



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 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 9:05 a.m. The Invocation was given by John White, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Redden, Sheriff's Office

Mr. Redden stated that the Sheriff's Office needs to be put on the next agenda to see if they can move forward with the Shooting Range Facility.

PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing for Ray Woods Event

Mr. Woods states he is requesting a variance of hours of operation for an event scheduled for November 14-16. After some discussion there was a motion from Mr. Kines, second from Mr. Maxwell to close the public hearing.

SMART Moves program – Stephen Francis, Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club

Mr. Francis provided an update for the SMART Moves program and how many kids are involved. He asked for continued support from the county.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner November 6, 2025.

Board of Commissioners Meeting, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting, and the Budget Workshop Minutes from October 29, 2025.

The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar for the county. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

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



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FA11-01-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the 2025 General Fund Budget Amendments. The motion was approved.

FA11-02-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the variance for the event for Mr. Woods on November 14-16, 2025, with the Sunday hours being 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. The motion was approved.

FA11-03-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve the Proclamation for the Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Day to be presented at the Dinner on Thursday, November 6, 2025. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated that a tentative date for an Open House for the new EMS building will be Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Kines stated that we need to move forward with road Striping. Mrs. Tyler stated she would get with Mr. Elkins and get it ready for bids.

Mr. Kines stated that he is committed to moving Grady County forward and right now the biggest industry is Motorcross, which he supports. That may make some people fall out with him but if it helps Grady County then it will have to happen.

Mrs. Copeland encouraged people to go vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report - None

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

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

I. Executive Duties

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

II. Presentations

1. Public Hearing Land Use Hours of Operation for 11/15/25 Event - Ray Woods

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- 2. Smart Moves Program Update - Stephen Francis, Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club

III. Upcoming Events

- 1. Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner November 6, 2025.
- 2. Board of Commissioners Meeting November 18, 2025, 6:00 pm

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025, meeting and October 29, 2025, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the 2026 Holiday Calendar for the county.

V. Formal Actions

FA11-01-25 Approve or Disapprove the 2025 General Fund Budget Amendments.

FA11-02-25 Approve or Disapprove the variance requested by Ray Woods.

FA11-03-25 Approve or Disapprove the Proclamation for the Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Day to be presented at the Dinner on Thursday, November 6 ,2025.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

- 1. Administrator Matters
- 2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

- 1. Attorney's Report

IX. Adjournment

ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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