

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020 Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moyer, June Knight, Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, Financial Director Holly Murkerson, Executive Assistant Mary Griffin, County Attorney Gabe Ridley and Road Superintendent Stanley Elkins were present. Mrs. Copeland was absent from the meeting due to the death of her husband.

Mr. Moyer opened the meeting with the Public Hearing for the Abandonment of a portion of Asbell Lane.

Mr. Ridley explained the public hearing was being held in accordance to the ordinance for road abandonment. The portion that is being considered is 1200 ft long by 60 ft wide for a total of about 1.62 acres. The land was deeded to the county in 1995 by Mr. Kenneth Hicks. Mr. Hicks stated there was a mistake in the deed and he asked for the land to be returned in 2020. As best as Mr. Ridley can determine, the property has never been maintained as a road by the county. Mr. Ridley stated that the board must find that that it is in the best interest of the public to abandon the portion of Asbell Lane or that the road is of no benefit to the public. Mr. Ridley stated that if it is decided to abandon the portion of roadway, then it will be offered to Mr. Hicks to see if he would like to purchase the property and if not then it will be sold at public auction.

Mr. Prince stated that there would be an easement for all property owners, and no one would be land locked. Mr. Ridley stated the easement in the original plat would still exist.

Mr. Elkins, Road Superintendent, stated that they have never maintained that portion of the road.

Tommy White, 251 Asbell Lane

Mr. White stated that he would be landlocked on a portion of his property and is satisfied with how it is now. He would prefer to have no one own the land except for the county.

David Dunn, 257 Asbell Lane

Mr. Dunn lives at the end of the proposed section of road that may be abandoned and is in favor of shutting the road down. Mr. Dunn provided pictures of the lane showing it is a grass lane and has never been maintained. Mr. Dunn stated this is only a driveway for his property and he keeps the grass mowed. He stated there is no reason for the public to come down as his property is at the end of the road.

Tommy White, 2nd time

Mr. White stated that Mr. Dunn wants to purchase the property. Mr. White states he has had people tell him he could not use the lane and Mr. White stated he may want to purchase the property.

Mr. Moyer stated that the board will not vote tonight but will take the comments under advisement and do more research. Mr. Moyer stated a vote would be taken at the meeting on September 1, 2020.

Mr. Moyer closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Mr. Moyer asked Mr. Ridley to give the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the agenda with the understanding that item C055-20 may be removed after information is provided by Attorney Ridley. The motion was approved.

Public Comments

Richard Jordan, 303 Jordan Rd

Mr. Jordan spoke about the commissioners using the Senior Center building as an administration building. Mr. Jordan stated it is a power grab after the commissioners closed the Senior Center. He stated that we should look after our seniors and if nothing else it should be used as a Social Center.

Holly Stokely, 478 Stewart Rd

Mrs. Stokely stated that she was the director of the Senior Center when it was shut down. She stated that seniors needed a place to go where they can love on each other. Mrs. Stokely feels as if the rental for events and public donations could support the Senior Center.

Mr. Jordan further commented that there is space here at the courthouse that could be used. Mr. Jordan stated we need to look at what is the best use for the building and what is best for our senior citizens.

Mr. Moyer pointed out that the commissioners did not close the senior center as Mr. Jordan had stated.

Mr. Johnson stated he met yesterday with Mrs. Nola Daughtry and the Ministerial Association to come up with a plan for our seniors to meet at local churches for activities. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Senior Center could still be rented out for events after hours.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Lake Authority on Tuesday September 1, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Ridley addressed C055-20, the Quit Claim Request for property down in Reno. Mr. Ridley stated he went all the way back to deed book one and could not find where any roadways or alleyways were ever deeded or given to the county from the plats laid out in Reno by J. N. Maxwell. Mr. Ridley stated the county has no ownership in the land in Reno so we cannot sign a Quit Claim deed as we have no interest in the property.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Ridley will speak with Mrs. Chason and work on a resolution if one is determined to be needed.

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

C054-200 Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes from 08/03/2020, Regular Meeting Minutes from 8/04/2020, and Workshop Meeting Minutes from 8/06/2020.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA 0055-20 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to table lifting the Chicken House Moratorium and scheduling a workshop for Chicken Houses discussion. The motion was approved.

FA 0056-20 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the purchase of a Diamond Mower attachment to meet DOT requirements from Flint Equipment for \$10,599.00. The other bid was from Yancey Brothers for \$12,578.00. The motion is approved.

FA 0057-20 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve moving forward with the ABM Recommendations presents. The motion was approved.

FA 0058-20 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the ABM Resolution. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson stated that inspections were completed with the Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds/Code Enforcement. Mr. Johnson praised the work that Mr. Hugh Pollock and his crew do to make the fields look as good as they do.

Mr. Johnson stated that State Park Road is paved, and they have started to plant grass for erosion control. They are now getting ready to move forward with Open Pond Road.

Mr. Johnson stated that the audit presentation will be on September 1, 2020 as well as the Bond Reissuance.

Mr. Johnson reported that the new ambulance is in service and Mr. Moyer stated the EMS workers were very pleased with it.

Mr. Drew stated that he has training at the end of this week.

Mrs. Knight stated that after talking with Stanley, she would like the county to investigate contracting for the mowing of the right of ways for county roads. Mr. Johnson stated he will get with Stanley and issue an RFP to look at the cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to enter Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to exit Executive Session.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Roads and Bridges
- C. Animal Control

ADJOURNMENT

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

KEITH MOYE, CHAIR

PHILLIP DREW, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JUNE KNIGHT, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK