



*Opportunity Awaits*

### **Grady County Board of Commissioners**

Ray Prince, Chair  
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LaFaye Copeland, Vice-Chair  
District 4

Yancey Maxwell  
District 1

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Celeste Tyler  
County Administrator

Phillip Drew  
District 5

### **September 30, 2025, Town Hall Minutes**

Present at the meeting were commissioners, Ray Prince, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines, and LaFaye Copeland and Phillip Drew. Staff present were Celeste Tyler, John White, Holly Murkerson Stanley Elkins, and Brian Harrison.

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.

Mrs. Celeste Tyler was the moderator for the Town Hall Meeting.

Mrs. Tyler reviewed the format for the meeting and ground rules.

Mr. Jeff Worsham, Tax Commissioner, was recognized and asked if he had any comments as he had a prior engagement and would not be able to stay for the entire Town Hall Meeting.

Mr. Worsham talked about the tax process for a while and the Floating Homestead Exemption. He then asked for any questions.

Questions and discussion were had concerning the appeals of the 2024 property appraisals and Mrs. Wendy Sadler, Chief Appraiser, with the Tax Assessors office stated that appeals were being sent to the Board of Equalization for appeal of the denials. The question was asked whether someone was going out to these properties to look at them and Mrs. Sadler stated there was no way her staff of three could do visits to all the properties with appeals. It was asked if GMASS was helping review the appeals and it was stated they were not.

Mr. Terry Akridge, who serves on the Board of Equalization, provided information concerning that process as they looked to ensure that the process was fairly applied.

It was asked what the meeting was about on Friday, October 3, 2025. Mrs. Tyler stated it was a joint workshop with the Lake Authority where Attorney Laura Benz will provide a history of the Lake and answer any questions that the Commissioners or Lake Authority may have.

Mr. Prince then asked what people thought about Solar Panels. One person said no! Mr. Brian Harrison with Code Enforcement stated that as long as they meet the ordinance; they can be built.

Mr. Stanley Elkins, Road Superintendent, was asked to stand up and he gave an update on Cranford Road. Mr. Elkins stated that if you have any questions or concerns about a road to please give him a call.

Mrs. Tyler shared that bids were opened for road patching and resurfacing this past week.

Mrs. Tyler thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

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



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John White, County Clerk

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Ray Prince, Chair

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LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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