



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

November 18, 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 Attorney Gabe Ridley. Commissioner Phillip Drew participated by telephone call.

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

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the agenda after amending the agenda to include a presentation by Lake Director, Mike Binion. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rodney Harrison, 3683 Lower Hawthorne Trail Cairo, GA

Mr. Harrison thanked the Sheriff's Office and Grady EMS for the smoothest Mule Day they have ever had. Everyone worked as a team and made the event a success.

Mr. Kines thanked the Calvary Lions Club for putting on Mule Day each year.

PRESENTATIONS

Kent Harvey presented Katie Ladner, with Decatur/Grady 911, with a letter of merit for her work in locating two juveniles who were lost in the woods on November 7, 2025. She was able to use Rapid SOS to direct the children to the deputy who was waiting for them on a dirt road.

Mr. Harvey also presented a letter of merit to Sgt Wesley Bradshaw for his work on drug cases. Sgt Bradshaw has made 32 drug arrest and 64 warrants in the first 11 months of this year.

Mike Binion, Lake Director

Mr. Binion presented a quote from Florida Environmental Consultants for spraying the weeds and grass in the lake. The price was \$774,637.50. Several options were discussed and Mr. Binion stated he would get with Mr. Prince to see about getting the lake sprayed by a drone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Holidays 11/27/25 and 11/28/25.

Board of Commissioners Meeting, December 2, 2025, at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

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

The minutes of the November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting,

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



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Approval of the Sellars Family Plat,

Approval of Event Permit for special alcohol event for 12/06/25, Tavern 152.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA11-04-25; Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to table the use of the property for the Shooting Range Training Facility by the Sheriff's Office pending information from Attorney Ridley and ACCG IRMA. The motion was approved.

FA11-05-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the MOU between the Grady County Extension Services and the Grady County Board of Commissioners. The motion was approved.

FA11-06-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the Automatic Aid Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection between the City of Cairo and Grady County Georgia. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated she and Mr. Elkins were getting estimates together on getting roads striped. She hopes to have that information at our next meeting.

Mrs. Tyler stated that she appreciated everyone who attended the open house for the EMS Building. She gave a special thanks to Chris Dorsey as he led the project.

Mrs. Tyler stated that DOT will be here on 11/19/25 at 11:30 to review the intersection of 17th Ave NW and GA 93.

She also stated there would be a budget workshop on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 8:30 am for the Sheriff's Office to present their budget.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Maxwell stated it is taking a long time to get the roads resurfaced. Mrs. Tyler stated the Pre-Con meeting was to be held on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:00 for the project.

Mr. Kines reported that he attended the Moto Cross event this past weekend and it was a very well-organized event. Sheriff Prince stated they had no issues at the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

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

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1. Attorney's Report – Mr. Ridley stated that while he was amending the shooting range ordinance; he needed to adjust the ordinance for Moto Cross Racetracks as the definition for a Family Racetrack was no longer needed.
2. Animal Control 10-25
3. Permits 10-225
4. Plat Activity Report 10-25
5. Plats 10-25
6. Roads and Bridges 10-25
7. Extension Service 10-25
8. Tired Creek Lake 10-25

IX. Adjournment Motion by Mrs. , second by Mr. Kines 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

1. Presentation of Letter of Merit to Sgt. Wesley Bradshaw, Deputy Tony Herring, and Dispatcher Katie Ladner by the Sheriff's Office.

III. Upcoming Events

1. Thanksgiving Holidays 11/27/25 and 11/28/25.
2. Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 2, 2025, at 9:00 am.

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/04/25.

Approval of Sellars Family Plat

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V. Formal Actions

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FA11-04-25 Approve or Disapprove the use of the property for the Shooting Range Training Facility by the Sheriff's Office, contingent on receiving the necessary variances.

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FA11-06-25 Approve or Disapprove the Automatic Aid Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection between the City of Cairo and Grady County Georgia.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

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IX. Adjournment

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ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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Sam Kines, Commissioner