

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on October 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, Ray Prince, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, County Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. Commissioner June Knight was absent.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Deron Rehberg – Extension Service

Mr. Rehberg stated that after 34 years of service to Grady County, he has accepted a Regional Position with the Extension Service. Mr. Rehberg stated the transition would be slow and he will be around to assist. Mr. Rehberg stated that UGA would like to replace him with two positions. One would be a faculty position and the other would be a program assistant. Mrs. Murkerson has been provided with the numbers for the positions. The board stated they would consider the request.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Lake Authority Meeting, Monday, November 7, 2022, at 8:30 am

Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club Diamond Affair, Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve

C035-22 Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/04/22. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA088-22 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Grady Task Order # 23 from Watkins and Associates for Old Thomasville Road at a cost of \$21,511.00. The motion was approved.

FA089-22 Motion by Mr. Moye, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve funding of \$20,000.00 for the SMART Moves program with the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls club. The motion was approved.

FA090-22 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Moye to approve the Shelia Jones Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$1,750.00. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Director's Report – Holly Murkerson

Grady County Financial Review for SEPTEMBER 2022

Presented October 18, 2022 – Holly Murkerson, Finance Director

General Fund Revenue:

1. Ideal % = 25%, Actual % = 65%

Ideal percentages decrease month to month at equal intervals. Actual remaining indicates actual receipts per month. Some significant revenues are received later in the year.

Budget is \$18,341,500; received to date is \$6,450,300

General Fund Expenditures:

1. Ideal% = 25%, Actual % = 34%

Budget is \$18,341,500; spent to date is \$12,105,300

Sales Tax Revenue:

<u>LOST:</u>	SEPT 2022 = \$172,200	SEPT 2021 = \$162,500	UP	\$ 9,700
<u>SPLOST:</u>	SEPT 2022 = \$172,400	SEPT 2021 = \$161,300	UP	\$ 11,100
<u>TSPLOST2:</u>	SEPT 2022 = \$143,200	SEPT 2021 = \$142,800	UP	\$ 400

***Six items are exempt from TSPLOST taxation:**

1. The sale or use of any type of fuel used for off-road heavy-duty equipment, off-road farm or agricultural equipment, or locomotives;
2. The sale or use of jet fuel to or by a qualifying airline at a qualifying airport;
3. The sale or use of fuel that is used for propulsion of motor vehicles on the public highways;
4. The sale or use of energy used in the manufacturing process of tangible goods primarily for resale;
5. The sale or use of motor fuel for public mass transit; or
6. The purchase or lease of any motor vehicle

Other financial news:

1. Next steps for efficiency in the finance department:
 - a. County Attorney reviewed contract for Tyler Technologies; Tyler legal reviewing concerns; hope to have settled soon
 - b. Once contract is signed, we will go on the waiting list which is currently nine-ish months out
 - c. I will be creating a list of requirements from banks to assure all the features can be supported and will present to you at a later date; still in process

Chief Phillips will be applying for the EMA Sign and Grant Opportunity.

Mr. Johnson stated that we are using TEAMS for each department and the departments are uploading their information each day. This should assist with communication between departments.

Mr. Drew stated that he had a meeting with GDOT concerning US 84 East and some of the dangerous intersections. They will have another meeting in the future to see if they can arrive at any solutions.

Mr. Prince stated turn lanes need to be looked at for Long Branch Road. This would have to be a joint project with the city.

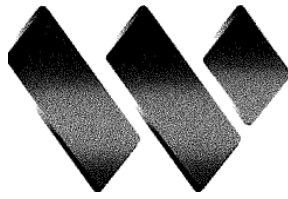
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Animal Control – 09/22
- C. Roads and Bridges – 09/22
- D. Code Enforcement – 09/22
- E. Buildings and Grounds – 09/22

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS



WATKINS & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.
----- CONSULTING ENGINEERS -----

TASK ORDER NO. 23

This **Task Order No. 23** is an amendment to and made a part of the Agreement between the **Grady County Board of Commissioners** (Owner) and **Watkins & Associates, L.L.C.**, (Engineer) dated August 5, 2014. This Task Order No. 23 includes the scope of services, costs, and schedule. The Scope of Services for this Task Order No. 23 are as follows:

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Prepare Contract Documents, Specifications for the full depth reclamation of **Old Thomasville Road**. Improvements beginning at State Route 188 and extending to County Line, approximately 5.31 miles.

B. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Time is of the essence with the project. Engineer will begin the evaluation immediately and proceed accordingly in an efficient manner.

C. PAYMENT

The Contract Amount is based on a Lump Sum of **\$21,511.00** as outlined General Services Agreement between the Grady County Board of Commissioners and Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. Said Fee based off the General Services Agreement of 1.3%.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Task Order No. 23 is effective as of October 18, 2022.

E. ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

All Terms and Conditions of the Agreement dated August 5th, 2014 shall remain the same and shall apply hereto.

T: 229.388.8823/ 1606 WHIDDON MILL RD., TIFTON, GA 31793 / WWW.WATKINSENG.COM

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Release is made and entered into this 18th day of

October, 2022, by and between GRADY COUNTY by and through its duly- elected Board of Commissioners (hereinafter, "County"), and SHELIA JONES (hereinafter, "Jones").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Jones delivered an ante litem notice to the Grady County Board of Commissioners, claiming that a code enforcement officer negligently approved a permit for the addition of a porch to her home;

WHEREAS, Jones contends the contractor she hired to construct the porch did not construct her porch in a workmanlike manner nor did he follow the requirements set forth in the County's ordinances;

WHEREAS, Jones contends that despite the substandard construction, a County code enforcement officer approved the porch's final construction and issued a permit;

WHEREAS, Jones contends that she has incurred damages in the amount of \$3,500 as a result of the County officer's actions;

WHEREAS, the County denies any and all liability to Jones;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of settlement and compromise the parties desire to enter into this Settlement Agreement and Release;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, obligations and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree to be bound as follows:

- 1. The County shall pay to Jones the sum of \$1,750.00, with such sum to be delivered to Jones within five days of the date of this Agreement's approval by the Board of Commissioners.**
- 2. Jones does hereby fully and forever release Grady County, and each and all of its agents, servants, employees, officers, commissioners, members, and attorneys from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions arising from the facts and circumstances giving rise to Jones' claim against the County.**
- 3. This Settlement Agreement and Release represents the compromise and settlement of a dispute and is not to be used or construed in any court or administrative proceeding of any nature or in any subsequent action by or between the parties hereto as an admission, direct or indirect, of liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, and all parties do, in fact, deny that any of them engaged in any wrongdoing.**
- 4. This Settlement Agreement and Release contains the entire agreement and understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, and it may not be altered, amended, or modified in any respect or whatsoever except by writing duly executed by the parties.**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Settlement Agreement under seal as of the day and year first above written.

GRADY COUNTY

**Phillip Drew, Chairman,
Grady County Board of Commissioners**

Attest:

Shelia Jones

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ADJOURNMENT

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

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Keith Moyer, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK