

## **GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on March 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the regular scheduled meeting. Chair LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners June Knight, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Copeland. Deacon Anthony Ward opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda for the meeting was approved on a motion by Mrs. Knight and second by Mr. Moye.

Mrs. Copeland asked for public comments. Mrs. Feraby Moye was called on as time keeper.

Barbara Darus, Tax Commissioner, wanted to let the board know that the state is switching to a new motor vehicle software and her office will be closed on Thursday May 23 and Friday May 24 in order to perform the switch of software. The office will also be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Alicia Larken Cartwright, Whigham, GA, stated she moved back to the county a year and a half ago and pays \$9,000.00 in property taxes. She stated she is embarrassed by the condition of 179 North. She has had chunks of asphalt hit her car and has had to have the wheels re-aligned due to the road conditions. She stated the county needs to stop spending money on "the pond" and address the roads especially 179 North. Commissioner Prince responded to her stating that they are working on the road and it will be fixed. The crew cannot work on the road when it is wet. Mrs. Cartwright stated it should have already been done.

Peter Wright, Stevens Road, stated that Mrs. Cartwright is correct about the road and that applies all over the county.

The board asked for a report from County Attorney Ridley on the Johnson Rd CDBG project. Mr. Ridley stated letters were sent out to the six property owners and he has only heard back from one. The next step will be for the appraisal to take place and that can take up to four weeks. After the appraisals, the condemnation process will start. Hopefully the process will be completed in three to six months.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Copeland presented Lake Authority Appreciation plaques to Travis Bryant and Randy Wind as they have rotated off the Lake Authority.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Calendar of Events was reviewed and a note made that the Regional Fair Housing Conference will take place on Thursday April 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm at Albany James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion from Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2019 regular meeting and the Exempt Plat Non-Approved Building Plat for Ellen Hicks. The motion was approved.

#### **FORMAL ACTIONS**

- A. Motion was made by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince to approve a copier lease for the Probate Court from Rumbles for \$270.00 for thirty-six months. The motion was approved.

- B. Motion made by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince to pay the invoice from Watkins and Associates for \$18,226.10. The county will pay \$10,948.50 and the remaining \$7,277.60 will come from the grant. The motion was approved
- C. Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Moye to approve the Decatur/Grady Motorola Service Agreement for \$19,850.00 per year. The motion was approved.
- D. Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Knight to appoint Mr. Prince to the Grady County Lake Authority as the board's representative. The motion was approved with Mr. Prince abstaining. This will be for the remainder of Mr. Prince's term as Commissioner.
- E. Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Moye to appoint Mrs. Sherry Moncrief to the Library Board to serve out Mr. T.D. David's term. The motion was approved.
- F. Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to lease 2 GMC Sierra 1500 limited vehicles starting in June for \$596.72 each. The motion was approved.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Mr. Johnson asked for the board's permission to have Vesta Modular come and get the modular unit at Tire Creek Lake and we look at other options. The board agreed to move forward in this direction.
- B. Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince for District Attorney Joe Mulholland's office to provide an Assistant District Attorney for Juvenile Court proceedings at no cost to the county. The motion was approved.
- C. Informed the board that the lawsuit by B.K. Rentals & Investments, LLC was dismissed by the Appellant Court.
- D. Mr. Johnson requested permission to explore placing signage at the courthouse parking lot identifying which offices are located at the courthouse and what floor they are located on. The board approved moving forward with this option.

Ray Prince stated people are calling about people parking and fishing along 112 at the lake. Mr. Johnson stated he will speak with Georgia DOT about the possibility of signage.

Mrs. Copeland asked about State Park Road and when it would be open. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Prince stated there was still a lot of dirt to be moved and work to be done before it can be opened.

Mr. Johnson asked for the commissioners to keep Rodney Gordon in their prayers as his mother passed unexpectedly.

**REPORTS**

- A. Roads and Bridges Department
- B. EMS

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moye and second by Mr. Prince. The motion was approved.

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LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

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KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

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RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

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JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

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JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

