



Opportunity Awaits

Grady County Board of Commissioners

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August 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were commissioners, Ray Prince, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines, and LaFaye Copeland. Staff Celeste Tyler, John White, Holly Murkerson, and County Attorney Gabe Ridley. Commissioner Phillip Drew attended by telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Kines, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the agenda after amending FA04-08-25 to part A and part B. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jaram Queen, 761 Attapulcus-Whigham Rd Whigham, GA

Mr. Queen stated that he wants to do concerts on his property. He has checked with everyone on what he needs to do the concerts. Mr. Queen stated he just wants to make sure he does everything properly and correctly to continue to hold his events. The commissioners made a few comments and asked a few questions, and Mr. Queen provided the responses.

PRESENTATIONS

The Sheriff's Office had requested to present an AXON presentation, but Chief Deputy Harvey informed me yesterday that Axon was not ready for the presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Enrollment Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Grady Cultural Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025 regular meeting, July 15, 2025 Executive Session, and July 22, 2025 Called meeting. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA01-08-25; Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the 2025 budget amendments. The motion was approved.

Gabe Ridley, **County Attorney**, John White, **HR Director/County Clerk**, Holly D Murkerson, **Finance Director**

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2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

TO BE ADDED TO 2025 BUDGET:

	EXPENDITURES	REASON
SOLID WASTE		
PORTAPOTTYS	\$ 6,200	WASN'T REQUESTED IN 2025 BUDGET 100-4500-22-522320
TAYLOR WASTE		INCREASES FOR RENEWED CONTRACT FROM JULY 15, 2025 BOC MEETING; EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
	\$ 60,600	MONTHLY INCREASE OF \$10, 100 PER MONTH FOR THE 5 MANNED SITES/DUMPSTERS (JULY - DEC 25 = 6 MONTHS)
	\$ 3,700	ESTIMATED ROLL OFF INCREASES FOR 20th, Hilltop, Beck Branch = \$215 TO \$225 PER HAUL
	\$ 1,200	ESTIMATED ROLL OFF INCREASES FOR Bunn Lane, Ridge Road = \$215 TO \$225 PER HAUL
	\$ 3,000	ESTIMATED WHITE GOOD CONTAINERS \$160 TO \$185 PER CONTAINER
	\$ 68,500	
EMS		
NEW BLDG/EXT LIGHTS	\$ 600	\$49/MONTH PER C. DORSEY IN UTILITIES 100-1565-15-531203
ELECTIONS		
POSTAGE/KNOWMNK	\$ 6,000	NEW REQUIREMENT 100-1400-27-523205
POLLWORKER SALARIES	\$ 8,000	NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION; TWO UNANTICIPATED ELECTIONS TO DATE 100-1400-27-511101
DETENTION CENTER		
MEDIA/COM CABLE	\$ 3,300	NOT INCLUDED IN BUDGET; INTERNET/UTILITIES 100-1565-15-531202
TOTAL TO BE ADDED	\$ 92,600	FUND BALANCE REVENUE TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES 100-0000-00-135400
CURRENT GF BUDGET	\$ 26,927,500	ORIGINAL FUND BALANCE TO BALANCE \$8,533,800 + \$92,600 = \$8,626,400
WITH ADDITIONS	\$ 27,020,100	AMENDED 2025 GF BUDGET

FA02-08-25; Motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Kines to approve Pay Request #5 for HTS Construction for \$67,014.89. The motion was approved.

FA03-08-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Maxwell to appoint Sam Kines as the Voting Delegate for the 2025 Legislative Leadership Conference at Jekyll Island taking place on October 8-10. The motion was approved.

FA04-08-25A Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the Tax Commissioner's office to be open from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm from September 17, 2025, through January 6, 2026 for a trial basis. The motion was approved.

FA04-08-25B Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the Tax Assessor's office to be open from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm from September 17, 2025, through January 6, 2026 for a trial basis. The motion was approved.

FA05-08-25 Motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Kines to reject the bids for paving at Barber Park and rebidding the project. The motion was approved.

FA06-08-25 Motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mrs. Copeland to go out to bid for road resurfacing for Mayfield, Gainey, McCraeville, 179 South @ Higdon Road, Union Springs, and Springhill. The motion was approved.

FA07-08-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve purchasing furnishings up to \$100,000.00 for the EMS building. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gabe Ridley, **County Attorney**, John White, **HR Director/County Clerk**, Holly D Murkerson, **Finance Director**



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Administrator Matters

No report given.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Maxwell stated that he received a notice from ACCG that the Feds want to raise the weight limits for trucks to 91,000 lbs. That is not good for our roads.

It was also stated that a 45-mph sign was missing on Bold Springs Road.

Mrs. Copeland stated that Mr. Phillip Corker who served on the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council and the Grady County Planning Commission passed away. He served this community for many years.

Mr. Kines asked about the status of closing Plantation Road on the west end past Beth Page as requested by Mr. Stringfellow. Mr. Ridley reviewed the procedure for closing that portion of the road and will prepare a resolution for the board to start the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report – None

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mrs. Copeland to adjourn. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS/AGREEMENTS/AGENDA

I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order - 9:00 AM
2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments

II. Presentations

1. Axon - Sheriff Prince and Chief Harvey

III. Upcoming Events

1. Open Enrollment Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Grady Cultural Center
2. Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from
Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2025.
Executive Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2025
Called Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2025

V. Formal Actions

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- FA01-08-25 Approve or Disapprove the 2025 budget amendments.
- FA02-08-25 Approve or Disapprove Pay Request #5 for HTS Construction for \$67,014.89.
- FA03-08-25 Approve or Disapprove the Voting Delegate for the 2025 Legislative Leadership Conference at Jekyll Island taking place on October 8-10.
- FA04-08-25 Approve or Disapprove the Resolution for the hours of operation for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
- FA05-08-25 Approve or Disapprove rejecting the bids for the paving at Barber Park and rebid the project.
- FA06-08-25 Approve or Disapprove going out to bid for road resurfacing.
- FA07-08-25 Approve or Disapprove purchasing furnishings up to \$100,000.00 for the EMS Building
- VI. New and Unfinished Business
 - 1. Administrator Matters
 - 2. Commissioner Matters
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Reports
 - 1. Attorney's Report
- IX. Adjournment

ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

Sam Kines, Commissioner

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