

**GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 16, 2018, Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on October 16th, 2018 at 6 PM for a regular bi-monthly meeting. Chairman Ray Prince, Co-Chair T.D. David, Commissioners Keith Moyer, LaFaye Copeland, June Knight, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, and Attorney Jennifer Herzog were all in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6PM by Chairman Prince. Mr. T.D. David led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegence.

Mr. Moyer made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knight to adopt the agenda. 5/0 Approved

Public Comments were asked for my Chairman Prince. No comments were made.

Mr. Moyer made a motion seconded by Mr. David to go into executive session 5/0 approved

The Board of Commissioners crossed the hall into the Courthouse conference room for a closed session meeting to discuss personnel matters with the attorney and Mr. Perry Henry (CPA) and auditor.

The Board of Commissioners returned to regular session.

The chair moved to correspondence on the agenda and the calendar of events. Director of EMA and Fire Chief Richard Phillips was recognized to speak on the subject of the Mule Day Celebration. Mrs. Copeland interrupted with a word of praise to Chief Phillips and all of the first responders and their efforts during the Hurricane Michael recovery effort. All the Board members echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Copeland. A round of applause was extended by all attendees in the meeting.

Director Phillips humbly credited all who assisted in the process.

He continued stating that the County, due to the storm needs, would not be able to directly support the Mule Day event as all resources needed would be unable to turn loose of their regular duties during the recovery efforts that will go on for months. This included neighboring County support that is needed for the Mule Day Event. He stated that Captain Chris Luckey would be meeting with the Lions Club to inform them that resources would simply be unavailable to assist in this year's Mule Day Celebration. Mr. Johnson clarified that if the event did go forth that 911 calls would be responded to but resources would not be on site and wait times would inevitably be longer depending on the location of the resource at the time of the call. Director Phillips agreed.

Chairman Prince and Mr. Moyer both verbally concurred with Chief Phillips assessment. There was no opposition to Chief Phillips assessment by the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Prince called for a motion to approve all consent items. A motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mrs. Knight to accept the and approve the minutes from October 2nd, the Family Subdivision Plot for John Riley Dollar, Guy Harrell Dollar, and Edmund Franklin Dollar, and the Family Subdivision Plot for the Hunter Estate. 5/0 approved

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The Chair recognized the local leader for the Boys and Girls Club Smart Move program. A short presentation was given by Club Director Mr. Stephen Francis on the benefits of the program and the need for continued support of it by the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Mrs. Copeland and seconded by Mr. Moye to approve \$20,000.00 continued support to the program. 5/0 passed

Administrator Johnson stated that Item B under formal actions was no longer necessary to address as it had been approved in a prior meeting in August 2018.

The Board allowed EMA Director Phillips to address the Board of Commissioners with a proposal to approve an EMA partnership with the City of Cairo Fire Chief Bill Schafer. Director Phillips stated that he would like to have Chief Schafer as a Deputy Director for the EMA to help with the high volume tasks that occur during large scale disasters and other EMA needs. He stated this would also help bridge any communication gaps between the City and County public safety and first responders for emergencies. Mr. Johnson did clarify that this was not an addition to the County Payroll as Chief Schafer would need to have approval of the City Council as they would be funding him during the EMA events. A motion was made by Mr. Moye and seconded by Mrs. Copeland to approve the addition of Chief Schafer as the deputy EMA director. Mrs. Knight commented that this was an excellent idea and would be very beneficial to the county. 5/0 Passed

The Chairman called for new business. Mrs. Knight asked for an update on Will Butler. Chairman Prince stated that a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday October 24 with Will Butler to get a full scale update on progress from the meetings he, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Toole attended in Tallahassee. Mrs. Knight stated that he needed to have something or it was time to let him go. She stated the County could not afford to keep paying him.

Mrs. Copeland inquired about the USDA clean air study. Chairman Prince and Mr. Johnson stated that the matter was tabled and that if a study was requested by and USDA employee, it should be conducted by the USDA. There is nothing to indicate a problem with the air quality of the building.

Chief/Director Phillips was asked to give a summary of the Storm and the response and recovery efforts to the Board of Commissioners and those in attendance. He gave a very thorough summary of the situation. Mr. Johnson reiterated his support of EMA Director Phillips job during the disaster recovery efforts and went on to say it was as good a job as he had seen by anyone in that position. The Board of Commissioners thanked him again for a job well done.

Chairman Prince reminded the board of the animal control report in the packet and no verbal report would be needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Moye and seconded by Mrs. Copeland to adjourn. 5/0 passed at 8:09 PM

 Approval
10/25/2016