



Opportunity Awaits

Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince, Chair
District 2

LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair
District 4

Yancey Maxwell
District 1

Sam Kines
District 3

Celeste Tyler
County Administrator

Phillip Drew
District 5

July 1, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 9 a.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Drew, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to amend the agenda includes the audit presentation by Mr. Perry Henry and FA-07-07-25 to authorize Mr. Prince to sign the fleet contract for the Sheriff Office vehicles made by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Audit Presentation, Perry Henry

Mr. Henry presented the audit report for Grady County. He stated there were three findings for the 2024 audit. The first finding is recurring and that is the separation of duties which is not fixable due to the lack of staff. The other two findings were for the Tax Commissioner's Office and the Clerk of Court's Office as funds were not completely distributed due to the change in leadership in both offices. Both offices have plans to take care of the findings.

Leadership Grady Sponsorship, Jennifer Jarvis

Mrs. Jarvis reviewed the Leadership Grady program and once again requested the county to provide a \$1,500.00 sponsorship for the program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1, 2025, at 1:30 pm – SPLOST kickoff meeting with the City of Cairo and City of Whigham.

July 4, 2025 – County offices will be closed for the July 4th holiday.

July 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm – Next meeting for the Board of Commissioners.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

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



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Mrs. Tyler stated that the roads list has been narrowed for resurfacing and patching and has been sent to Stacy Watkins for numbers. Mrs. Tyler hopes to have them back soon.

Mrs. Tyler stated there will be a SPLOST kickoff event this afternoon at 1:30 pm with the city of Cairo and city of Whigham to get the SPLOST on the November, 2025 ballot.

Commissioner Matters

None

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA01-07-25; Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the sponsorship of the Leadership Grady Program. The motion was approved.

FA02-07-25; Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve pay request #3 for HTS Construction for Long Branch Improvements in the amount of \$138,584.79. The motion was approved.

FA03-07-25; Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve pay request #3 for the Scruggs Company for Collins Road Improvements in the amount of \$893,264.00. The motion was approved.

FA04-07-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve an alcohol license for Golam Khan, DBA: Red Clay South Inc., 2275 GA 93 Pelham, GA 31779. The motion was approved.

FA05-07-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve an MOU between Golden Triangle and Grady County for the Cranford Road Improvements in the Turkey Creek and Tired Creek sections. The motion was approved.

FA06-07-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve John White as County Clerk. The motion was approved.

FA07-07-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Mr. Prince to sign the fleet contract for the Sheriff Office vehicles with payments of \$96,461.57/year for the next five years. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to enter executive session at 9:36 am to discuss pending litigation and property. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to exit executive session at 10:35 am. The motion was approved.

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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I. Executive Duties

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

II. Presentations

1. Cairo-Grady Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Jarvis; Leadership Grady Sponsorship

III. Upcoming Events

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2025 6 p.m. meeting

V. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

VI. Formal Actions

FA-01-07-25 To Approve or Disapprove Sponsorship of the Leadership Grady Program

FA-02-07-25 To Approve or Disapprove Pay request 3# HTS Construction for Long Branch Improvements

FA-03-07-25 To Approve or Disapprove Pay request #3 for The Scruggs Company for Collins Road Improvements

FA04-07-25 Approve or Disapprove Alcohol License for Golam Khan, DBA: Red Clay South Inc., 2275 GA 93 Pelham, GA 31779

FA-05-07-25 Approve or disapprove the MOU between Golden Triangle and Grady County for the Cranford Road improvements in the Turkey Creek and Tired Creek sections.

FA-06-07-25 Approve or Disapprove John White as County Clerk

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VII. Executive Session

- 1. Pending Litigation

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