



Opportunity Awaits

Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince, Chair
District 2

LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair
District 4

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District 1

Sam Kines
District 3

Celeste Tyler
County Administrator

Phillip Drew
District 5

December 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 6:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Kines, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to amend the agenda to include the Alcohol Renewal License for Dollar General #16839 under consent items and FA12-10-25 to name the LMIG roads and FA12-11-25 to name the next roads for TSPLOST. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated he appreciated the conversation at the last meeting and the Calvary Community stated a resounding NO for zoning.

Mike Moss, 935 Piney Grove Rd

Mr. Moss stated say no to Solar Panels and keep Grady County pristine and beautiful.

Cindy Miller, Wood Duck Dr

Mrs. Miller stated to keep Data Centers out of Grady County.

PRESENTATIONS

The 12U and 14U GRPA State Soccer Champions were recognized by the commissioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Christmas Holidays – December 25 and December 26.
2. New Years Day Holiday – January 1, 2026.
3. Commissioner's Meeting, January 6, 2026 at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

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

The minutes of December 2, 2025, Regular Meeting,

Approval of the Alcohol Renewal for 2026:

Charles Lamar Williams, Beachton Estate LLC, 175 Helton Ln Thomasville, GA

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Dollar General #16839, 109 Gray Rd Cairo, GA 39827,

Approve Alcohol License for Quick Buys #112, 2499 Hwy 319 S Thomasville, GA 31792,

Ratify vote to repair the Hitachi Excavator by Dobbs at a cost of \$8,025.32.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA12-04-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the Meeting Dates for the Board of Commissioners for 2026. The motion was approved.

FA12-05-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve appointing Mr. Joe Walden as the Non-public Appointee to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for 2026. The motion was approved.

FA12-06-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve appointing Mr. Sam Kines as the County Elected Official to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for 2026. The motion was approved.

FA12-07-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Workers' Compensation Renewal from Southern Insurance. The motion was approved.

FA12-08-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the contract with the Public Defender's Office. The motion was approved.

FA12-09-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve authorization to enter a separate contract with the State Court for \$26,000.00 for Public Defender services. The motion was approved.

FA12-10-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to identify Waldrop Road and Sofkee Road to apply for LMIG funds. The motion was approved.

FA12-11-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve Ridge Road and Oakland Drive as the next roads up for the TSPLOST funds. The motion was approved.

The board entered a discussion with Attorney Ridley about putting a moratorium on Solar Panel Farms until the ordinance could be looked at in more detail. After much discussion, it was decided to look at the options later.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated the bids have been received for the Help Agency and Mr. Lynn is putting together a presentation for the board to review.

Commissioner Matters

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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REPORTS

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2. Roads and Bridges 11-25
3. Animal Control 11-25
4. Extension Service 11-25
5. Permits 11-25
6. Plat Activity Report 11-25
7. Plats 11-25

IX. Adjournment Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to adjourn. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

1. Call to Order - 6:00 PM
 2. Invocation/Pledge
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Public Comments
- II. Presentations
1. Recognition of the 12U and 14 U GRPA State Soccer Champions.
- III. Upcoming Events
1. Christmas Holidays - December 25 and December 26.
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- IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

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ATTEST:

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