



Public Safety Committee
August 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

STAFF PRESENT: David Thornton, *Board of Commissioners*
John Blalock, *Committee Chief of Staff, Public Safety Division Director*
Jamie McCord, *County Manager*
Katy Walters, *Director, P.A.W.S.*
Tim Herrington, *Director, EMA*
Chris Fincher, *Assistant Director, EMA*
Sommer Robinson, *Director, E-911*
Brad Roberson, *Deputy Chief, Rome-Floyd Fire Department*
Jamie Stone, *Division Chief, Rome-Floyd Fire Department*
Clete Bonney, *Deputy Chief, Rome-Floyd Fire Department*
Mark Wallace, *Chief, Floyd County Police Department*
Tom Ewing, *Assistant Chief, Floyd County Police Department*
Mike Long, *Warden, Prison*
Corey Bowers, *Floyd County Sheriff's Office*
Nasier Vazquez, *Floyd County Board of Education*
John Bailey, *Assistant Clerk, County Manager's Office*

Others Present: WRGA News, *Media*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Public Participation

Review Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the June 18, 2026 meeting were approved through common consent.

Order of Business:

- I. P.A.W.S.**
 - a. Vaccine clinic proposal
 - b. Data Report

Ms. Walters reviewed the data report and discussed a vaccine clinic proposal.

- II. Coroner**
 - a. Data Report



Mr. Blalock read a letter from Coroner Gene Proctor, who was absent, and reviewed the data report.

III. Emergency Management

a. Data Report

Mr. Herrington reviewed the data report and discussed recent and upcoming EMA events. Mr. Fincher stated there are a few community classes upcoming including an Oct. 7 disaster response symposium and a mass casualty exercise in November. Mr. Fincher also briefly discussed potential projects that could be covered by federal grant funds.

IV. E-911

- a. Data Report
- b. Employment
- c. Events

Ms. Robinson reviewed the data report and stated that calls for service were up significantly in July. She also stated 911 has four frozen positions and four currently in training.

V. Fire Department

- a. Data Report
- b. Operations
- c. Support

Mr. Stone reviewed data reports. Mr. Bonney reviewed operations reports and briefly discussed conducting three days of training regarding dealing with a lithium ion batteries. Mr. Roberson discussed support operations and reminded everyone of the 25th annual remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Mr. Roberson said the fire department is currently four people down.

VI. Metro Task Force

- a. Data Report

Mr. Ewing reviewed the data reports

VII. Floyd County Police Department

- a. Data Report
- b. Employment
- c. Projects / Events

Mr. Wallace reviewed reports and reviewed upcoming events including a Sept. 5 public safety event with Scouting America as well as a back roads for bikes event on Oct. 17 to raise money for the Santa Bike Patrol. Mr. Wallace also stated that Tim Minter had requested the county adopt an ordinance to accept donations to improve local roadways.



VIII. Prison / Work Release Center

- a. Data Report
- b. Employment
- c. Projects / Events

Mr. Long reviewed reports and stated inmates had completed several community projects including projects for FCPD, a pavilion for Garden Lakes Park, clearing work for the Rome Civic Center, Floyd Felines, Pepperell High School and the Children's Museum of Rome. Mr. Long also stated the prison is seeking grants to get additional computers and upgraded technology for the GED program and investigative needs.

IX. Sheriff's Office / Jail

- a. Cryptocurrency ordinance discussion
- b. Data Report
- c. Employment
- d. Projects / Events

Mr. Bowers reviewed reports and discussed a proposal to create an ordinance with a warning regarding scams at gift card sale stations in Floyd County. Mr. Bowers said cryptocurrency stations had been regulated by the state in that manner and some private businesses, like Publix, already enacted their own warnings about scams related to payments with gift cards. Commissioner Thornton said the Clerk's Office will schedule at time for Mr. Bowers to speak in the Caucus portion of a Board of Commissioners meeting.

X. Floyd BOE

Mr. Vazquez introduced himself to the committee and briefly discussed a recent incident at Model High School.

XI. Cave Spring Police Department

XII. County Manager

Mr. McCord thanked everyone who had worked on their budgets recently.

XIII. Chief of Staff

Mr. Blalock also thanked everyone and stated that he did not expect each agency to achieve the same results with less resources. He encouraged everyone present to prioritize resources and discussed insurance rates.

XIV. Chairman

Commissioner Thornton thanked everyone in attendance.



XV. Other Business

XVI. Adjourn

With no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. by common consent.

***Next meeting October 15, 2026*