



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 2021

Forum River Center

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

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, & SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, & COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN; MARK WALLACE, BRICE WOOD, BOB HENDERSON, OLIVIA MORLEY, & ART NEWELL

PRESENT VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM: BRUCE IVEY, SUSIE GASS, JOHN CARROLL, BILL GILLILAND, RANDY SELF, JOHN BLALOCK, AND DARRYL BOWIE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALLISON WATTERS

CAUCUS

- 1. Update on the County Clerk's Office—Erin Elrod**

CHAIR BAGBY OPENED CAUCUS. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ITEMS TO ADD OR DEFER ON THE AGENDA. MS. ELROD REPLIED THERE WAS AN ITEM TO BE ADDED BY 4/4 VOTE TO THE CHAIR'S REPORT. THIS ITEM WILL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CONTRACTOR'S BOARD OF APPEALS. CHAIR BAGBY THEN MOVED THROUGH THE AGENDA. MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE THREE REQUESTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE ITEMS UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RW/SH

- 1. LEGACY BUILDING IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 MILLION AND IS 40K SQUARE FEET**
- 2. BRADEN PROPERTY--\$20,000 AN ACRE...OPTION TO PURCHASE WITH A DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS**
- 3. NWGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL—SH SPOKE TO KD ABOUT PROPERTY; DISCUSSION DID NOT GO FAR**
- 4. HEANER PROPERTY—STILL AVAILABLE**

LM/RW

- I. CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—COMMISSIONER MAXEY LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEIGANCE.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA—ADDED ITEM #2 TO CHAIR’S REPORT. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH ADDITION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of February 9, 2020.

VI. PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT—MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT.

VII. SPECIAL RECOGNITION—MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE NOMINEES TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZED EACH WITH A GIFT OF A FRAMED PHOTO OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED THE FLOYD COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR 30+ YEARS OF RECEIVING THE GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMNET FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.

1. African American History Month Recognition
 - a. Norris K. Allen, Sr.
 - b. Paula Jasper
 - c. Sara Dahlice Malone
 - d. Terrell Shields
 - e. Danny Lee
2. Recognition of Floyd County Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

VIII. PROCLAMATION

IX. FIRST READING

X. SECOND READING

(FIRST READING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AT 6PM)

1. File SUP21-02-01 requesting a Special Use Permit for a Farm Retreat at 45 Ellis Road, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel K16382. The planning staff recommends approve on the condition that the use be limited to a non-profit farm retreat. The planning commission recommended approval (7-0).—MR. WOOD

PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. AMANDA BOHANNAN REPRESENTING THE SWEET COCOON SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. THE PROPERTY WILL BE USED FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY ARE PLANNING ON BUILDING A PAVILION THAT IS ADA COMPLIANT ALONG WITH A PLAYGROUND AND A BARN. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE LIMITATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING STAFF. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SPOKE ON THE REQUEST. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

2. File SUP21-01-04 requesting a Special Use Permit for a special event venue at 796 Wilkerson Road, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel H14W041. The planning staff and commission recommended denial (6-2).—MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. PATSY TUMLIN, PROPERTY OWNER, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ASKED ABOUT THE HOUSE THAT IS 150' FEET FROM THE PROPERTY. MS. TUMLIN RESPONDED THAT IT WAS OWNED BY A FAMILY MEMBER. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO REAPPLY AFTER SATISFYING THE PLANNING STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
3. File SUP21-02-03 requesting a Special Use Permit for miniature warehouses for the property located at 5850 Calhoun Highway, Rome, GA, zoned Community Commercial; Floyd County Tax Parcel M10Y131. The planning staff recommends denial and planning commission recommended denial (7-2).—MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. CHUCK HARDIN WITH SOUTHERN ENGINEERING SURVEYS REPRESENTING THE PROPERTY OWNER. NO ONE ATTENDED TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY GATE. MR. HARDIN EXPLAINED YES THERE WOULD BE A SECURE GATE AND THE CONVENIENT STORE IS OPEN 24 HOURS SO THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE A PRESENCE THERE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ALSO ASKED THE NUMBER OF UNITS. MR. HARDIN REPLIED THERE WOULD BE 300 UNITS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ALSO ASKED IF WE HAVE OTHER PROPERTIES OF THIS SIZE WITH THIS NUMBER OF UNITS. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO DENY DUE TO THE PROPOSED PLAN NOT MEET THE LONG RANGE GOALS OF THE PROPERTY. IT WAS SECONDED BY CHAIR BAGBY. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ASKED IN REGARDS TO SETBACKS BETWEEN THE REQUEST FOR A SUP AND AN LI ZONING.

THE MOTION FAILED 2-2. (COMMISSIONERS MAXEY AND BAGBY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE DENAIL. COMMISSIONERS WALLACE AND HANCOCK VOTED IN OPPOSITION OF THE DENIAL.) COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XII. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Adopt a resolution declaring certain property of the County unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.—COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
 - a. Tract II (Tax Map I14Z-148) located on Line Street
 - b. Tract III (Tax Map I14Z-149) located at 2 Blacks Bluff Road
 - c. Tract IV (Tax Map J11X-352A) located on Lindsey Road
 - d. Tract V (Tax Map J14O-113) located at 1 Orchard Place
 - e. Tract IV (Tax Map O09-054) located at 5149 Adairsville Highway

XIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

1. Appoint some to fill Corey Townsend’s position on the Rome-Floyd Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Townsend’s second term expired December 31, 2020. This is a one-year term that expires December 31, 2021.
2. Appoint Construction Board of Appeals –COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
 - a. Robert Noble
 - b. Bill Pinson
 - c. Ivy Lowrey
 - d. Jeff Brooks
 - e. David Moody

XIV. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 1, 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. **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, April 6, 2021, at 8:00am.
 - c. **Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, March 4, 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, March 23, 2021, at 8:30am.
 - f. **Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 17, 2012, at 10:00am.
 - g. **Airport Commission—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 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, March 17, 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.

XV. MANAGER’S REPORT—MR. MCCORD UPDATED IN REGARDS TO DPH

XVI. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

XVII. CONSENT AGENDA—COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

1. Approve Governor’s Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. Grant Application for submission.
2. Approve request from Floyd County Sheriff’s Office for a special salary adjustment for position #441-114 (\$15.0471 to \$15.7995 hourly) and position #441-091 (\$16.2087 to \$17.4244 hourly).
3. Approve purchase of six (6) zero-turn Snapper mowers with propane swaps from Cave Spring Outdoor Equipment (formerly Joe Hill Lawnmower) in the amount of \$44,575.74 (\$7,429.29 each) for the Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Department. This was budgeted for 2021.
4. Approve surplus property transfer/disposal policy.
5. Approve purchase of one (1) Ford F-150, 4x4, Super Cab Pickup for Richard B. Russell Airport in the amount of \$27,486.28 from Prater Ford. This was budgeted at \$35,000.00 in the 2021 budget.
6. Approve the replacement of a Ford Escape with a new van for the Coosa Valley Regional Services to Floyd County’s fleet. This van will be used to assist with the “Meals on Wheels” program which supplies food to seniors that are homebound in the Floyd County area.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Floyd County Police Department purchase of a Police K9 and as well as the training of the officer/handler in the amount of \$18,200.00. In January 2021 a donation of \$21,000.00 was made to the Floyd County Police Department by a private citizen. The donation was earmarked for the purchase of a Police K9.—

MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

2. Approve purchase two (2) Ford Explorers for the Floyd County Police Department in the amount of \$69,459.00 (\$32,355.00 each) from Peach State Ford. This budgeted as part of the 2017 SPLOST.—MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
3. Approve hangar placement for the DP Air, LLC hangar on the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.—MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
4. Approve budget increase and purchase of video equipment and installation from Ready or Not, Inc. in the amount of \$19,104.81 for both the Floyd County Superior Court jury trials and the Floyd County Board of Commissioners meetings.—MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

XX. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COMMISSION ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

XXI. ADJOURN—WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, CHAIR BAGBY ADJOURNED THE MEETING.