr. Moyer making the second. The Board approved unanimously.

The purpose of the Called Meeting was to discuss the proposed 2018 Budget. Ms. Tonya Griffin, 911 Director, was present and explained the large increase in her 2018 Budget request. It includes licenses and additional staff needed. A large portion of the increase is federally mandated transferring over to a new system. Ms. Griffin advised there is a proposed new tower at the Reno location in the budget and suggested selling tower space as an income potential.

Mr. Rodney Gordon, EMS Director, asked the Board for a new ambulance explaining that the hospital is requesting more transfers. He advised he would schedule part-timers to cover these transfer requests.

Sheriff Young asked the Board for two additional Deputy hires and two additional vehicles for those employees to be included in 2018.

Mrs. Susan Bennett, Tax Assessor, explained the re-evaluation process that was performed this year thus resulting in increased property values.

Mr. Richard Jordan, from the public, stated this is a "double whammy". Increased property values and increased millage. Mr. Jordan stated he didn't have a problem with the EMS request because they were almost a self sufficient department. He asked the Board to look at lowering costs and scaled down vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. He asked the Board to push the Sheriff's requests into FY 2019. He feels the Sheriff's Office should help generate revenue to offset it's requests. Next Mr. Jordan asked why the Board was removing dump sites if it would not save money. The Board responded because of health reasons, safety hazards and the property owners' requests.

The Board asked Mr. Gordon what the approximate cost for the requested ambulance would be and he responded he was suggesting a refurbished remount at a cost of approximately \$90,000. A new ambulance would cost around \$170,000.

Mr. Tobar advised that the largest increase in budget was due to the E911 upgrades of which we have no choice.

Chairman Childs stated he would rather add an additional specialized drug agent than another deputy because of the drug problem in the County. Judge Pat Pollock agreed with the Chairman but stated there needed to be two Drug Agents. Mr. Childs feels they should work with the City better on eliminating the problem.

Mr. Moyer stated he was inclined to keep the EMS request in the 2018 budget but to eliminate the Sheriff's Office request, which Mr. David stated he wanted to keep both. Mr. Childs responded that with the re-evaluation causing an increase he doesn't want to add even more of one.

Mrs. Croy reminded the Board that they could set the millage rate high and come down after the Public Hearings but they could not raise it.

Once discussion concluded, Mr. Moyer made a motion to adopt the following three items; a tentative millage rate of 14.653, three public hearings to be scheduled on Tuesday, August 1st at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday August 1st at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m. and to adopt the tentative 2018 budget. Mr. Prince made the second with the Board unanimously approving the motion.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter with Mr. David making the second. The Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session. County Administrator Tobar and County Clerk Croy were not present for the Closed Session.

Mr. Prince made a motion to come out of Closed Session with Mr. Moyer making the second. The Board approved unanimously. No action was taken as a result of this session.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. David making the second. The Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 18, 2017

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 with Vice-Chairman Ray Prince and Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, TD David and Keith Moye in attendance. Also present were County Administrator Carlos Tobar, County Attorney Kevin Cauley and County Clerk Carrie Croy. Chairman Elwyn Childs was absent.

Vice-Chairman Prince called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Mr. David to give the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Moye made a motion to adopt the Agenda with Mr. David making the second. The Board approved unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Prince called for Public Comments. Mr. Charles Renaud, 5th Street, spoke about the proposal of the Lake Authority to cut trees at Tired Creek Lake. Mr. Renaud stated that would not improve property assessment when you have twelve chicken houses in front of the house. He further stated that growth needed to be planned for. Mr. Renaud stated "Grady County is in the bottom tier because of the lack of leadership".

Ms. Catherine Yawn asked the Board's help with a tax bill sent to the wrong address. When she went into the office, the system is showing the correct address, but the bill went to the wrong address thus resulting in late charges being added. She was advised by the Board to complete the Error and Release process.

Mr. Richard Jordan, Jordan Road, opposed the cutting of more trees at the lake for \$300.00 per hour. He advised the Board to not vote on this until they receive approval from the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Jordan stated this County has already paid the Bill Dance Company for their services and were advised to leave the standing trees and now the new consultant -- Mr. Butler -- says cut them. Mr. Jordan stated that no one knows what the property value will be. The Board, in his opinion, should concentrate on water and sewer first.

Attorney Cauley advised he was continuing work on the Pine Hills Road project.

Mrs. Nola Daughtry, GSAAP President, presented the Board with an update of activities for the past year and upcoming events for the next. GSAAP is funded by Drug Education Funds from court fines for drug charges. GSAAP is the acronym for Grady Substance Abuse Awareness Prevention.

Ms. Margaret Tyson presented the Board with handouts and pictures of the Ochlocknee River Trail proposal. The group has received a \$1,000.00 grant and would like to build a kiosk at the Hadley Ferry Landing on county land. Ms. Tyson also asked the Board for a resolution of support. Mr. Moye made a motion to authorize the resolution of support and allow the group

to build the kiosk on county land at Hadley Ferry. Mr. David made the second with the Board approving unanimously.

Mr. Will Butler, REI, was present to answer questions concerning his recommendation to cut additional trees at Tired Creek Lake. He began by stating he was working with Mr. Tobar on a Request for Qualifications for Market Research. Mr. Butler stated he wants to make sure the County gets their money. It is his vision for 50-75 foot lots for around \$35,000.00 per lot. Mr. Butler stated it would be a loss in revenue of approximately 4-6 million dollars if additional trees were not cut. Mr. Prince stated he was not willing to vote on cutting additional trees until a letter was received from the Corps of Engineers authorizing this. Mr. Prince explained that the Board has communicated with the Corps requesting this.

Attorney Cauley cautioned against communicating directly with the Corps of Engineers and stated the Board should follow the steps previously taken when communication was needed. Mr. David asked if he meant Laura Benz which Mr. Cauley stated yes.

The original timber contract was discussed as well as in-kind labor being used for a portion of the proposed project. The Market Research Qualifications are due on August 9th which will provide more accurate information according to Mr. Butler. It is Mr. Butler's estimate that it will cost \$100,000 to remove the additional timber and asked the Board to approve one week of work to see progress.

Mr. Richard Jordan, from the public, stated that Bill Dance has already been paid to consult on the timber and that the Board would be throwing money down the drain to cut more trees. Commissioner David stated the Board has been told to leave the trees alone. After discussion ended the Board, for the second time, tabled the Authority's request to cut additional trees at the lake site.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Mr. Moye made a motion to approve the following Consent items with Mr. David making the second. The Board unanimously approved the following items:

- * Minutes from the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting, the July 5, 2017 Workshop and the July 13, 2017 Budget Workshop.
- * Approved SwiftReach Invoice for Emergency Alert System in the amount of \$4,750.00.
- * Approved SWGRC Invoice for Dues Assessment in the amount of \$4,060.38.

Mr. Tobar advised on the following:

*Tall Timbers is willing to raise funds to build a boardwalk at Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve. County may need to apply for a trail grant. Ms. Tyson had spoken about this during her presentation and expressed willingness to work with Mr. Tobar on this grant.

- * Will be working nights and weekends to get ROW deeds signed.
- * Reported on Facebook activity for all of the county sites.
- * Stated he had received requests to place the complete agenda packet on the website. It was the consensus of the Board for him to do so.
- * Will be attending a meeting in Tifton with the DOT and Tollway Authority on Friday, July 21st.
- * The LMIG Application was mailed today, July 18th.
- * Has submitted the quarterly report to DNR for Barber Park project.

Mr. Moye made a motion to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement for an annual cost of \$191,039.88 with Mr. David making the second. The Board approved unanimously.

Mr. David advised the Board he was planning on attending the Rural Development Council in Thomasville the next day, July 19th.

Mr. Tobar advised the Board that each Friday a Shop employee would be going to each VFD station to service the vehicles.

The following Departmental Reports were reviewed:

- * Recreation-June 2017
- * Vehicle Maintenance-June 2017
- * Fuel Reports-June 2017
- * Road Department-June 2017

Mr. David made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting with Mr. Moye making the second. The Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.



AGENDA ITEM **CONSENT B**

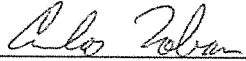
AGENDA TITLE: Approve Purchase of New AC Unit.
MEETING DATE: August 1, 2017
PREPARED BY: County Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve purchase and installation of new AC unit for first floor of courthouse from General Heating & Air Inc for \$5,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The unit that is being replaced is the original unit from 1984. Staff received two bids. Mills Heating, Cooling & Commercial Refrigeration, Inc. from Cairo, GA bid \$5,642. General Heating & Air Inc bid from Cairo, GA bid \$5,000. Staff recommends the low bid.


FISCAL IMPACT: This expense will come from the Buildings and Grounds Major Repairs line item.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Yes



Carlos Tobar, County Administrator

Prepared by Carlos Tobar, County Administrator

Approved: 

Carlos Tobar, County Administrator

FORMAL ACTIONS

No 1288

TAX ERROR / RELEASE REQUEST FORM

NOT ON DIGEST FORM

GRADY COUNTY, GEORGIA prebill Mtt
MAP & PARCEL NO. W1-39.4

BILL NO. 2016-102268
ACCT. NO.

Came before me Katherine D. Thomas Joseph Lee Thomas who being duly sworn, says there is an error in the State, County and school tax for 20 116, of \$ 1998 Homes of Merit FLHMLCB10251827 AB as follows, to wit:

REQUEST A REFUND OF INTEREST + PENALTY (\$45.52)
DUE TO BILL BEING SENT TO WRONG ADDRESS IN ERROR.
BILL WAS SENT TO CORRECT ADDRESS THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

TO TAX COMMISSIONER

Please correct the error complained of

And deponent makes this affidavit that the error may be corrected.

This _____ day of _____ 20_____

Katherine D. Thomas
Signature
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

State Tax\$ _____
County Tax\$ _____
County-Wide School Tax\$ _____
County Bond Tax\$ _____
Levy\$ _____
Cost\$ _____
Interest\$ _____
Penalty\$ _____
FIFA\$ _____
Total\$ 45.52

Board of Assessors have no authority to remove int or penalty.
Tax Assessor _____ Date _____
Susan Bennett 7-26-17
Tax Assessor Approval/Disapproval _____ Date _____
Rambow James 7-26-17
Tax Commissioner _____ Date _____
Tax Commissioner Approval/Disapproval _____ Date _____

This is to certify that the error/relief described herein has been approved by official action at the Grady County Board of Commissioners at the _____ meeting. The Grady County Tax Commissioner is hereby authorized to make the necessary corrections for the error/relief. This action has been recorded in the official minutes of the meeting of the Grady County Board of Commissioners.

Certified Clerk of Grady County Date _____

2017 Mobile Home Tax Statement

Barbara Darus
Grady County Tax Commissioner
114 First ST NE
Cairo, GA 39828
www.qpublic.net/ga/gradytax

Bill No.	Due Date	TOTAL DUE
2017-102277	04/01/2017	.00

Map : 3802 Payment good through: 07/26/2017
Last payment made on: 06/13/2017 Printed: 07/26/2017
Location: 199 WALKER ST

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
Grady County Tax Commissioner

THOMAS KATHERINE D
JOSEPH LEE THOMAS
242 CHRISTOPHER AVE NW
WHIGHAM, GA 39897

* This tax bill serves as your notice of assessment and appraised value.
* You have the right to appeal these values to the county Board of Tax Assessors
* An appeal must be filed no later than 45 days from date of this bill.
* After this date the right to file an appeal is lost.
* For further information on the proper method to file an appeal, please contact the Tax Assessor's office (229) 377-3325.

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT



Barbara Darus
Grady County Tax Commissioner
114 First ST NE
Cairo, GA 39828
www.qpublic.net/ga/gradytax

Tax Payer: THOMAS KATHERINE D
Map Code: 3802 M.H.(N.H.S.)
Description: 1998 HOMES OF MERIT BAY MANOR
Bill No: 2017-102277
District: 102 WHIGHAM MOBILE HOMES

Phone: (229) 377-3322 Fax: (229) 377-5410

Mobile Home		
Year	Make	Model/Ref#
1998	HOMES OF MERIT	BAY MANOR B-2893-8

Year	Decal Number	Size		Serial Number	Fair Market Value	Due Date	Payment			
		Width	Length				Good Through			
2017	2229	28	66	FLHMLCB102518577AB	27,926	04/01/2017	07/26/2017			
Entity		Adjusted FMV	Net Assessment	Exemptions	Taxable Value	Millage Rate	Gross Tax	Credit	Net Tax	
STATE TAX		27,926.00	11,170.00		11,170.00	.0000			.00	
COUNTY TAX		27,926.00	11,170.00		11,170.00	16.6140	185.58		152.51	
SALES TAX CREDIT					11,170.00	-2.9610		-33.07		
SCHOOL TAX		27,926.00	11,170.00		11,170.00	14.2000	158.61		158.61	
WHIGHAM CITY TAX		27,926.00	11,170.00		11,170.00	6.2550	69.87		69.87	
TOTALS						34.1080	414.06	-33.07	360.99	

This gradual reduction and elimination of the state property tax millage rate is the result of property tax relief passed by the Governor and the House of Representatives and the Georgia State Senate.

This was paid June 13 2017 due 4/1/17

If you no longer own this mobile home please contact the Tax Assessor Office @ 229-377-3325. *I have no return mail that says this didn't get delivered. I advertised the due date in the Cairo Messenger. I don't have the authority to remove penalty or interest*

Current Due	360.99
Penalty	38.10
Interest	6.42
Other Fees	1.00
Previous Payments	426.51
Back taxes	.00
TOTAL DUE	.00

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