



*Opportunity Awaits*

## Grady County Board of Commissioners

Ray Prince  
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LaFaye Copeland, Chair  
District 4

Yancey Maxwell  
District 1

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District 3

Celeste Tyler  
County Administrator

Phillip Drew  
District 5

### May 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman LaFaye Copeland at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Kines, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Moss, 935 Piney Grove Rd

Mr. Moss stated there are more important things than money. We need stricter Land Use Regulations.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Public Works/Public Properties Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9:30 am.
2. Workshop on Motocross/Land Use Regulations, Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:30 pm.
3. Public Hearing on potential change to the Land Use Regulations, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 6:00 PM.
4. Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

#### CONSENT ITEMS (ONE MOTION)

Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Prince to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026, and Executive Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026, and table the Lodge Plat for more information. The motion was approved.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

FA05-01-26 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the bid for Striping from MidState for \$483,058.50. The motion was approved.

FA05-02-26 Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Maxwell to approve the LMIG paving bid from Reames & Son for \$1,378,822.45. The motion was approved.

FA05-03-26 Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Drew to approve appointing Sherry Knight to serve on the Grady County Family and Children Services Board for a term through June 30, 2031. The motion was approved.

#### NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Matters

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

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Mrs. Tyler recognized the Public Works Department for their work on the Mechanical Concrete Project on Lower Cairo Road. They did a fantastic job with this project.

Mrs. Tyler stated that the Commissioners and staff went to Savannah for the ACCG Conference and training and received beneficial training.

The Board will be going to Early County on May 12, 2026, to tour the Solar Farm located there.

### Commissioner Matters

Mr. Drew provided information regarding a price to run power to the dam area of the lake. Mr. Drew stated they could put cameras in place once power is provided to the area. This will help with theft and vandalism currently taking place in this area.

Mr. Kines stated we will make the speed limit on Walden Road 35 mph after his meeting with Mrs. Glover.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:25 am, motion by Mr. Prince, second by Mr. Kines to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was approved.

At 10:01 am, motion by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Kines to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

No action was taken because of the Executive Session.

### REPORTS

1. Attorney's Report – None
2. Roads and Bridges 04-26

IX. Adjournment Motion by Mr. Kines, second by Mr. Maxwell 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
- III. Upcoming Events
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- IV. Consent Items –(One motion)

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Approval of the Lodge Plat

V. Formal Actions

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VI. New and Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Matters

2. Commissioner Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Reports

1. Attorney's Report

2. Roads and Bridges 04-26

IX. Adjournment

ATTEST:

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John White, County Clerk

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LaFaye Copeland, Chair

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Sam Kines, Vice Chair

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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