



## **FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**January 12, 2021**

**Forum River Center**

<b>Caucus—Floyd Room</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Regular Meeting—Ballroom</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>

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**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, HOLLIS BARTON, BRUCE IVEY, BOB HENDERSON, JEROME POOLE, OLIVIA MORLEY, ATTORNEY FOR CELL TOWER REQUEST, AND ART NEWELL**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY: GRETCHEN LUGTHART, DARRYL BOWIE, BRICE WOOD, JEFF BURNS, JOHN BLALOCK, JOHN CARROLL, KEITH MICKLER, RANDY SELF, SEAN LOWE, STEVE HULSEY, SUSIE GASS, AND VIRGINIA HARMAN**

### **CAUCUS**

- 1. NWGA Regional Commission presentation on Watershed Management Plan for Woodward Creek by Gretchen Lugthart.—CHAIR BAGBY AND VICE CHAIR WATTERS ASKED HOW WE GET STARTED ON THIS PROJECT. MS. LUGTHART EXPLAINED THE PROCESS. MR. MCCORD RECOMMENDED THAT MR. IVEY TAKE LEAD ON THE PROJECT FOR THE COUNTY.**

**FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY UPDATES TO THE AGENDA. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING COVID LEAVE TO MARCH 31, 2021. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK.**

**CHAIR BAGBY AND MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WALLACE ASKED MR. NEWELL A QUESTION IN REGARDS TO ITEM #2 UNDER FIRST READINGS CONCERNING THE DISTANCE OF CELL TOWERS FROM PROPERTY LINES. MR. NEWELL REVIEWED THE FEDERAL STATUE WITH THE COMMISSION. MR. MCCORD ASKED MR. MICKLER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTAMINATION BETWEEN SMALL BACKYARD CHICKEN FLOCKS AND COMMERCIAL CHICKEN HOUSES. VICE CHAIR WATTERS ASKED ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND MR. BURKHALTER RELAYED A REVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DISCUSSION.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—COMMISSIONER WALLACE LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA—CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE ADDITION OF AN EXTENSION OF COVID-19 LEAVE POLICY FOR FLOYD COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—APPROVED BY COMMON CONSENT**

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of December 8, 2020.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION—MR. MCCORD RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR WORK FOR THE CITIZENS OF FLOYD COUNTY.**

1. Eric Sexton for completion of National Certificate of Public Works Management
2. Employee Years of Service
  - a. 10 Years of Service
    - i. John Davis, Parks & Recreation
    - ii. Ryan Bearden, Sheriff's Office
    - iii. Travis Howell, Prison
    - iv. Charles Hyde, Parks & Recreation
    - v. Reba Hellreigel, Prison
  - b. 15 Years of Service
    - i. Greg Holmes, Parks & Recreation
    - ii. Thurman McCarley, Police
    - iii. Richard Matthews, Police
    - iv. Stacy Hardy, Sheriff's Office
  - c. 20 Years of Service
    - i. Daniel Pendley, Police
    - ii. Jacquelyn Crowe, Clerk of Superior Court's Office
  - d. 25 Years of Service

- i. Tim Herrington, EMA
  - ii. Joseph Ineichen, Public Works
- e. 30 Years of Service
  - i. Mechelle Cliatt, Sheriff's Office
  - ii. Levear Irvin, Public Works
- f. 35 Years of Service
  - i. Kathy Patterson, Superior Court
- g. 40 Years of Service
  - i. Mark Wallace, Police

## **VII. PROCLAMATIONS**

## **VIII. FIRST READING—CHAIR BAGBY REVIEWED THE ITEMS ON FIRST READINGS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE ITEMS FOR FIRST READINGS. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0. (SECOND READINGS WILL BE HELD JANUARY 26, 2021 AT 6PM)**

1. Adopt an ordinance to amend Articles 3 and 4 of the Unified Land Development Code of Rome and Floyd County, Georgia (the ULDC); related to hobby farms and wildlife parks or zoos; in the agricultural residential (AR) and suburban residential (SR) zoning districts; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. It was approved by the Planning Commission (4-3).
2. File #SUP20-11-02 requesting a special use permit for a cellular communications tower at 4753 Martha Berry Highway, Armuchee, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J10X081. This is recommended for approval by the planning staff. It was approved with a condition of a 300' setback from the existing residential property lines, specifically Stone Gable Drive by the Planning Commission (9-0).
3. File #SUP21-01-03 requesting a special use permit for a special event venue at 5406 Calhoun Road, Adairsville, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel M10W015. This is recommended for approval by the planning staff on the condition that the applicant meet and/all development requirements. This was approved by the Planning Commission (6-0).
4. File #Z21-01-01 requesting a rezoning from Suburban Residential to Light Industrial at 0 Alabama Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel F13Y209, F13Y210, and F13Y211. This is recommended for approval by the planning staff. This was approved by the Planning Commission (8-0).

5. File Z21-01-03 requesting a rezoning from Suburban Residential/Light Industrial to Heavy Industrial at 0 Calhoun Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel M10Z095. This is recommended for approval by the planning staff. This was approved by the Planning Commission (7-0).
6. Re-adoption of the ULDC and accompanying zoning maps. This was approved by the Planning Commission (6-0).

**IX. SECOND READING**

**X. PUBLIC HEARINGS—CHAIR BAGBY REVIEWED THE RULES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. NO ONE WAS PRESENT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. To receive input on a proposed Resolution to exempt County Manager's vehicle from the requirements of O.C.G.A. 36-80-20, related to the placement of a decal or seal containing the name of or otherwise identify the county on said vehicle.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Adopt Resolution regarding Matters Related to the Collections of Taxes.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE RESOLUTION WITH THE COMMISSION.**
2. Adopt Hiring Resolutions—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE APPOINTEES WITH THE COMMISSION.**
  - a. County Manager—JAMIE MCCORD
  - b. County Attorney—MCRAE, SMITH, PEEK, HARMAN, MONROE, LLP
  - c. County Auditor—MAULDIN & JENKINS
  - d. County Personnel
    - i. Assistant County Manager—Gary Burkhalter
    - ii. County Clerk—Erin Elrod
    - iii. E-911 Director—John Blalock
    - iv. Human Resources Director—Darryl Bowie
    - v. Animal Control Director—Jeff Mitchell
    - vi. Warden—Michael Long
    - vii. Parks & Recreation Director—Todd Wofford
    - viii. Facilities Manager—Ryan Davis
    - ix. Finance Director—Susie Gass

- x. Special Projects Manager—Bruce Ivey
- xi. Purchasing Director—Bill Gilliland
- xii. Airport Manager—John Carroll
- xiii. Chief of Police—Mark Wallace
- xiv. Public Works Director—Michael Skeen
- xv. Chief Tax Appraiser—Danny Womack
- xvi. Wellness Coordinator—Sandi McCollum
- xvii. County Engineer—Jeff Burns
- xviii. Information Technology Director—La Sonja Holcomb
- xix. EMA Director—Tim Herrington
- xx. Utilities Administrator—Steve Hulsey
- xxi. Chief Administrator of the Floyd County Court System—Davlon Ezell
- xxii. Assistant Police Chief—Tom Ewing
- xxiii. Assistant Utilities Director—Tim Shuler
- xxiv. Deputy Warden—Betty Bailey-Dean
- xxv. Assistant Purchasing Director—Randy Self

3. Adopt a Resolution Regarding Designation of Depositories of Floyd County.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE DEPOSITORIES WITH THE COMMISSION.**

4. Adopt a Resolution clarifying intent to create supplement for certain positions requiring post certification.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION WITH THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ALL RESOLUTIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—CHAIR BAGBY REVIEWED THE APPOINTEES WITH THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- 1. Committee appointments—**REFER TO HANDOUT FOR MINUTES**
- 2. 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.
- 3. Reappoint Sandra Lindsey to the Rome-Floyd Citizens Advisory Committee. The term will expire on December 31, 2021.
- 4. Appoint someone to fill Melissa Shepherd's position on the Floyd County Board of Health. Ms. Shepherd is currently filling an unexpired term and is eligible for reappointment. The proposed term will expire on January 31, 2027.

5. Reappoint Cheryl Huffman to a second term on the Floyd County Library Board. The new term will expire on December 31, 2023.
6. Reappoint Terry Dollar to a second term on the Floyd County Library Board. The new term will expire on December 31, 2023.
7. Appoint Peter Jordan to a term on the Floyd County Board of Assessors. This term will expire on December 31, 2024.

### **XIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

1. **Administrative/Finance Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
2. **Public Safety Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
3. **Public Works Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
4. **Water Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
5. **Special Committee Reports**
  - a. **Fire Overview Committee—**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD
  - b. **Joint Services Committee—**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD
  - c. **Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—**
    - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 2:30pm.
  - d. **Joint Development Oversight Committee—**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD

**e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—**

- i. Next Meeting, TBD

**f. Transportation Policy Committee—**

- i. Next Meeting, TBD

**g. Airport Commission—**

- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 4:00pm.

**h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—**

**i. RFPR Advisory Committee—**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 12:00pm. This will also serve as the annual Joint Commission Meeting on Parks & Recreation.

**j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –**

**k. Floyd County Library Board—**

- i. Next Meeting, TBD

**XIV. MANAGER’S REPORT—NO REPORT**

**XV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT—NO REPORT**

**XVI. CONSENT AGENDA—CHAIR BAGBY ASKED MRS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. SHE REPLIED THAT IT WAS. HE THEN ASKED MR. MCCORD TO REVIEW ITEM #5. MR. MCCORD EXPLAINED THE NEW MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE SPAN OF CONTROL OF THE NEW DIVISION AGENCY DIRECTORS. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Approve purchase of two (2) new Bobcat E42 R Series Mini Excavators from Rhinehart Equipment Company in the amount of \$15,276.00 for the Floyd County Water Department. This was budgeted at \$20,000.00 in 2021.
2. Approve Georgia County Internship Program Agreement Amendment for the Office of Public Defender.

3. Approve a refund to be issued for the taxes paid on mobile home account M0117281 for the tax years 2011-2019 in the amount of \$752.33 due to a clerical error made on September 24, 2020. Any monies refunded will be used to pay taxes for parcel M127012.
4. Approve quit-claim for adjacent property from West Rome Bypass Project to Timothy Adams, the adjacent property owner.
5. Approve Floyd County management organizational chart and contracts.
  - i. John Blalock, Public Safety Division Director
  - ii. Bruce Ivey, Public Services/Utilities Division Director
  - iii. Susie Gass, Administrative Services Division Director
  - iv. Erin Elrod, Community Services Division Director

## **XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve wildlife management agreement between the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Wildlife Services not to exceed \$7,250.00.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE ITEM WITH THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Approve transfer of \$50,145.00 from the FY 2020 budget to the FY 2021 budget for hangar roof project at Richard B. Russell Airport and accept the bid from Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., in the amount of \$50,145.00 for the project.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE ITEM WITH THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. Approve Phase Two (2) of the purchase of a new SCADA system for the Floyd County Water Department from Dorsett Technologies.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE ITEM WITH THE COMMISSION. PHASE ONE WAS COMPLETED IN 2020. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
4. Approve change order #4 in the amount of \$41,363.00 with Carroll Daniel for the Floyd County Jail Medical Project.—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED ITEMS #4 AND #5 WITH THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE**



**MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

5. Approve change order #5 in the amount of \$5,756.00 with Carroll Daniel for the Floyd County Jail Medical Project.—**SEE ABOVE**
6. APPROVE SICK LEAVE POLICE AMENDMENT (REFER TO EMAIL)—**MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE ITEM WITH THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**XIX. OTHER BUSINESS - THE COMMISSION ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**XX. ADJOURN**

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED.**