

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2022, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on January 4, 2022, at 9:03 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, June Knight, Phillip Drew, Ray Prince, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. Commissioner LaFaye Copeland participated by phone.

Mr. Drew opened the meeting with the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 17, 2022

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mr. Prince to approve

C001-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/21/2021 meeting.

C002-22 Ratify vote to approve the emergency purchase of new software for the Magistrate Office for a cost of \$25,000.00. The money will come from the ARPA funds.

C003-22 Approve plat for Fountain, plat for Ruddell, and plat for Williams

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA001-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the telephone system bid from Odum Communication at a cost of \$41,167.50. The motion was approved. The other bid was provided from Windstream.

FA002-22 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to reappoint Mr. Phillip Corker and Mr. Gary Jones to the Planning Commission. The motion was approved.

FA003-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Moye to appoint Mr. Joe Walden, Non-Public, and Mrs. June Knight, Public to serve on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for the 2022 year. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Drew gave an update on the Paving Projects in the county. Phase II of Pine Park Road should be starting soon.

Next will be Mizpah Rd and then we will look and see about Sunset Lane.

Mr. Johnson provided an update as to where the county is at today.

Mr. Johnson stated that these were the issues three years ago:

No Interagency Communication/Cooperation,

SPLOST 1 issue – pool, what to do,

Road Conditions,

Budgeting/Finance issue,

No Leadership,
In Fighting,
Trash and Garbage issues,
Lake cost and no plan,
No Cooperation with Lake Authority and Board of Commissioners,
Structural issues/ outdated,
No Clear plan of action,
No Departmental Structure,
Auditing issues,
No Reserves,
Major tax issues.

Mr. Johnson then reviewed what had been accomplished:

Speaking with other Boards and Local Governments. Have established a business relationship with them.

SPLOST 1 was sent to the school system.

Road conditions are improving and there is a plan to address them.

Got LMIG support from State DOT for Roads.

Budgeting and Finance issues have been corrected.

Leadership is in place now with a plan to follow.

Infighting is gone.

Trash and Garbage issues have been and continue to be addressed.

Lake cost, there is now a plan in place to address lake cost.

There is cooperation between the Lake Authority and the Board of Commissioners.

Structural issues have been addressed through ABM.

There is now a clear plan of action for the county.

We are building reserves so when the economy dips, we can make it through.

The board has worked its way through the tax issue and hopefully will be rolling back taxes in the future.

Everyone is working for the greater good of the county.

Mr. Prince also praised Mr. Ridley for the job he has done as county attorney.

Mr. Drew opened public comments back up after hearing some comments from the audience.

Mr. Peter Wright

Mr. Wright stated that he does not see how the RV park will make it for us and he bets the board does not know what is going on with the RV park.

Mr. Drew stated that the board does know what is going on and this is not a tax funded deal. This project will be funded by tourist and visitors coming to our lake. Mr. Drew stated he would be willing to discuss the project in detail with Mr. Wright.

Mr. Drew asked Mr. Binion, who was in attendance, when the next Lake Authority meeting would be held. Mr. Binion stated it would be held Monday, January 10, 2022, at 8:30 am here in the commissioner's chamber.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B.
- C.
- D. RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

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

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER