



*Opportunity Awaits*

## Grady County Board of Commissioners

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### May 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting were commissioners, Ray Prince, LaFaye Copeland, Phillip Drew, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines. BOC Staff Katie Hall, John White, Celeste Tyler, Gabe Ridley.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Chairman Ray Prince.

Invocation was given by Sam Kines, followed by the pledge.

The motion was made by Phillip Drew, seconded by Sam Kines for the adoption of the agenda.

#### Public Speakers

Rodney Harrison 3683 Lower Hawthorne Trail, Asked Celeste if she had ever held this position before, and she doesn't have to answer, also asked commissioners how they'd feel if they went to buy a car agreed on a price, then went back and it was \$10k more than originally agreed upon. How is it that she gets a raise and full benefits prior to starting, that isn't right by any taxpayers dollars. He doesn't believe that any other county employees are able to have time as soon as they start, they all must accrue time.

Michael Cook Carr St. addressed the Tax Assessor's and Tired Creek Lake minutes and how he and others feel as though they're being kept a secret. And how log trucks, dump trucks and other big trucks really should stay off Pine Park Road because they're damaging them. Lastly, he and others believe the county needs to stop putting money into the lake, and it needs to stop. He was also informed by Phillip Drew that no money is being put into the lake by the county/tax payors.

Dian Pyles Old 179 S. would like to praise Becky and everything she has done for the Rec Department and can't wait to see how things pan out with the new splash pad and pool. And how great 179 S and Collins Road is coming along.

In reference to Michael Cook, Gabe Ridely spoke on how there may be a way to make some amendments and adjustments to the watershed management plan. Sam would like Gabe to send the commissioners an email with the watershed management plan.

Commissioner Sam Kines asked that the sheriff's department patrol that area and let those big trucks know they're not to be on that road.

#### Presentations

1. Sheriff Prince wanted to recognize an employee for a job well done, with the inmates and the work detail crew he has taken on, he has taken pride in this commitment. You're hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed.
2. Becky & Jane discussed the needs and what they're expecting for the Aquatic Center, and there are a few things that are not in budget that will need to be gotten, commissioners are agreeing to get this for them, they're going to need cameras, sod, bulk chlorine/ acid , defibrillator, extra help to man the water area.

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### Consent Items (One Motion)

**Motion was made by LaFaye Copeland, and seconded by Phillip Drew to approve; all approved.**

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025

#### Plats for Review

2. Family Subdivision for Christy Chason & Gerri York, located on Reynland Dr

3. Exempt Plat Non Approved Building Lots for Johnny R Slocumb & Willis Family Farms LLC, located on Banks Rd, Union Hill Rd and Hwy 111 N

3. Exempt Plat Non Approved Building Lots for Lenward Folsom, located on Woodland Rd.

4. VFD: Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters Program Grant

### Correspondence

Chair Ray Prince went over upcoming events, 1. Popes Museum Georgia Historical Society Dedication May 17, 2025 10 a.m. 2. Board of Commissioners Meeting May 20, 2025, 6:00 pm 3. VFD Open House for the Woodland Station, Saturday May 31, 2025 10am-11am

### New/Unfinished Business

Administrator Celeste discussed the School Resource Office Program between the County and Board of Education; have a few tweaks they need to work out before it can be voted on. Working on getting a demo day for the HELP Agency building. Celeste spoke about her meeting with Booker Gainer on the gas line relocate and future endeavors. Chris Dorsey presented Celeste with some vehicles from the State sale that would be a great asset to the county to prevent any more leases.

Commissioners agree to meet on May 22, 2025 for Road Workshop at 5 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. Special Events Workshop.

Commissioner Kines stated someone came to him asking what he would need to do to be able to main Plantation Lane himself.

### Executive Session

Commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel at 11:06 a.m., Executive Session ended at 11:55 a.m.

### Formal Actions

FA001-05-25 Approve or Disapprove to Release RFP for Solid Waste, **Motion was made by Phillip Drew and seconded by Sam Kines to Approve the Release RFP for Solid Waste, all approve.**

FA002-05-25 Approve or Disapprove Sheriff Office to Incorporate S.R.O Program- **TABLED**

FA003-05-25 Approve or Disapprove Sell of Bonds for Board of Education **Motion was made by LaFaye Copeland, seconded by Sam Kines to Approve the Sell of Bonds for Board of Education, all approved.**

FA004-05-25 Adoption Agreement Amendment #1 Association County Commissioners

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of Georgia.401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Employees of Grady County, **Motion was made by Sam Kines, and seconded by LaFaye Copeland to Approve, Adoption Agreement, all approved**

FA005-05-25 Ratify Consensus Vote for City of Cairo regarding Long Branch Project

and Gas Line Relocate, **Motion was made by Yancey Maxwell, seconded by LaFaye Copeland, all approved.**

FA-006-05-25 Approve or Disapprove Items for Aquatic Center Needs **Motion was made by LaFaye Copeland, seconded by Sam Kines to approve VakPak (2x yearly maintenance), Sod (Cooper), Cameras Jerrico, Time & Admission fees. – table chlorine/acid and defibrillator, all approved.**

FA007-05-25 To Approve or Disapprove the purchase of 5 vehicles from the State, **Motion was made by Phillip Drew, seconded by LaFaye Copeland to Approve the buy of the 5 vehicles, all approve.**

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### I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order - 9:00 AM
2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Agenda Amended by adding formal action during meeting

### II. Presentations

1. Sheriff Prince Employee recognition for outstanding job
2. Becky Bracewell- Aquatic Center

### III. Consent Items –(One motion)

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### V. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters

2. Commissioner Matters

Schedule Date for Roads Workshop

b Schedule Date for Special Events Ordinance with Community

### VI. Executive Session

1. Personnel

2. Litigation

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VIII. Reports

1. Attorney's Report

IX. Adjournment

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ATTEST:

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LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

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Sam Kines, Commissioner

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Katie Hall, County Clerk