

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on August 6, 2024, at 9:00 am for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moye, Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, June Knight, LaFaye Copeland, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present.

County Administrator Buddy Johnson participated by TEAMS.

Mr. Moye asked Mr. White to open with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Moye opened the Public Hearing for the Johnson-Smith Variance Request. With there being no comments, Mr. Moye closed the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 124 Carr St

Mr. Cook wanted an update on the mailboxes that needed to be moved on Lower Hawthorne Trail. Mr. Johnson stated that the homeowners had been contacted. Mr. Cook stated there needs to be more communication on Zoning and the Board of Elections.

PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Jarvis – Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Jarvis requested that the Board of Commissioners help sponsor the Leadership Grady classes. The sponsorship would be \$1,500.00 and a decision is needed by the end of August.

Joseph Davis – SBA Disaster Relief

Mr. Davis was supposed to attend the meeting to discuss disaster relief loans because of the May tornadoes that occurred in Tallahassee. Due to Hurricane Debbie, he was unable to attend.

Richard Phillips, Al Akridge, Justin Highland – VFD Budget request

Mr. Phillips, Mr. Akridge, and Mr. Highland presented the budget request below.

Buildings and Grounds

Additions on two existing stations to house fire apparatus not currently recognized by ISO due to not being inside a heated building.

Calvary & Pine Level- \$75,000.

Construction of new station on Magnolia Rd. for ISO coverage in the area. - \$85,000.

Vehicle Purchase

Purchase of used fire apparatus (Pumper)- \$250,000. This would be a five (5) year plan to replace a pumper each year at \$250,000.00 per pumper.

Equipment Repair

Replace two water tanks on tanker apparatus due to extensive corrosion issues. (Whigham & Cairo) - \$17,000.

Personnel

Hire three firefighters to full-time staff on 24/48 shifts- \$161,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Open Enrollment – August 7, 2024, 7:00 am to 9:30 am

Regular Board Meeting on August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve:

C047-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, Budget Hearing Minutes, and Executive Session Minutes from 07/16/2024.

C048-24 Approval of Bell Plat.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA077-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve Buddy Johnson as the 2024 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate. The motion was approved.

FA078-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the Smarsh Renewal. The motion was approved.

FA079-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Johnson-Smith Variance. The motion was approved.

FA080-24 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to approve the purchase of Smith Road Cross drainpipe at a price of \$4,118.20. The motion was approved.

FA081-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to approve Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ridley to coordinate a pre-application meeting with DCA for an infrastructure grant for the Lake. The motion was approved.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed with EMS Director Rodney Gordon the bids for the ambulances with a 3500 chassis and a 4500 chassis.

FA082-24 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Knight to purchase two (2) ambulances with a 4500 chassis at a cost of around \$627,000.00 to come out of the 2026 budget. The motion was approved.

Administrator Matters – Mr. Johnson stated we are in a holding pattern with the EMS building as we wait to hear the results of the CDBG grant for the Help Agency.

Chief Phillips stated there were 30 trees down across the county due to Hurricane Debbie.

Commissioner Matters – Mrs. Knight stated Ridge Road. Mrs. Copeland asked about the Board of Elections process and that was reviewed with her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to enter Executive Session to discuss Property and Litigation at 10:22 am. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Drew to exit Executive Session at 11:28 am. The motion was approved.

No action was taken because of Executive Session.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report – None
- B. Roads and Bridges 07-24
- C. Animal Control 07-24

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

August 6, 2024, 9:00 AM

- I. Executive Duties**
 - A. Call to Order – 9:00 AM**
 - B. Invocation/Pledge**
 - C. Public Hearing for Johnson-Smith Variance Request**
 - D. Adoption of Agenda**
 - E. Public Comments**
- II. Presentations**
 - Jennifer Jarvis – Leadership Grady Request**
 - SBA Disaster Relief – Joseph Davis**
 - VFD Budget Request – Richard Phillips**
- III. Correspondence**
 - A. Calendar of events**

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IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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V. Formal Actions

FA077-24 Approve/Disapprove Buddy Johnson as the 2024 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate.

FA078-24 Approve/Disapprove Smarsh Renewal.

FA079-24 Approve/Disapprove the Johnson-Smith Variance.

FA080-24 Approve/Disapprove purchase of Smith Rd Cross drainpipe.

FA081-24 Approve/Disapprove permission to apply for DCA infrastructure grant for Lake Authority development project.

VI. New and unfinished Business

Ambulance bid

Administrator Matters

Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

Executive Session for Property and Litigation

VIII. Reports

a. Attorney’s Report

b. Animal Control 07-24

c. Roads and Bridges 007-24

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VIII. Adjournment

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

Keith Moyer, CHAIR

JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

