

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on August 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the regular scheduled meeting. Chair LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair Keith Moye, Commissioners Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and Executive Assistant Mary Griffin were present. Commissioner Knight was not able to attend as she was at training.

Mr. Prince opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

PRESENTATIONS

Michelle Dean- Private Dumpster Options

Mrs. Dean opened by thanking the Board of Commissioner for their service and their work on the trash issues in Grady County. Mrs. Dean wanted to encourage the board to continue to work on the trash solution for Grady County.

Mrs. Dean spoke about when she lived in Leon County and they mandated curbside trash pickup. She was not excited about the \$21.00 per month pickup fee but quickly saw the benefits. Property values increased due to curbside pickup. Litter on the roadways improved. Mrs. Dean cited a study by Keep America Beautiful which stated that property values can improve as much as 66% when trash and litter issues are dealt with. Mrs. Dean has started curbside pickup at her residence and encourages the Board of Commissioners to look at mandating curbside pickup for the county. She states that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

Thad Wright – 2020 Census

Mr. Wright is a Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. He stated that there will be an ad campaign pushing people to complete the 2020 Census online. Mr. Wright stated that online completion will be required with the 2030 Census. He stressed the importance of a local Complete Count Committee to help use the networks in the local community in order to get the citizens to complete the Census.

Mr. Wright stated that census information is used to determine funds for Section 8 housing, Title 1, and grants. The census is also used to determine representation in Congress, State Legislature, and the creation of district lines. The Census is a driving force with the economy.

The census has nine questions and should take nine minutes to complete. Mr. Wright followed up and answered a couple of questions from the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Knight will be in training August 21, 22, and 23.

Grady Grown will be October 5, 2019.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion from Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the following Consent items,

C-016-19 Minutes from the August 6, 2019 regular meeting and C-017-19 Minutes from the August 6, 2019 Budget workshop. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA021-19 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve payment of invoice #3635 for Perry Henry and Associates, LLC in the amount of \$13,559.50. The motion was approved.

FA022-19 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Drew to approve stock pipe purchase from Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company at the bid cost of \$29,625.60. The motion was approved.

FA023-19 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve/ratify the removal of the 4.75 mil increase option made at the August 6, 2019 budget workshop meeting. The motion was approved.

FA024 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve and Amend line item 100-6100-13-522230 "machine and equipment repairs" with an increase up to \$7756.00 from line item 100-1565-15-531730 "buildings and grounds repair" for the purchase of a new ZG227A-54 shaft driven mower from South Georgia Tractor for the recreation department. The motion was approved.

FA025-19 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Moye to approve all line item amendments presented by Finance Director Murkerson for the 2019 budget. The motion was approved.

FA026-19 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve and adopt the 2020 Census Resolution as presented by Human Resources Director White. The motion was approved.

FA027-19 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Moye to approve an Alcohol Beverage License for the Zodiac Lounge, LaQuan Gurley. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Richard Phillips reviewed the ISO report. Due to the work of Chief Phillips and all the volunteer firemen, the ISO rating went from a 6/9 to a 5/5x effective November 1, 2019. Mr. Phillips stated that he still has plenty of testing to complete and he will be working diligently this fall to complete the pump testing that is required.

Stanley Elkins gave an update on the manned trash sites. The site at the recreation department should be open next week and the one on Ridge Road will be the next site developed.

Mr. Elkins also requested the board's permission to apply for the tire amnesty grant. Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to apply for the tire amnesty grant. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnson addressed the board and the topic of his address was Lead, Follow, or Get out of the way. Mr. Johnson thanked the board for their support and their willingness to work together.

REPORTS

- A. Roads and Bridges
- B. Shop

ADJOURNMENT

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

LAFAYE COPELAND, CHAIR

KEITH MOYE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

PHILLIP DREW, COMMISSIONER

