

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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**December 21, 2018, Special Called Meeting**

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 8 AM for a Special called meeting. Chairman Ray Prince, Commissioners Keith Moye, LaFaye Copeland, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, and Finance Director Holly Murkerson were all in attendance. Commissioner T.D. David was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM by Chairman Prince. Commissioner Copeland led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Moye made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend the agenda to add a closed session to discuss employment issues. Unanimous Approval

Public Comments were asked for my Chairman Prince.

Randy Wind said Merry Christmas.

Mr. Moye made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Copeland to go into executive or closed session at 0806 hours. Unanimous Approval

Mr. Moye made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Knight to return to regular session at 0815 hours. Unanimous Approval

Mrs. Copeland made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Moye to accept the new holiday changes for 2019, specific to Veteran's day being a work day for the county so that employees could participate in the local ceremonies and the addition of Christmas Eve being an official holiday off. Unanimous Approval

Mr. Moye made a motion seconded by Mrs. Copeland to approve a Rumbles Copier Contract for the Road Department/Recreational Department. This contract included 3 new computer terminals for the recreational department to be leased for 5 years. This contract in its entirety will allow for the continued upgrade of the two copiers plus the addition of the 3 new computers at a cost of \$12.00 per month over five years. Unanimous Approval

Mr. Johnson made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to hire Mr. John White of Cairo as the Human Resource Director to fill the open vacant position.

Mr. Moye made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the hire of Mr. John White for the vacant Human Resource Director position. Approved by Mr. Moye, Mrs. Knight, and Chairman Prince. Mrs. Copeland dissented, stating that she personally felt Mr. White's position on the Grady County School Board was a conflict of interest. Motion Passed.

Mr. Moye in new business stated that he wished to publically state that the Board of Commissioners was familiar with the relationship between the Financial Director Mrs. Holly Murkerson and her Daughter Mrs. Landis Thomas who is the President of New hire Solutions, the company which was accepted on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 to take over

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management of the payroll for Grady County. Because there is no direct financial gain for Mrs. Murkerson and because the recommendation was made by Mr. Johnson, no conflict exists.

Mr. Johnson stated that the discussions with New Hire Solutions were taking place before Mrs. Murkerson was hired at Grady County. He also stated that bids were gathered to insure a fair and reasonable price was reached for the payroll need.

A motion was made by Mr. Moye to adjourn and seconded by Mrs. Copeland. Unanimous Approval