



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 2021

County Administration Building

Caucus — Suite 204 4:00 pm
Regular Meeting — Suite 206 6:00 pm

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, AND SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEYS VIRGINIA HARMAN AND CHRIS JACKSON; BEKKI FOX, LOGAN BOSS, BRICE WOODS, ART NEWELL, DARRYL BOWIE, HARRY BROCK, AND OLIVIA MORLEY

CAUCUS

1. Update on the Land Bank Authority

CHAIR BAGBY CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER. MS. FOX PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON THE ROME-FLOYD LAND BANK AUTHORITY. CHAIR BAGBY THEN CONTINUED THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MR. NEWELL AND MR. WOODS REVIEWED THE ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. MCCORD THEN REVIEWED THE ALCOHOL ORDINANCE, THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND NEW BUSINESS.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG — Commissioner Wallace

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — APPROVED AS SUBMITTED WITH THE ADDITION OF MR. BURKHALTER'S NAME ADDED TO THE MINUTES.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of May 25, 2021.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VII. PROCLAMATION

VIII. FIRST READING — MR. WOODS PRESENTED ITEM #1 AND ITEM #2 TO THE COMMISSION, AS WELL AS #3. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY

OBJECTIONS TO PROCEED WITH THE READINGS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS.

1. Adopt an ordinance to amend Article 3 and Article 4 of the Unified Land Development Code of Rome and Floyd County, Georgia (The “ULDC”) for the purpose of decreasing red tape and other obstacles to desirable growth and development in Rome and Floyd County; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.
2. Adopt an ordinance to amend Article 3 and Article 4 of the Unified Land Development Code of Rome and Floyd County, Georgia (The “ULDC”) related to the use tables and ordinance sections related to distilleries, wineries, and breweries for nonresidential districts; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.
3. Adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 2-5 of the Official Code of Floyd County, Georgia to amend its ordinances to provide additional relevant definitions, to eliminate harmful tethering practices, and to address the payment of anticipated costs of the impoundment and care of animals.
4. File Z21-06-03 request to rezone from Suburban Residential to Multi-Family Residential for the properties located at 0 Chateau Drive, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel J15Z234 and J15Z178.
5. File Z21-06-04 request to rezone from Suburban Residential to Light Industrial for the property located at 31 June Street, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel L12Y124.
6. File SUP21-06-01 requesting a special use permit for multi-family housing for the property located at 3840 Martha Berry Boulevard, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel J11X017.

**IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS
(FIRST READINGS HELD JUNE 22, 2021 AT 6PM)**

X. RESOLUTIONS

XI. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

1. Appoint someone to the Parks & Recreation Authority.
2. Appoint someone to the Planning Commission — COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT ANTHONY MCCLAIN SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS TO REAPPOINT ANTHONY MCCLAIN TO THE ROME-FLOYD PLANNING COMMISSION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 4. Elected Officials Committee – Commissioners Rhonda Wallace and Larry Maxey**
 - a. Next Meeting, TBD, at 2:30pm
- 5. Special Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Overview Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:30am.
 - b. Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 8:00am.
 - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, TBD, at 2:30pm.
 - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10:00am.
 - e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey**

i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 8:30am.

f. Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioner Larry Maxey

i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 2012, at 10:00am.

g. Airport Commission—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace

i. Next meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00pm.

h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace

i. Next meeting, TBD

i. RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Rhonda Wallace

i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 12:00pm.

j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –

k. Floyd County Library Board—Commissioner Allison Watters

i. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4:00pm.

XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XIV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XV. CONSENT AGENDA — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 1.** Approve purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford F-600XL Standard Cab & Chassis with an eleven (11) foot dump bed with a diesel engine from Prater Ford in the amount of \$66,359.68 for the Floyd County Water Department. This was budgeted at \$80,000.00.
- 2.** Approve a grant award from the Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$221,065.00 from the Floyd County Adult Felony Drug Courts. This will require a \$24,563.00 local match.
- 3.** Approve the surplus of the submitted listed vehicles and equipment submitted by the Floyd County Purchasing Department.

4. Approve the annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation to sweep the shoulders (bike lanes) on the newest leg of the Bypass (Temp 746) monthly by the Floyd County Public Works Department for \$1,000.00 monthly.
5. Approve one (1) vehicle for the Floyd County Coroner's office. This will be an addition to the fleet.
6. Approve a grant award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$175,386.00 from the Floyd County Mental Health Court. This will require a \$19,487.00 local match.
7. Approve Task Order No. 01 for professional services airfield fencing — Phase 2 Construction with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly.
8. Approve ACCG Property and Liability Renewal for 2021-2022.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approve the Floyd County Classification and Compensation Plan — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. **Approve the purchase of ILS 420 Landing Equipment and related items for Richard B. Russell Regional Airport from Thales Air Traffic Management, U.S., in Overland Park, Kansas, in the amount of \$458,958.00. This is budgeted in the 2013 SPLOST. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. **Approve purchase of nine (9) Police Interceptor vehicles for the Floyd County Police Department and Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$337,537.26 (\$37,504.14 each) from Prater Ford. The total price including upfitting for all nine (9) vehicles and cameras for the three (3) police vehicles is \$422,287.26. Six (6) vehicles will be for the Sheriff's Office and three (3) for the Police Department. This is budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST pending approval of item #3 under New Business. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

4. **Approve a 2017 SPLOST budget revision in the amount of \$422,287.26. —** MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
5. **Approve abolishment of two part time parking attendant positions in General Services. —** MR. MCCORD PRESENTED ITEMS #5, #6, AND #7 TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
6. **Approve creation of one patrol officer position in the Floyd County Police Department to manage parking.**
7. **Approve budget transfer of \$28,564.00 from General Services to Police for salaries and wages, FICA, unemployment compensation, and pension expense.**

XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS — CHAIR BAGBY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION, THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. CHAIR BAGBY ALSO RECOGNIZED MR. BURKHALTER FOR HIS SERVICE TO BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROME. CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO NAME MR. BURKHALTER EX OFFICIO CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING. VICE CHAIR WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0. MR. BURKHALTER READ A STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION TO THE COMMISSION.

“Chairman Bagby, Madam Vice Chair Watters, Commissioner Wallace, Commissioner Maxey, Commissioner Hancock, I just want to thank each of you for your support that you gave me during my time while I worked with y’all while y’all were on this commission. This is a great commission and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with you. For Mr. McCord, Mrs. Elrod, Ms. Harman and her firm, and previously Mr. Hoyt and his firm, I’ve enjoyed working with y’all on county business on a daily basis. It has been a pleasure. I appreciated the retirement reception that was given to me last week, and I’m very thankful the majority of my family was able to attend. Only my sister and one son-in-law were unfortunately not able to be with us. I enjoyed that time to be able to get to see many coworkers and friends that I have come in contact with over the years, and I wanted to thank Mr. McCord for the kind words he said about me at the reception, thank you. When I look across this podium and I see Commissioners, I see Management, I see Attorney, but I also see something that is more important to me, I see my friends. I cherish this and I hope our paths continue to cross even after I do retire. We all know the biggest asset of any organization is its employees, and this organization is no different. We have many dedicated and hardworking employees and it has been a pleasure working with them. During the years I have been in local government, I have

had the opportunity to work with many great people, and for that I am extremely grateful. Tonight, I want to mention four of those individuals that had a significant impact on my career. I want to begin with Mr. Al Crace. Mr. Crace gave me my first management position when he hired me as the Financial Director for the City of Rome. I appreciate the opportunity he gave me back then, and after he moved on to another local government, I had the privilege of working with Mr. John Bennett. I enjoyed our time together, and his knowledge and wisdom taught me a lot during our time together. Over fifteen years ago, Mr. Kevin Poe gave me the opportunity to be Financial Director/Comptroller for Floyd County, and for that I am very grateful. Last but definitely not least, I want to thank Mr. Jamie McCord for giving me the opportunity to be his Assistant Manager. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside him and managing daily operations of the County. I also appreciate the confidence he had in me to assign special functions to me, that I could assist with daily duties above their operations and I enjoyed those new challenges. I also gained much knowledge from Mr. McCord during our time together, and I feel we made a great team for Floyd County. Your professional life should not consume you, and I allowed that to happen many times during my career. However I must say, my wife has been very understanding and supportive of me throughout my entire career, so Gail, thank you. I appreciate your support and understanding when I might not have been there in a time of need because of month-end close, computer conversion, Commission Meeting, whatever the case may be, you were left to handle everything by yourself. I love you so much. Well, I have been asked why I would retire when I'm still in good health. My response is, that's why I want to retire because I still do have good health and that will allow me and Gail to travel and do some things we want to do. But that's not the only main reason I'm retiring, the other main reason is because of our four grandchildren. They just grow up so fast. I thank God for these wonderful grandchildren, and I want to spend as much time with them as I can. In closing, I want to thank each of you for the impact you've had on me, you all are the best. I've enjoyed the journey, and I will miss you all. I pray God's continued blessing on the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and this great county in which we live, Floyd County. Thank you."

XIX. ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION,
EX OFFICIO CHAIR GARY BURKHALTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING.