

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on September 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Commissioners Keith Moyer, Ray Prince, June Knight, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, County Clerk John White, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley were present. Commissioner Phillip Drew participated by telephone.

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

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to approve the agenda after adding FA098-24 to approve the Resolution to start the abandonment of Sasser Road. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated that the ditches on Hammett Road needed to be pulled. He also stated that they have everyone's attention with property assessments. Mr. Cook asked if the appeals process could be extended beyond 45 days. He was informed that was a question for the Board of Assessors.

Jennifer Jarvis, 961 N. Broad St

Mrs. Jarvis wanted to thank the board and Mr. Johnson for their support of Leadership Grady. She thanked Mr. Johnson for his support and leadership of this community for the last six years.

Michelle Dean, 192 Popes Store Rd

Mrs. Dean thanked the commissioners for being a sponsor of Leadership Grady. She stated the program is wonderful and a great way to grow our community. She also thanked Mr. Johnson for his leadership and open-door policy. Mrs. Dean stated it was a privilege to get to know him. She stated to the board that if the choice was between a second-tier candidate who was local and a top-tier candidate who was not local to please choose the best candidate for the job.

PRESENTATIONS

Paving of Borden Road, Kiesha Heard

Ms. Heard is requesting improvements to Borden Road due to the amount of rain in the Whigham area. The road is used as a cut through between Strickland Road and Tired Creek Road. They are asking for an asphalt surface on the road so it will be passable. They want to build an RV Park on the road and when they were conducting the feasibility study, surfacing of the road was a requirement. They are requesting improvements to Borden Road.

Whigham-Grady County Fair, Andrew Stringfellow

Mr. Stringfellow stated the fair will have rides, games, and food. They will also have local DJ's playing music and are accepting vendors to be a part of this event. Mr. Stringfellow stated he wanted the event to be bigger and better each year. There is a Facebook page for the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Regular Board Meeting on October 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve:

C054-24 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, Executive Session Minutes from 09/03/2024 and the Public Hearing Minutes from 9/05/24.

C055-24 Appoint Robbie Burns to a new 3-year term on the JDA.

C056-24 Ratify consent vote to purchase a mower head from Great Southern Equipment for \$21,518.00

C057-24 Approve copier lease from Rumbles for the Sheriff's Office and Registrar.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA092-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to table the Tax Relief Request from the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe pending more information. The motion was approved.

FA093-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve paying \$1,000.00 for Popes Store Museum Historical Marker from 2024 funds. The motion was approved.

FA094-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve switching to Conexon for internet service pending the acceptance of the contract changes by Mr. Ridley. The motion was approved.

FA095-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the acceptance of land swap for Chad Johnson property. The motion was approved.

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 117 of the 17th Land District, Grady County, Georgia, containing 2.29 acres, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the eastern right-of-way of State Highway 112 and the southern right-of-way of Gainous Road (County Road Number 11); thence proceed along the southern right-of-way of Gainous Road along a curve, concave southeasterly with a radius of 1,675.00 feet and having a chord bearing south 71 degrees 05 minutes 02 seconds west with a chord length of 228.00 feet, the arc distance of 228.18 feet; thence continue along said right-of-way south 67 degrees 09 minutes 15 seconds west the distance of 286.53 feet; thence along said right-of-way along a curve, concave to the southeast with a radius of 1,570.00 feet and having a chord bearing south 65 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds west with a chord length of 75.60 feet, the arc distance of 75.61 feet; thence along said right-of-way south 64 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds west the distance of 407.52 feet; thence along said right-of-way along a curve, concave to the northwest with a radius of 1,630.00 feet and having a chord bearing south 69 degrees 56 minutes 34 seconds with a chord length of 314.86 feet, the arc distance of 315.35 feet; thence south 75 degrees 29 minutes 07 seconds west the distance of 217 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence south 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds west the distance of 577.81 feet; thence north 89 degrees 31 minutes 13 seconds west the distance of 24.83 feet; thence south 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds west the distance of 15 feet; thence south 89 degrees 31 minutes 13 seconds east the distance of 24.83 feet; thence south 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds west the distance of 1,042.80 feet; thence south 38 degrees 25 minutes 24 seconds west the distance of 97.58 feet; hence north 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds west the distance of 1,696.49 feet to a point on the southern right-of-way of Gainous Road; thence north 75 degrees 29 minutes 07 seconds east the distance of 62.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

FA096-24 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Prince to renew the Beaver Trapping Contract under the same terms. The motion was approved.

FA097-24 this action appears later in the minutes.

FA098-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to approve the start of the process to abandon Sasser Road Resolution. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BEGIN THE LEGAL PROCESS TO ABANDON A PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS SASSER ROAD

WHEREAS, Sasser Road is situated in Land Lots 202, 237, 238, 239 of the 19th Land District, Grady County Georgia, and is a part of the county road system;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that a Sasser Road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have determined that said section of Sasser Road should be abandoned pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated;

WHEREAS, Sasser Road is more particularly shown on a plat of survey by Larry Burnsed, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated July 15, 2024, and recorded in plat book E2024, page 74, in the property records of Grady County, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "A."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grady County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the above described section of Sasser Road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest;

2. The county attorney and county administrator are hereby authorized and directed to institute abandonment proceedings pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated and take all actions which are reasonably necessary to complete the process of abandonment, including notice to property owners located thereon, the advertisement of this

determination once a week for a period of two weeks, and the scheduling of a public hearing on the issue.

3. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to make all necessary and proper payments for expenses incurred in carrying out the abandonment of the above-described road, which may include but not be limited to: advertising fees, title searches, survey and plat preparation, appraisals, postage, and any other costs associated with the action authorized herein.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Grady County, Georgia, this 17th day of September, 2024.

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Keith Moye, Chairman

Attest: 
John White, County Clerk

(Affix Seal)



NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The commissioners decided to have a workshop with the Board of Elections on either Tuesday, October 1, 2024 after the morning meeting or on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 prior to the meeting. A letter will be sent to the Board of Elections to see which they prefer.

The commissioners decided that Keith Moye will be the new voting delegate for the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

FA099-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to accept the resignation of Mrs. June Knight from the Lake Authority as of 09/30/24. The motion was approved.

FA100-24 Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mr. Prince to appoint Mr. Phillip Drew to the Lake Authority effective 10/01/24. The motion was approved.

Administrator Matters – Mr. Johnson stated that he has formally submitted his letter of resignation.

Commissioner Matters – Mr. Moyer presented a plaque to Mr. Johnson in appreciation of his six years of service. Mrs. Copeland spoke and checked with the audience to make sure that everything concerning Borden Road was stated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Knight to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 6:47 pm. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mrs. Knight to exit Executive Session at 7:06 pm. The motion was approved.

FA097-24 Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mrs. Copeland to appoint Holly Murkerson as Interim County Administrator through December 31, 2024 at an increase pay of \$2,750.00 per month. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnson stated the board has made an excellent choice for an Interim County Administrator. Mrs. Murkerson is a godsend to this county. Mr. Johnson thanked the public for all the calls of support this week.

REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report –None
- B. Animal Control 08-24
- C. Roads and Bridges 08-24
- D. TCL 08-24
- E. Extension Office Report

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

September 17, 2024, 6:00 PM

I. Executive Duties

- A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
- B. Invocation/Pledge
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Public Comments

II. Presentations

Paving of Borden Road – Kiesha Heard
Whigham-Grady County Fair – Andrew Stringfellow

III. Correspondence

- A. Calendar of events

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IV. Consent Items – (One motion)

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V. Formal Actions

FA092-24 Approve/Disapprove Tax Relief Request from the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe.

FA093-24 Approve/Disapprove paying \$1,000.00 for Pope Store Museum Historical Marker from 2024 funds.

FA094-24 Approve/Disapprove switching to Conexon for internet services.

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FA096-24 Approve/Disapprove renewal of the Beaver Trapping Contract under the same terms.

- VI. New and unfinished Business**
Board of Elections Workshop

New Voting Delegate for the ACCG Legislative Conference October 9-11.

Resignation from the Lake Authority – Mrs. Knight

Appointment of new member to the Lake Authority

Administrator Matters

Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation

FA097-24 Approve/Disapprove the appointment of an Interim County Administrator.

VIII. Reports

a. Attorney's Report

b. Animal Control 08-24

c. Roads and Bridges 08-24

d. TCL 08-24

e. Extension Office Report

VIII. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting, or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-377-1512 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Copeland and second by Mrs. Knight. 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