



Opportunity Awaits

Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince
District 2

LaFaye Copeland, Chair
District 4

Yancey Maxwell
District 1

Sam Kines, Vice-Chair
District 3

Celeste Tyler
County Administrator

Phillip Drew
District 5

February 11, 2026, Public Works/Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were commissioners, Ray Prince, Yancey Maxwell, Sam Kines, Phillip Drew, and LaFaye Copeland. Staff Celeste Tyler, Holly Murkerson, John White, Richard Phillips, Stanley Elkins, Mike Binion, Brian Harrison, Becky Bracewell, and Tiffany Prince.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman LaFaye Copeland at 9:30 a.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Maxwell, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

County Administrator Tyler explained the purpose of the Committee and how it came about.

Mrs. Copeland then named Yancey Maxwell as chair of the Public Works/Public Property Committee. Mrs. Copeland chaired this meeting to adjournment.

II. Presentations

Chief Richard Phillips presented on the purchase of a used firetruck from Henry County through the Ten-8 company. Total cost will be \$175,000.00 and 10% will be required to hold the truck.

Tired Creek Lake – Mike Binion

Mr. Binion stated that the contract with the investor has expired and he did not seek an extension. He has paid \$50,000.00 earnest money.

Mr. Binion reported that the lake is down four feet to assist with grass management. He is planning to close the gate next week to start refilling the lake.

Mr. Binion stated that two loads of rock had been put on the road to the State Park boat ramp to fill in the holes.

The fence has been repaired below the dam which has been damaged by people entering the restricted area.

Mr. Binion stated he would like to get power down to both boat ramps and is getting a price quote for it.

He also stated that it is time for Dam inspection by an engineer and he will be requesting quotes for the inspection.

Mr. Maxwell asked about the broken buoy line at the dam. Mr. Binion stated that it will be repaired when the lake level is brought back to normal pool.

Mr. Kines stated that he likes the idea of running power to the boat ramps and would like electronic gates installed. The question was asked if the earnest money could be used to cover this cost. Mr. Binion stated the money belongs to the Lake Authority. The question was asked whether the money could be transferred to the General Fund and Mr. Binion stated that it was a Gabe and Charlie question. Mr. Binion stated he would ask Charlie and Gabe.

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



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Roads and Bridges update – Stanley Elkins

Mr. Elkins stated David Taylor Construction started on Harrell Road last week and there are issues with the soil. Test on the soil will be conducted today to see the depth of the problem. They will have to dig and replace material to make the roadbed stable. It was discussed about having the road department do the material removal and replace the dirt while David Taylor moves on to other roads.

Mr. Elkins stated he had been in touch with GDOT about a caution light at the intersection of Ridge Road and Pine Level Road. Mr. Maxwell asked about a four-way stop at the intersection and Mr. Elkins stated that would not be a problem.

Mr. Elkins stated that he has been contacted about the resurfacing of Walden Road. Mrs. Tyler suggested a field trip to Walden Road.

Mrs. Tyler stated that they have received the check for LMIG. The roads included with LMIG are Sofkee, Waldrop, Oakland Drive, and the repair for Collins Road and Lower Hawthorne Trail. The LMIG project will be placed on the 02/17/26 agenda to put it out to bid.

Mrs. Tyler discussed the striping project and the list of roads on the project. Meridian Road was modified to only be striped from US 319 to 93 South. This project will be placed on the 02/17/26 agenda to put it out to bid.

Mrs. Murkerson and Mr. Harrison reviewed the Help Agency Building project and discussed the need for a lift station for the entire area.

Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Bracewell discussed replacing the railing at the Aquatic Center. Replaced with stainless steel would cost around \$30,000.00. Options were discussed including removing the fence all together, using furniture for a barrier, using a mesh fence, and using a PVC fence.

Mrs. Bracewell stated they will soon be able to take electronic payments.

She stated the parking lot needs to be restriped and the Pickleball courts need to be resurfaced.

Mr. Prince stated the trash on Airport Road needs to be cleaned up.

III. Adjournment – Mrs. Copeland then closed the committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order - 9:30 AM
2. Invocation/Pledge

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II. Presentations

1. Purchase of Fire Truck - Richard Phillips
2. Tired Creek Lake - Mike Binion
3. Road Striping - Celeste Tyler
4. Aquatic Center Railing

III. Adjournment

ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

LaFaye Copeland, Chair

Sam Kines, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

Ray Prince, Commissioner