

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2025, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on February 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm for a Public Hearing on Opting out of HB581. Commissioners Ray Prince, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, Interim County Administrator/Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and County Clerk Katie Hall were present.

Mr. Prince asked Mr. Yancy Maxwell to open with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Thomas County Manager Michael Stephenson came and gave an overview projection presentation on how HB581 works, and what benefits it has for homeowners, and discussed the FLOST (floating homestead exemption), how it would relieve the tax burden on homesteaded property but will increase the tax burden to some degree for all other taxable properties. Which would consist of one additional cent on sales tax, which would spread over everyone who spends money in the county. Thomas County Chief Asser Daniel Stokes was present who had offered projected numbers for Thomas County.

- Jim Sellers councilman from City of Whigham came in to say that Whigham has voted to OPT in HB581.
- Paige Ballard, a Real Estate Agent and resident of Grady County discussed how important it would be to Opt In HB581.
- Celeste Tyler, Mike Bishop Richard Jordan and Dr. Ron Spooner, Mike Cook all residents of Grady County voiced her thoughts and opinions on opting in HB581.

Adjournment motion was made by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mrs. Copeland, all approved at 7:15 PM.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2025, 6:00 PM

I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order –6:00 PM
2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Hearing on HB581

VIII. Adjournment

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Ray Prince, CHAIR

LaFaye Copeland, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

Yancey Maxwell, COMMISSIONER

Katie Hall, COUNTY CLERK

Sam Kines, COMMISSIONER

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER