



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2021

Forum River Center

Caucus—Floyd Room

3:30 pm

Regular Meeting—Ballroom

6:00 pm

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, AND SCOTTY MAXEY; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, AND COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD; JEFF MITCHELL, OLIVIA MORLEY, RON HUNTON, MARK WALLACE, TROY BROCK, HOLLIS BARTON, LAUREN CHUMBLER, AND BOB HENDERSON

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, SUSIE GASS, MICHAEL SKEEN, BRUCE IVEY, JOHN BLALOCK, AND DARRYL BOWIE

CAUCUS

1. **Fire Department presentation by Chief Troy Brock** — CHIEF BROCK PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS UPDATES ON THE ROME-FLOYD FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS INCLUDED EQUIPMENT, SPLOST PROJECTS, AND PERSONNEL.

CHAIR BAGBY AND MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE AGENDA WITH THE COMMISSION. MR. MCCORD INFORMED THE COMMISSION OF THE NEED TO DEFER ITEM #8 FROM NEW BUSINESS. MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE CONSENT AGENDA. MS. ELROD UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON WEBSITE PROCESS. MR. BURKHALTER INFORMED THE COMMISSION ON THE REQUEST FROM PLANNING FOR APPROVAL OF THE SDS EXTENSION AND PLAN. MS. HARMAN ADVISED THAT THIS ITEM WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD. THE ITEM WAS ADDED AS ITEM #16 TO NEW BUSINESS. MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE ITEMS UNDER NEW BUSINESS. THE COMMISSION THEN WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITH A MOTION TO ENTER BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG — Vice Chair Watters

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — CHAIR BAGBY GAVE UPDATES TO THE AGENDA WITH ITEM #8 UNDER NEW BUSINESS DEFERRED AND ITEM #16 ADDED TO NEW BUSINESS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE CHANGES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. GRANT MILLER SPOKE IN REGARDS TO THE ELECTIONS OFFICE.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of January 26, 2020. — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Floyd County Police Officers of the Year — MARK WALLACE RECOGNIZED THE FLOYD COUNTY POLICE OFFICE OF THE YEAR, CRAIG STANFIELD. PFC STANFIELD THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR THE RECOGNITION.

2. David Thornton — COMMISSIONER WALLACE PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION TO CHAPLAIN DAVID THORNTON. CHAPLAIN THORNTON THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR THE RECOGNITION.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Arbor Day 2021 — VICE CHAIR WATTERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY TO EMMA WELLS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING VIRTUALLY. MS. WELLS THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR THE RECOGNITION AND INVITED EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON ON FEBRUARY 19, 2021 AT TOLBERT PARK.

**VIII. FIRST READING — MR. NEWELL PRESENTED THE ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR FIRST READING.
(SECOND READING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 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.

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.
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.

IX. SECOND READING

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XI. RESOLUTIONS

XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — CHAIR BAGBY INVITED CITIZENS TO SUBMIT PROFILES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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.

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, February 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, February 17, 2021, at 9:00am.
4. **Special Committee Reports**

- a. Fire Overview Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 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, February 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, February 18, 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 WAS IN ORDER. MR. MCCORD REPLIED THAT IT WAS IN ORDER. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

1. Approve purchase of a Ford F-150 XL, 4x4, standard cab from Peach State Ford in the amount of \$24,061.00 for the Tax Appraisers Office. The budget was approved at \$25,000.00.
2. Ratify grant from the Council of Accountability Courts for the Felony Drug Court to purchase personal protective equipment, ZOOM virtual meeting monthly services, and technology. There is no match for this grant.
3. Approve hiring of former Public Works employee at a rate of \$14.00 an hour which \$0.4756 higher than the max normally allowed for a new hire.
4. Approve a contract with Municode for a new website design and hosting at \$40,000.00.
5. Approve non-residential gas extension contract with Southern Company Gas.
6. Approve new ownership for beer & wine and self-service fuel license for Hairal Bijal Sahil, LLC dba Lucky Food Mart located at 581 Chulio Road. The application is paid in full and has been approved by all necessary parties.
7. Approve budget adjustment to Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority and Forum salaries and wages.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for tax refund of \$38,000.00 on behalf of PPC Flexible Packaging. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION TO DENY WAS APPROVED 5-0.

2. Request for tax refund for Barbara & Charles Burnes. — MR. MCCORD RECOMMENDED THE TAX ASSESSORS TO PRESENT A REFUND FOR 2018, 2019, AND 2020. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
3. Approve task order for approval and execution for groundwater, surface water, and leachate sampling and reporting as required by the State of Georgia for Berry Hill and Walker Mountain Landfills in the amount of \$75,688.00 from Solid Waste Management Fund. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
4. Approve standard agreement for professional services between Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) and the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport not-to-exceed \$34,280.00. This agreement addresses the performance of environmental technical support professional services associated with the phased construction of the Runway 1/19 & Taxiway 'A' Extension at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
5. Approve agreement between Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority and Rome Area Volleyball Club. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
6. Approve transfer of funds from 2020 to 2021 budget in the amount of \$28,551.12 for the remaining amount of the court reporters' system at the Forum. This was approved in December but not all of the items arrived before December 31, 2020. — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
7. Approve the purchase of a used 2014 Ford E-250 Cargo Van for \$13,388.00. The van currently has 96,130 miles. The van will be used for local vet transport and local rescue transport where carrying a large travel transport trailer is not feasible. This will be purchased using existing and donated funds. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
8. Approve a new inmate labor contract with the City of Rome to begin inmate detail operations at the Walker Mountain Landfill in the amount of \$58,625.30. — DEFERRED TO LATER MEETING.

9. Approve Oostanaula River Mitigation Bank Purchase Agreement as part of Richard B. Russell expansion project. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
10. Approve Deed of Easement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Floyd County, Georgia in the amount of \$1,000.00 annually for property located at Land Lot 204 of the 23rd Land District and 3rd Section of Floyd County, more particularly designated as “100’ R/W Norfolk Southern Railroad” on the plat dated December 2, 2020 for the Redmond Trail. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
11. Approve change order in the amount of \$257,085.00 with Carroll Daniel Construction for the Floyd County Jail Renovation project. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
12. Approve new construction lease update for the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
13. Approve new construction lease for the Tillman and White Aviation, LLC hangar on the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
14. Approve hangar placement for the Tillman and White Aviation, LLC hangar on the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
15. Approve surplus of eighty-one (81) inmate beds by the Sheriff’s Office. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
16. Pending review by County Management and the County Attorney, approve Service Delivery Strategy Extension and the Service Delivery Strategy Plan between Floyd County, City of Rome, and City of Cave Spring for the Georgia

Department of Community Affairs. — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIR BAGBY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING THEIR CAUCUS SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AS WELL AS THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

XX. ADJOURN

CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AND ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.