



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 13, 2021

Forum River Center

Caucus—Floyd Room	4:00 pm
Regular Meeting—Ballroom	6:00 pm

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, AND LARRY MAXEY; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, MARK WALLACE, BOB HENDERSON, ARTAGUS NEWELL, OLIVIA MORLEY, AMY DAWKINS, HOLLIS BARTON, LAUREN CHUMBLER

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: COMMISSIONERS RHONDA WALLACE AND SCOTTY HANCOCK, JEFF BURNS, BRUCE IVEY, SUSIE GASS, MICHAEL SKEEN, RANDY SELF, JOHN CARROLL, AND DARRYL BOWIE

CAUCUS

1. **Update on the Engineering Department** — Jeff Burns updated the Commission on the Engineering Department.

CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE CAUCUS SESSION. MR. BURNS UPDATED THE COMMISSION THE FLOYD COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. MR. NEWELL PRESENTED THE TWO ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WATTERS UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES FOR THE COUNTY. THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO BE PROPOSED TO HAPPEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY. MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** — CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND PLEDGED OF ALLEGIANCE.
- II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG** — Chair Bagby
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 1. Bruce Brooks from a telecom auditing firm addressed the Commission regarding auditing services that provide a no-cost audit of wireline services. Stated they would do a complete audit of any government entity or school and specialize in

phone company billing. Thanked the Commission for allowing him to introduce himself.

2. Darrell Willburn from West Rome addressed the Commission regarding flooding. Mr. Willburn brought pictures for the Commission and stated any time there is a flood or heavy rain there is an issue. Stated at the end of his street there will usually be seven to nine inches of water and over time it has started to damage the brick on his house.

Chair Bagby asked Mr. McCord if this area has been addressed before. Mr. McCord stated we have not addressed this specific area but that there have been issues in the general area before. Stated most of this area was built prior to their ULDC and believed some of it to be before any Stormwater detention and understands the more that was built, the more water there would be. Stated they previously dealt with an area on Eden Drive about six months ago and had a structure built in a drainage easement and were able to reach a solution. Stated there were staff Engineers that could visit the area and begin to address the issue. Mr. McCord acknowledged even with the heavy rain we had received, that area experiences drainage issues more than other areas and the County would take a look.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of March 23, 2021.** – Chair Bagby asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried 4-0.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION — MR. MCCORD READ THE EMPLOYEES ON THE RECORD.

1. **Employee Years of Service**
 - a. **10 Years of Service**
 - i. Victoria Helms, P.A.W.S.
 - ii. Robert Evans, County Prison
 - iii. Sharon Poe, Sheriff's Office
 - iv. Joshua Ward, County Police
 - b. **15 Years of Service**
 - i. Michael McDonald, County Prison
 - ii. Gary Burkhalter, County Manager's Office
 - iii. Brock Coogler, Parks & Recreation
 - iv. Karen Ellis, Superior Court
 - v. Jeff Black, Sheriff's Office
 - vi. Nicholas Deaton, Sheriff's Office

c. 20 Years of Service

- i. Lynn Davis, Tax Assessor's Office
- ii. James Womack, Sheriff's Office
- iii. Scott Knight, Sheriff's Office
- iv. William Montgomery, Public Works
- v. Marcus Roberts, County Police

d. 25 Years of Service

- i. Jill Robinson, Tax Commissioner's Office

VII. PROCLAMATION

- 1. National Crime Victims' Rights Week** — COMMISSIONER MAXEY PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY LEIGH PATTERSON AND FLOYD COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS DIRECTOR SANDY KUNNEMAN.
- 2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month** — VICE CHAIR WATTERS PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO NORTHWEST GEORGIA SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KIMBERY KING AND VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR PAYTON BERRY.
- 3. National Animal Control Officers Week** — VICE CHAIR WATTERS PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO FLOYD COUNTY P.A.W.S. DIRECTOR JEFF MITCHELL.

**VIII. FIRST READING — MR. NEWELL PRESENTED THE ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR FIRST READINGS.
(SECOND READING HELD APRIL 27, 2021 AT 6PM)**

- 1.** File SUP21-04-01 requesting a Special Use Permit for a special event venue at 796 Wilkerson Road SW, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel H14W041. Staff recommends approval with conditions and it was approved 4-2 by the planning commission.
- 2.** File Z21-04-01 requesting rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Community Commercial for the properties located at 1201 Highway 27, Armuchee, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel I09W028. Staff recommends the approval of the rezoning with the understanding that the proposed development will not be possible without the approval of the proposed parking variance and it was approved 6-0 by the planning commission.

IX. SECOND READING

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XI. RESOLUTIONS

XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 4. Elected Officials Committee – Commissioners Rhonda Wallace and Larry Maxey**
 - a. Next Meeting, Friday, May 7, 2021, at 2:30pm
- 5. Special Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Overview Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:30am.
 - b. Joint Services Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 8:00am.
 - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission — Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 2:30pm.
 - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10:00am.

- e. **Joint Solid Waste Commission — Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 8:30am.
- f. **Transportation Policy Committee — Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2012, at 10:00am.
- g. **Airport Commission — Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 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, May 18, 2021, at 12:00pm.
- j. **Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –**
- k. **Floyd County Library Board — Commissioner Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 4:00pm.

XIV. MANAGER’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THE CONSENT AGENDA IS IN ORDER. MS. ELROD RESPONDED IT WAS IN ORDER. MR. MCCORD MENTIONED THE SCHRIBNER’S ERROR IN THE FIRE AGREEMENT. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- 1. Approve Chattooga County funds transfer.
- 2. Approve request to transfer funds from 2020 to 2021 for the remaining amount of allocated for the SWAT Unit Upgrade in the amount of \$31,300.00.

3. Approve fire agreement with the City of Cave Spring
4. Accept grant funding from H.I.D.T.A. (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) program in the amount of \$150,000.00.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approve the replacement of the main 50MB asymmetrical COMCAST internet connection with Parker Systems symmetrical 1 GB connection at Floyd County Jail.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
2. **Approve budget amendment of \$285,000.00 in the 2017 SPLOST budget for the purchase of a sweeper for Public Works with priority use at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
3. **Approve five year contract for airport consultation by Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly for the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. This was recommended by the Floyd County Airport Commission.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL WITH ONE MINOR CHANGE TO ELIMINATE THE ARBITRATION OPTION IN CASE OF DISPUTE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
4. **Approve request for proposal for replacement of some components of gates 1 & 2 and a complete install of Gate 10 as well as securing four (4) walk through gates at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. The selection committee recommends Owens Security Solutions of Calhoun, GA at \$68,539.91. The project was budgeted at \$25,000.00. The remaining funds are being paid through the sale of an airplane that had been designated as surplus.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE VICE CHAIR WATTERS FOR APPROVAL AND ADDED THERE IS A SEVEN (7) WEEK TURNAROUND FOR THE INSTALL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. **Approve excess LMIG application in the amount of \$200,000.00 with a \$60,000.00 local match for safety improvements on Floyd County roads.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
6. **Approve purchase of ICOR Technology Mini-Caliber Bomb Response Robot in the amount of \$67,590.00. This will require a budget revision to the 2017 SPLOST budget.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
7. **Approve purchase of five (5) Mobile Vision In-Car camera systems with four (4) years extended maintenance agreement per camera system in the amount of \$35,601.25. This was budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST at \$36,000.00.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
8. **Approve change order in the amount of \$124,090.00 with Carroll Daniel Construction for the smoke evac system for the Floyd County Jail. This is a part of the 2017 SPLOST project.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
9. **Approve recommendation from Rome-Floyd Joint Oversight Committee to contract TPUDC to update the Rome-Floyd Unified Land Development Code in the amount of \$200,000.00. This will also require a budget addition of \$50,000.00 to the previously budgeted amount which will total \$100,000.00.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIR BAGBY ANNOUNCED THE COMMISSION ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY DURING CAUCUS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- XX. **ADJOURN** — SEEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.