



Opportunity Awaits

Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince, Chair
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Yancey Maxwell
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Celeste Tyler
County Administrator

Phillip Drew
District 5

October 7, 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, and Holly Murkerson.

Mr. Prince recognized National 4-H Week and thanked them for what they did in Grady County.

Mr. Prince also recognized the Leadership Grady class, which was in attendance for today's meeting and asked them to stand.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was given by Yancey Maxwell followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated he appreciated the Town Hall meeting and the Lake Workshop.

PRESENTATIONS

Training Range for the Sheriff's Office – Wayne Redden

Mr. Redden presented a presentation on the benefits of having our own training and gun range for the Sheriff's Office.

He listed several benefits to this facility and stated the proposed cost would be \$26,250.00. The property is located off State Park Road and US 84. It is county property but there is some discussion as to whether the county or the Lake Authority owns the property.

Kent Harvey presented Letters of Merit for Deputy David Velasquez, Deputy Jamar Brown, and Sgt. Tavarious Bowens for de-escalating a volatile situation that could have ended in the use of deadly force. They were able to talk the gentleman into surrendering his weapon. Their skills and training helped save a human life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Commissioners Meeting, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting, the Town Hall Meeting minutes from September 30, 2025, and the Board of Commissioners/Lake Authority Workshop minutes from October 3, 2025.

Ratify the approval of the Charlie Kirk Memorial Service on the Courthouse grounds on September 20, 2025.

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



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Ratify approval to move \$28,000.00 from the Detention Salaries 100-3400-04-511100 budget to the Sheriff Office vehicle purchase line 100-3300-05-542200 to replace a totaled vehicle at the Sheriff's Office.

Ratify vote to approve the Secondary Manufacturers' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form in the Opiate Lawsuits.

The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA10-01-25; Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the bid for the FY 25 Resurfacing and Patching with David Taylor Construction for \$1,409,974.11. The motion was approved.

FA10-02-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to table 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 pending information from surrounding counties. The motion was approved.

FA10-03-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a Firehouse Subs grant for a UTV. The motion was approved.

FA10-04-25 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the contract with Taylor Waste. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler expressed appreciation for those who participated in the Town Hall meeting on September 30 and the Board of Commissioners/Lake Authority Workshop on October 3.

SPLOST will be on the ballot in November, and it is important that people get out and vote.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Kines stated that he has been a commissioner for 9 months and taxes and the lake are issues. It is time the county reviews its ordinances to remove restrictions that hamper revenue growth and it is time to get something going at the lake. Mr. Kines stated that all salaries need to be re-evaluated. He stated it is time to get to work and get something done.

Mrs. Copeland stated to go and vote and pass the SPLOST.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to enter in executive session for discussion of personnel at 10:18 am. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Drew to exit executive session at 10:52 am.

REPORTS

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1. Attorney's Report – Mr. Ridley entered a discussion on the abandonment of Plantation Road and what needed to be done. After discussion with Mr. Ridley and Mr. Stringfellow who made the request, it was decided that Mr. Ridley would do further research and make a recommendation.

2. Permit Report 09-25

3. Plat Activity Report 09-25

4. Plats for 09-25

5. Tired Creek Lake 09-25

6. Animal Control 09-25

7. Roads and Bridges 09-25

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

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS



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I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order - 9:00 AM
 - a This Week is National 4-H Week
2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments

II. Presentations

1. Training/Range facility for Sheriff's Office
2. Letter of Merit for Deputy David Velasquez, Deputy Jamar Brown, and Sgt. Tavarious Bowens

III. Upcoming Events

1. Board of Commissioners Meeting October 21, 2025, 6:00 PM

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2025, Town Hall Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2025, and from the Board of Commissioners/Lake Authority Workshop for October 3, 2025.

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V. Formal Actions

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FA10-03-25 Approve or Disapprove the Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a Firehouse Subs Grant for a UTV.

FA10-04-25 Approve or Disapprove the contract with Taylor Waste.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

1. For Personnel discussion

VIII. Reports

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ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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Sam Kines, Commissioner