

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 7, 2017

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 with Chairman Elwyn Childs, Vice-Chairman Ray Prince, Commissioners Thomas David, LaFaye Copeland and Keith Moyer in attendance. Also present were County Administrator Carlos Tobar and County Attorney Kevin Cauley. County Clerk Carrie Croy was out of town for training.

Chairman Childs called the Regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Cauley to offer the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tobar asked to move Formal Action A - Authorization to hire temporary worker to below the Public Hearing. Mrs. Copeland asked that Consent Item C be moved to Formal Actions.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adopt the Agenda, with these changes, with Mr. David making the second. The Board gave their unanimous approval.

Chairman Childs called for Public Comments. None were offered.

Attorney Cauley advised that he and Mr. Tobar were working on ROW issues with Johnson Road and State Park Road. Also, the Legislation changing the Commissioner's compensation is making its way through the process and should be passed soon.

Chairman Childs opened the Public Meeting at 9:10 a.m. The purpose of the Public Meeting was to discuss the Close Out of the CDBG Project. Mr. Tobar announced that the Quarterly reports were available for viewing and that he would be glad to answer any questions from the Public. Mr. Tobar also gave an overview of the project.

After no comments were presented, Mr. Prince made a motion to close the Public Hearing with Mr. David making the second. The Board unanimously approved closing the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. and resuming the Regular Meeting.

The request to hire a Temporary Employee, to fill the position of a current employee who will be on a medical leave, in the Tax Assessor's Office was discussed. Mr. Prentiss Mitchell of the Tax Assessor Board was present to answer questions. Some applications received from a previous job opening will be forwarded for review. The Board would like for this position to become Full Time at some point in the near future due to increased workload. It was stated that there is a need for two additional staff members to be added. Mr. Moyer made a motion to hire a temporary employee for the Tax Assessor's Office with Mr. Prince making the second. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Calendar of Events and a Thank Letter to Emergency Personnel were reviewed.

Mr. Moyer motioned to approve the below listed Consent Items, with one item pulled for discussion. Mr. David seconded with unanimous approval from the Board. Consent Items approved were:

- Approved minutes from the January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- Scheduled Pre-Application Public Hearing for CDBG Project for drainage and road improvement. The Public Hearing will be on February 21, 2017.
- Ratified Verbal Approval to purchase a fixed pier and gangway from Crescent Marine in the amount of \$14,095.00.
- Approved Payment of three Invoices as follows: Thomson Reuters (Manatron) in the amount of \$9,942.34, Schneider (qPublic) in the amount of \$4,500.00 and KBS & Associates (legal fees) in the amount of \$6,727.80.
- Approved Amending the 2016 Budget.
- Tabled the request to Lease a Motorgrader in the amount of \$2,892.43 from John Deere. Discussion occurred concerning this item – Lease vs. Purchase.
- Approved the Error and Release Request from James H. Merritt in the amount of \$3,155.33.

Mr. Tobar advised on the following items:

City of Cairo is holding a Public Hearing for the annexation of 20th Street.

The City is paying for a third of the cost of Fireworks for the Fourth of July.

* The Striping began in the Southeast part of the County. Quality control checks are being conducted in the evenings.

* The Audit has started. Congratulate the Staff on a great 2016 and being ready to begin this early in the year.

* Concession RFP has been advertised with bids due February 15th.

* Grant money and LMIG money has been received. The notice to proceed for Old 179 is next Monday. The Public must obey the Road Closed Signs or they will get wet cement on their vehicles. You gave Verbal Approval for additional cement.

* Time Line for Old 179 received. Road Dept. can begin work. There may be overtime and rental of equipment costs. Earth work will be completed by the end of March 2018.

* EMS has receipted 700K in revenue for 2016. Congratulations to Mr. Gordon and his team.

* Tri County Water finished water lines at Lewis Lane Subdivision.

* Gainous and Cedar Springs Road Building will be advertised next Wed, with the Board awarding the contract at the March 21st meeting. Outstanding job by the Road Department.

The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Integration for Fire and EMS was discussed. Mr. Rodney Gordon, EMS Director, explained the system and need for. This program is used to write run reports for submittal to State. The system would be provided by Image Trend Software. Mr. Gordon advised that GPS was used and this system has advanced capabilities. Mr. Prince made a motion to purchase the CAD Integration system in the amount of \$6,750.00 for a one-time fee and \$1,750.00 annually. Mrs. Copeland made the second with the Board giving their unanimous approval. Contingency Funds will be used for this purchase.

Mr. Moyer recommended and made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Bearden to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Copeland seconded with the Board giving their unanimous approval of the appointment.

Mr. Prince made a motion to expend \$4,000.00 towards the Fireworks display on July 4th with Mrs. Copeland making the second. The Board approved unanimously. Mrs. Copeland asked if they have to come back before us annually. She was advised yes.

Mrs. Copeland spoke about the Work session for the pool concerning the Committee formed. She stated she had originally asked a person from the public not affiliated with the pool be appointed to the committee. She feels that decisions about this should have been brought before the Board. Mr. Prince and Mr. Moyer advised that no decisions had been made and items will be brought to the Board for discussion and approval. They stated that Cox Pools has been contacted for an estimate and Mr. Prince explained the design the Committee was looking at.

The following January 2017 Departmental Reports were reviewed.

Animal Control

Fuel Reports

Mr. Prince stated this Board needs to give direction to the Lake Authority. He feels the Board needs to have a Joint Meeting with the Authority. Mr. Childs feels that it should be before the Board's next meeting.

Mr. Wind asked why a Verbally Approved item was not ratified today. Mr. Tobar advised he did not have all of the data. He asked Mr. Tobar were there any other items that have not been ratified. Mr. Wind asked how the Board can verbally approve an item without all of the information. Mr. Tobar stated the verbal approval was an "up to amount" not the exact amount. After discussion, Mr. Moyer made a motion to expend up to \$30,000.00 to Cox Pools for design plans. Mrs. Copeland made the second with the Board unanimously approving.

Mr. Prince made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate with Mrs. Copeland making the second. The Board approved unanimously to go into Closed Session.

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

Mr. Tobar had two additional items needing attention. He asked the Board to retain the services of Roberson and Associates to write the CDBG Grant and the services of Watkins and Associates to perform the engineering work. They only get paid if we are awarded the grant.

Mr. Prince made a motion to retain the services of Roberson and Associates and Watkins and Associates. Mr. Moye made the second with the Board unanimously approving.

Mr. Childs announced that the Extension Office carried eight 4-Hers to Rock Eagle last weekend for district competition. Seven of the eight won first place in district.

Mr. David stated that he and Mr. Moye have been researching ways to improve the Solid Waste situation. They both have contacted people to see if there were any ideas. Is there a better way? They are continuing to look into.

Mr. David stated he was still looking at Animal Control; they have been operating the same for eighteen years. Can we streamline the procedures, change or improve? The Board all stated that it is one of the best run departments of all- they don't know where this is coming from. Mrs. Copeland asked what the Animal Control Director feels. Mr. David advised he is opposed to what he was looking into. It was the consensus of the Board to leave as is and not pursue other possibilities. Mr. David was opposed to this feeling of the Board.

Mr. Childs thanked the Board and community for their support of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Moye made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Prince making the second. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.