

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 2nd, 2018

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 with Chairman Ray Prince, Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, June Knight and Keith Moye in attendance. Co-Chairman T.D. David was unable to attend. Also present were County Administrator Buddy Johnson and County Clerk Carrie Croy.

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Commissioner Copeland to offer the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Prince made a change to the agenda order and moved presentations to the end in order to give the 4-H students time to arrive.

Commissioner Moye made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Copeland made the second with the Board approving unanimously.

Mr. Mike Moss, Piney Grove Road, provided the Board with a handout titled "Questions for Grady Commissioners for Regulations of Solar Farms". Mr. Moss asked the individual questions from the handout which totaled three. The Commission answered all three questions.

1. Is there a limit to how many solar farms are allowed on a two mile dirt road? (A)
2. How much land is considered county land from the road center that would allow for paving the road in the future? (A)Varies 40-80 feet
3. Have the Commissioners considered buffer to include plant material such as cypress trees around the perimeter of solar farms? (A) Yes

Mr. Moss went on to express a need for increased distance in property lines up to 100 feet and 500 feet from homes. He asked for public hearings on each farm.

Mr. David Wright, Pine Park Road, Voiced his disapproval of the ACCG decision to deny the claim for damages caused to Rachel Barrineau's vehicle on Pine Park Road in August of this year. He stated that he received a letter citing that Grady County did not have any money to pay the damages. Administrator Johnson questioned the letter stating that money was the reason for the denial. Mr. Wright clarified that it was not a letter but a phone conversation he had with "someone" from the county. The letter received was the ACCG denial letter only.

Commissioner Knight asked if caution signs were up and Mr. Wright responded no.

Ms. Patty Reddick, Pine Lake Drive asked for an update on road repairs in that community. (A) Work will begin soon. The Grant has been approved.

Ms. Debbie Johnson, Asking status on armed mower repair as Hadley Ferry Road was in need of attention.

Chairman Prince responded that there were two mowers down now and we would be working hard to get all repaired.

Mrs. Croy went over the calendar of events with Board. No changes.

A request for a motion to approve all consent items was made by the Chair. Mr. Johnson stated that the Verbal Approval for the Sheriff's Office Server had one opposing vote and would need to be handled separately. A motion was made by Mr. Moye and Seconded by Mrs. Copeland to vote on items A,C,D,E. Mr. Johnson stated that all items had been looked at and appeared to be in proper order. The vote was 4/0 to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Moye to approve the expense of 6400.00 (non budgeted) for the Sheriff's office server which went down completely. Discussion from Mrs. Knight was that she would not vote for this or any other extra expense as long as the county was paying for Will Butler's services as his monthly fee would pay this and many other bills.

Mr. Johnson respectfully disagreed with Mrs. Knight's vote as the server is a necessary item that the Sheriff's office cannot perform its Jail duties without it. Mrs. Croy stated that the money was in the 2017 budget but was left off out of the 2018 budget unintentionally.

A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Copeland and the vote was 3/1 to pass. Dissenting vote by Mrs. Knight.

Formal Action A. relating to a requested air quality study at the USDA offices was tabled by Chairman Prince with the need for further explanation of why this expense was necessary. No motion made.

Formal Action B. to increase the County Administrator's spending authority was passed 4/0 (motion by Moye, Second by Copeland) to approve to 10,000.00. Amount was based on surrounding Governments to Grady County. Most were 20,000.00 and up. Mr. Johnson was fine with the increase to 10,000.00 for now as it would allow for bulk items and other technology expenses to occur at less cost. Board did agree that all expenses approved by County Administrator should be budgeted or approval would be needed. Mr. Johnson agreed.

Formal Action C. to adopt regulations governing activities on and around Tired Creek Lake was passed 4/0. Motion by Moye, Second by Copeland) Director Binion presented the changes to the Board regarding the Hunting regulations and requirements.

Under New/Unfinished Business, Commissioner Knight asked about Old 179 road construction status, Open Pond Road Status, and Will Butler Status. Johnson advised that he and Chair of the Lake Authority, Mr. Toole, would be meeting with Mr. Butler the next day in Tallahassee to discuss his progress and meet with his clients directly. Mrs. Knight stated that they would have to produce.

Commissioner Copeland asked about the Border Road Progress and could concrete and rock be brought in to help fix some of the issues. Also she requested a replacement sign be put up at Merritt Road.

Chief Richard Phillips presented a software need for disaster tracking that could be paid for out of recently received reimbursement moneys. The software cost would be 4167.22 and city would split cost of renewal yearly. Thomas County was also looking into this software. It would pay for itself as it helps track ALL expenses from a disaster for reimbursements. A motion made by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Copland to pay for the software with the 76,000.00 reimbursed funds only. Passed 4/0.

Presentation from local 4-H club by Mr. Deron Rehberg thanking the Board of Commissioners. The Board Chair recognized the 4H members and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Johnson read the National 4-H Week Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners to the Local 4-H Club in Grady County. The proclamation was read aloud and all members present signed it. Mr. TD. David will sign at a later time and then the document will be delivered to them.

Mr. Moye made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mrs. Copeland making the second. The Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.
