



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

September 16, 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, and Holly Murkerson. Phillip Drew was absent from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Prince at 6:02 p.m. The Invocation was given by Sam Kines followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda after amending it to include FA08-09-25 Approve or Disapprove Executing the closing documents for the purchase of the Colonial Building at a cost of \$297,414.21. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cook, 184 Carr St

Mr. Cook stated tax payors are fed up as the new home and property values from the Tax Assessments are not realistic and adds insult to injury. People are saying they will not vote to approve the SPLOST as a result. He wants real and better solutions.

Dian Pyles, 620 Old 179 S

Mrs. Pyles wants a 30-mph sign placed on the curve at her house as it is dangerous.

PRESENTATIONS

None. The Sheriff's Office decided not to present the letter of Merit to Kristy Tyler at the meeting tonight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Commissioners Meeting, October 7, 2025, at 9:00 am.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to ratify adding \$7,000.00 to the Animal Services line item. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA06-09-25; Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to enter into the Sandoz Settlement Agreement in the Opioids Litigation. The motion was approved.

FA07-09-25; Motion by Mr. Maxell, second by Mr. Kines to approve the Stryker 3-year warranty contract for a three-year total of \$75,203.40. The motion was approved.

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FA08-09-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve Chairman Prince to sign the closing documents for the Colonial Building for a price of \$297,414.21. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated there would be a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Board of Commissioner's Office.

There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Lake Authority on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Commissioner's Office.

On Friday, September 19, 2025, at 9:30 am, there will be a meeting on Land Use for the Comprehensive Plan at the Grady Cultural Center.

Mrs. Tyler attended a First Responder event on September 11, 2025, at Collins place hosted by Steve and Beverly Maxwell and sponsored by United National Bank. It was a wonderful event.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Kines stated that citizens have been complaining about the growth on the sides of the roads and he is grateful to Stanley for going to the contractor and increasing the efforts to get the roadsides cut.

Mr. Kines asked about trash and money at the lake and stated we need to get moving on the grass situation at the lake.

Mr. Maxwell stated that there are 375 miles of road in Grady County to address, and it takes time to get around to all of them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report – None
2. Animal Control 08-25
3. Tired Creek Lake 08-25
4. Roads and Bridges 08-25

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to adjourn. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

- I. Executive Duties
 1. Call to Order - 6:00 PM

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2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments

II. Presentations

1. Special Recognition - Kristy Tyler, Grady County Sheriff Investigator

III. Upcoming Events

1. Board of Commissioners Meeting October 7, 2025, at 9:00 am

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025, meeting
Ratify adding \$7,000.00 to the Animal Services line item.

V. Formal Actions

FA06-09-25 Approve or Disapprove entering into the Sandoz Settlement Agreement in the
Opioids Litigation

FA07-09-25 Approve or Disapprove Stryker 3-year warranty contract.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

1. Attorney's Report
2. Animal Control 08-25
3. Tired Creek Lake 08-25
4. Roads and Bridges 08-25

IX. Adjournment

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ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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