



*Opportunity Awaits*

## Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince  
District 2

LaFaye Copeland, Chair  
District 4

Yancey Maxwell  
District 1

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County Administrator

Phillip Drew  
District 5

### January 20, 2026, 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 Chairwoman LaFaye Copeland at 6:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Maxwell, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the agenda after adding an Executive Session for personnel. The motion was approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Moss, 935 Piney Grove Rd

Mr. Moss spoke against Solar Farms.

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St Calvary

Mr. Cook stated no to solar panels, data centers, and zoning.

Ray Woods, 1031 Bold Springs Rd

Mr. Woods spoke about how the new ordinance on racetracks needs to go back to what it was prior to February, 2025.

Cary Bishop, 209 Evergreen Ln

Mr. Bishop spoke against the ordinance concerning private racetracks.

Charlene Bishop, 209 Evergreen Ln

Mrs. Bishop yielded her time to Mr. Woods so he could finish his comments.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tire Amnesty Day, Saturday, January 24, 2026.
2. Public Hearing on Solar Farms, Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:00 PM.
3. Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 9:00 AM.

#### CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

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Motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Drew to approve:

The minutes of January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Approval of the Faircloth Plat.

Approval of the Booth Plat.

The motion was approved.

### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA01-04-26 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve re-appointing Clay Ulmer to the Tax Assessor Board. The motion was approved.

FA01-05-26 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve the bid from CCH Construction for the construction of the Help Agency Building for a cost of \$1,046,974.00. The motion was approved.

FA01-06-26 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to approve the EPD Grant Contract through Golden Triangle for Lower Cairo Road (Tire Grant Project). The motion was approved.

FA01-07-26 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Prince to approve participation in the Asset Forfeiture program. The motion was approved.

### NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated we will start having a Public Works/Public Property Committee meeting the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am.

Mrs. Tyler reviewed the format that will be used for the Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

#### Commissioner Matters

Mr. Kines asked for an update on the paving and patching project. Mr. Elkins stated they will start with Harrell Road and should start next week.

Mr. Drew asked if there was anything more we could do to improve safety at the intersection of Pine Level and Ridge Road. After discussion, Mr. Elkins stated he would price a flashing stop sign and return with the information to the commissioners.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel. The motion was approved at 6:45 pm.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to Exit Executive Session. The motion was approved at 7:13 pm.

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No action was taken because of the Executive Session.

### REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report - None
2. Animal Control 12-25
3. Permits 2025
4. Code Enforcement 2025

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

### RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

- I. Executive Duties
  1. Call to Order - 6:00 PM
  2. Invocation/Pledge
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Public Comments
- II. Presentations
- III. Upcoming Events
  1. Tire Amnesty Day, Saturday, January 24, 2026
  2. Public Hearing on Solar Farms, Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:00 PM
  3. Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 9:00 AM
- IV. Consent Items –(One motion)
  - Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026.
  - Approval of the Faircloth Plat.
  - Approval of the Booth Plat
- V. Formal Actions
  - FA01-04-26 Approve or Disapprove re-appointing Clay Ulmer to the Tax Assessor Board.
  - FA01-05-26 Approve or Disapprove the bids for the Help Agency Building.

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FA01-06-26 Approval or Disapproval of the EPD Grant Contract through Golden Triangle for Lower Cairo Road (Tire Grant Project).

FA01-07-26 Approve or Disapprove participation in the Asset Forfeiture program.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

- 1. Administrator Matters
- 2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

- 1. Attorney's Report
- 2. Animal Control 12-25
- 3. Permits 2025
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IX. Adjournment

ATTEST:

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John White, County Clerk

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LaFaye Copeland, Chair

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Sam Kines, Vice Chair

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