



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

October 21, 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 6:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Sam Kines followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated they need more help in the Tax Assessors Office.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Mark Bryant, Chief Ranger with the Grady County Georgia Forestry Commission, presented the annual report for Grady County for Fiscal Year 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Ribbon Week for Drug Abuse Awareness – October 27-31.

Board of Commissioners Meeting, November 4, 2025, at 9:00 am. This is also Election Day.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting, and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025.

Approve the Double B Ranch Subdivision Plat.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA10-05-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the change order for Long Branch Church Road for \$24,845.00. The motion was approved.

FA10-06-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve signing the Grady County Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application for FEMA Grant Funding. The motion was approved.

FA10-02-25 (Tabled from the 10/07/25 Meeting) Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to disapprove raising Bailiffs pay from \$75.00 per day to \$100.00 per day, Grand Juror pay from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day, and the Traverse Juror pay from \$35.00 per day to \$50.00 per day. The motion was approved.

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NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler wants to schedule a Budget Workshop for Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 9:00 am. The commissioners agreed to this time and date.

Mrs. Tyler stated she will be sending out a lease agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Help Agency for the commissioners to review. She will ask for a consent vote on the lease so we can get the bidding process for the building underway.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Maxwell stated Stan Mobley is here and is requesting that the Hiram's Lane Road be closed so they can maintain the road. He stated that only he and his mother live on the road. Attorney Ridley stated he would start looking into the process and will get with Mrs. Tyler to get the process started.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report
2. Extension Service 09-25

IX. Adjournment Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland 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. Georgia Forestry Commission Annual Report for Grady County 2025 Fiscal Year - Mark Bryant

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III. Upcoming Events

1. Red Ribbon Week for Drug Abuse Awareness – October 27 - 31.
2. Board of Commissioners Meeting - November 4, 2025, at 9:00 am

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025, and Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025.

Approval of the Double B Ranch Subdivision Plat

V. Formal Actions

FA10-05-25 Approve or Disapprove the change order for Long Branch Road for \$24,845.00

FA10-6-25 Approve or Disapprove signing the Grady County Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application for FEMA Grant Funding.

FA10-02-25 (Tabled from the 10/07/25 Meeting) Approve or Disapprove raising Bailiffs pay from \$75.00 per day to \$100.00 per day, Grand Juror pay from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day, and Traverse Juror pay from \$35.00 per day to \$50.00 per day per the Grand Jury's recommendation.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

1. Attorney's Report
2. Extension Service 09-25

IX. Adjournment

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ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

Sam Kines, Commissioner

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