



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 2, 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.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Akridge, 111 Wood Duck Dr.

Mr. Akridge spoke about the Health Insurance coverage. He feels like the deductions and the premium should be adjusted for the employees.

Mr. Akridge stated something needs to be done to improve safety at the intersection of GA 188 and Old Thomasville Road.

He also stated that the Board of Equalization has not met this year and felt that they should have met with the number of appeals the Tax Assessor received.

PRESENTATIONS

Inmate Health Coverage – Genesys Health Alliance, Ashlee Hidden

Ms. Hidden presented a proposal from Genesys which includes increasing the hours and days that nursing staff are available for inmates. She also presented information for going with an electronic health record system.

Car Camera System – Kent Harvey

Chief Harvey presented information from Axon for a car camera system. Cameras are currently under Watch Guard which no longer exist, and you cannot get parts for the cameras. The price would be \$55,000.00 per year for five years for 22 cameras. The cost would be less if you only went with 18 cameras.

Potential Grant for Lower Cairo Road Improvement, Julie Shutters, Golden Triangle

Mrs. Shutters presented information on a grant from the EPD Land Branch that does not require any county match. The grant would pay for all gravel and recollimated tires to improve and stabilize the road base on Lower Cairo Road. The grant would be for \$250,000.00 and would be administered by Golden Triangle. The board was interested in the grant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

None listed.

CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

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



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Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved.

FORMAL ACTIONS

FA01-09-25; Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Kines to table the bids on the restrooms at the courthouse and seek additional local bids. The motion was approved.

FA02-09-25; Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of An Application for a Grant Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311 with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The motion was approved.

FA03-09-25 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve a three-year renewal for cloud access for the Beachton Place Radar sign. The motion was approved.

FA04-09-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to appoint Mr. Howard Cochran to serve on the Grady County Planning Commission to replace Mr. Phillip Corker. The motion was approved.

FA05-09-25 Motion by Mrs. Copeland, second by Mr. Drew to approve to move forward with the EPD Grant for Lower Cairo Road with Golden Triangle. The motion was approved.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

Mrs. Tyler stated that Attorney Ridley has submitted the resolutions for the new hours of operation for the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor Office for signature.

Commissioner Matters

Mr. Prince stated that he contacted Darlene Taylor's office to see when the State DOT will be finished with their part of Hwy 93 so we can complete the Long Branch Road project. Mrs. Taylor will see if she can move it along. Mr. Prince also stated that Attorney Ridley is working on the Watershed plan for the lake.

Mr. Kines thanked those who showed up and took part in the meeting at the lake. All the commissioners stated it was a good meeting.

Mr. Maxwell stated he has had complaints about plants growing up so high around signs and that Mr. Elkins has taken care of the issue as he has reported them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report – None

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ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines 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
4. Public Comments

II. Presentations

1. Inmate Health Coverage - John Walton
2. Car Camera System - Kent Harvey
3. Potential Grant for Lower Cairo Road Improvement

III. Upcoming Events

IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from

a August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

V. Formal Actions

FA01-09-25 Approve or Disapprove bid for renovation of the courthouse restrooms.

FA02-09-25 Approve or Disapprove the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of An Application for a Grant Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311 with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

FA03-09-25 Approve or Disapprove cloud access for the Beachton Place Radar Sign.

FA04-09-2025 Approve or Disapprove appointing Mr. Howard Cochran to serve on the Grady County Planning Commission to replace Mr. Phillip Corker.

VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters
2. Commissioner Matters

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VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

1. Attorney's Report

IX. Adjournment

ATTEST:

John White, County Clerk

Ray Prince, Chair

LaFaye Copeland, Vice Chair

Phillip Drew, Commissioner

Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

Sam Kines, Commissioner