



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 29, 2025, Budget Workshop 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.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Murkerson reviewed the preliminary Budget for 2025. The starting budget for 2026 is \$22,462,200. Not entered were several requests and the Sheriff Office salary Increases. The Sheriff Office has requested in terms of staff and salaries an increase of \$750,428.00 and expenses for \$660,000.00. If these are included in the budget, the final budget amount would be \$23,872,628 without any raises for any other employees other than the Sheriff Office.

In terms of the increase in staff for the Sheriff Office, Mrs. Tyler asked to see the response time data for them.

The commissioners discussed the new ambulances.

Mr. Kines asked about whether the VFD volunteers could not be charged for any ambulance services and Mrs. Tyler stated she would investigate that possibility.

The Enterprise leases were discussed, and it was felt that this was still a beneficial program.

During the discussion, it was noted that we still must get ready for our own E911 service, and we have no idea what the cost will be associated with that project.

It was also discussed about the potential to purchase additional acreage around Barber Park for a potential gym/storm shelter.

Mrs. Copeland spoke about SPLOST and urged everyone to get out and vote. FLOST was also mentioned, and everyone will be watching what happens in Decatur County next week.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS

I. Executive Duties

1. Call to Order - 9:00 AM
2. Invocation/Pledge
3. Adoption of Agenda

II. Presentations

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



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1. Budget Discussion

III. Adjournment

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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