

# FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 26, 2021

# **County Administration Building**

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

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, & SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, BRUCE IVEY, MISSY KENDRICK, ALI MITCHELL, CATHY AIKEN-FREEMAN, TAYLOR RITCHIE, OLIVIA MORLEY, ART NEWELL, BRICE WOOD, & HOLLIS BARTON

**NOT PRESENT: COMMISSIONER WRIGHT BAGBY** 

## **CAUCUS**

- 1. United Way Update
- 2. ARPA Funds Discussion

VICE CHAIR WATTERS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. MS. MITCHELL UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE ROME-FLOYD UNITED WAY. VICE CHAIR WATTERS BEGAN THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MR. WOOD AND MR. NEWELL PRESENTED THE REQUESTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS AND MR. MCCORD CONTINUED WITH THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ANNEXATION & REZONING FOR THE NEW SUBDIVISION OFF CHULIO ROAD. MR. MCCORD ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE ARPA PROJECTS.

- I. CALL TO ORDER VICE CHAIR WATTERS 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 VICE CHAIR WATTERS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF ITEM #1 FROM RESOLUTION AND THE ADDITION TO ITEM #4 UNDER NEW BUSINESS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

## IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. <u>Mary Evans, Floyd County:</u> "First of all I would like to thank you for your service and I would like to state that my understanding is that this commission is designed to be of

service to we the people. I'm aware that most of you undoubtedly believe in the efficacy of protection these facial covering provides you despite numerous studies indicating otherwise; in accordance of Open Meetings Act and out of respect for those of us who show up to these meetings we have a right to not only hear, but understand what you are saying; the muffling of your voices due to the masks and the lack of respect that I perceive many of you demonstrate by not speaking directly into the microphone is quite angry to me and I've observed it for every meeting I've attended and observing it when y'all are there in the Caucus; as it appears you guys are social conditioning distancing and yet you continue to wear these masks which appears to me to be nothing more than virtue signaling; I support your God-given right and choice to wear them however it would be greatly appreciated if you would lower them when speaking so you could be heard and understand; and I would also like to go on the record as saying that I support our rights to exercise SB 202 I believe like many others that our election was corrupted; I'm showing up to these meetings to do my part to save our country our children and our freedoms that are rapidly being stripped from we the people; and I yield my remaining time to any of my fellow patriots thank you."

2. <u>Terri Wright, Cave Spring, Georgia:</u> "First off for the record we've never been disrespectful to this Board or anyone in the audience and we deserve an apology from this Board; no one who has spoken truth or concerns before you in your capacity should have been dressed down in the fashion that you chose to do so; I'll start with a Rome-News quote of our Election Chair, 'the Board is currently non-partisan and hopes to keep it that way' a few words from their attorney Winston Denmark voluminous?? 'the nine mistakes, cover up, and intentional' and Chair Bagby's words [played inaudible recording of Chair Bagby talking about the Elections Board] in other words if you could not hear that they are 'Election Board and we plan to support them' those were Chair Bagby's words, this is not non-partisan, this is not unintentional, this is not benign mistake, this is intentional this is unethical this is a violation of oath, that was brought to your attention on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and you did nothing; you had an obligation to the citizens of this county to alert the court that gave that oath, instead of integrity of our elections, you took care of your Board, you supported the Board; GA Code 22-2-33.2c(1) would prevent the revisiting of SB202 performance review because the County will sufficiently remedy violations and you did not make that clear to people last time when you voted on this; with your peer review you will support and take care of your Board; instead of transparency, you are leading the citizens of this County to see the appearance of cover up in your decisions and actions, otherwise why did you refuse to comment to an outside journalist, every one of you, what do you have to hide; I've never gotten an answer as to what Dominion was doing on December 21st while voting was in progress; a peer review cannot reveal this, only an expert from the State Election Board - "

Vice Chair Watters: "Okay Mrs. Wright, your time is up. So we'll move on to the next."

Mrs. Wright: "I'll go ahead with the time that she yielded, I'm almost done"

Commissioner Hancock: "You don't yield time, Mrs. Wright, during these."

Vice Chair Watters: "Each person gets three minutes."

Mrs. Wright: "You have allowed that in the past."

Vice Chair Watters: "We do that in the Public Hearings."

Mrs. Wright: "You have allowed that in the past with these particular proceedings."

**Commissioner Hancock:** "With Public Hearings we have, not with public comments."

<u>Mrs. Wright:</u> "Also what I want to say is we don't need just people who may be making the same mistakes. We need an expert from the State Election Board – "

Vice Chair Watters: "Thank you Mrs. Wright."

Mrs. Wright continued to speak over the Commission despite being informed several times she had used her allotted time. After County Police intervened, Mrs. Wright and those standing with her at the podium went back to their seats.

- 3. Sonya Schuler: "My name is Sonya Schuler, and I live in Floyd County and I have my whole life, and I have came to ask questions because I have questions for the Commissioners; I would like to know why aren't any of the Commissioners speaking out on our behalf about the Dominion machines being able to flip votes; I would also like to know if any of y'all have stood up and called for a forensic audit to help put the trust back into our elections; and I'd like to know who's trying to clean up our voter rolls, when we have, we have got copies of the voter rolls, people that have not don't live in this county and some of them have never lived here are on our voter rolls that voted; and I also want to know if it's our tax dollars that's paying for the attorneys that's representing the Elections Board because if so our tax dollars need to pay for us we the people for an attorney to represent us for our rights, and how our local government is not protecting us, they're not doing what we the people want, and I'd like to know exactly if our Elected Officials what they are doing that's benefiting we the people and also what's our Elected Officials doing that's only benefiting them; and I'd like to say that over there is not non-partisan, those pictures right there, that's not unintentional, that's a violation of oath, and that's intentional, thank you."
- **4.** <u>Angela Rubino:</u> "Floyd County. To be clear, this is not personal, it's about integrity; first I would like to address Rome Tribune I would like to know why you are not informing the public that the people of Floyd County are very concerned with what has happened and what continues to happen here, not just the GOP members or Mr. Kelley. I'll ask the Board now, is this what you are protecting, these actions that are clearly a violation of oath; in regards to the last meeting a previous speaker claimed and I quote 'don't understand what they are seeing' let me refresh; an ex-Dominion worker on the poll pads, what I see clearly is that the gentleman is on a poll pad by himself, no one supervising, again I ask why; quite frankly, to assume that I don't understand leads me to the same conclusion after seeing the letters submitted by Mr. Swanson; clearly no one,

not even the Board understands elections; now I ask, why did the tax payers now need to bear the expense of this gentleman when the said Election Clerk was given an increase of \$20,000 to fulfil those job requirements; I also ask are they tax payers to absorb the cost of the Elections Board lawyer and if so, we the people would like one as well for the potential crimes committed, the cost of SB202 is always brought up, another expense absorbed by we the people, so why are you deciding where to spend our money; I'm curious to ask if you the Board agree with the Election Board members' lawyer, and I quote, 'a lot of times we like to demonize them' this is in regards to we the people, I would sure hope not being that you are all elected for your seats maybe you all can clarify what was demonizing about us; see my Italian grandmother would always say [speaking in Italian] which translates to 'a wolf will lose his fur, but not his vices; it is time to remove the entire Board, thank you."

- 5. Edward Disney, 5 Greenbriar Lane, Rome: "Again, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of the citizens of Floyd County; I am a Moderate-Independent, I also want to show my support of the performance review of the Election Board handled by Election officials from local counties; yes there are issues that need to be addressed, but I do not think they are malicious or intentional; I feel that local issues need to be handled on the local level, not by State bureaucrats from Atlanta looking over our shoulder and telling us what to do; I also want to comment on the divisiveness from both sides of the political spectrum; democracy is compromise, not war, just because we disagree we are not enemies, it's time to take off the gloves and agree that it's okay to disagree; it's time to acknowledge each other's concerns about the different issues facing our county and come together to find solutions to these issues that we can agree upon; because of my Christian beliefs, I believe there is a common ground and that is what we should strive for; there are always going to be those who believe in my way or no way, this doesn't work, it just further divides us and sometimes can lead to unforeseen and unintentional consequences that no one is happy with; if one is not willing to compromise they need to step aside, pick up their ball, and go home; but those of us who are willing to work together and find acceptable solutions to the issues that we, the citizens of Floyd County, face today, thank you."
- 6. Michael Morgan: "First I'd like to thank y'all for your time, I know that you guys don't do this for the money this is a service to your community, and its appreciated; I have six bullets I'd like to bring up, the first one is the last meeting, I had asked for a verification that the bylaws for this governing body were ratified and I have not received any verification of that, so unless we can show that these issues that these bylaws were ratified by the people then they're null and void; every action or motion taken by this body okay has no merit; just like our United States Constitution had no merit until it was ratified by all of the states okay; so the second, I believe it was Chairman Bagby who spoke that there was no conflict of interest between the Board of Elections and the Board of Commissioners, well then why does the BOC have an Election committee that is filled by two people and brings in a high powered attorney out of Atlanta to represent the Board of Elections that seems to me as a conflict of interest; okay the resolution that you're proposing tonight to change the BOE from three persons to five that is proposing a solution before the faults and discrepancies are clearly defined alright so you're putting

the cart in front of the horse; we're also developing for the Board of Commissioners as well as every other elected official in the County of Floyd a job qualification standard; one which will include a master training plan, individual training records for each individual seat those standards will be used to measure performance, just like the Department of Health measures the performance of a restaurant and post their report card on the window for the public to see; you guys and ladies I'd like to invite all of you to participate in that process if you so choose, and the more collaborative effort we have on that the better product we will have available to measure the effectiveness of our Elected Officials; and also I am going to be submitting to the County Clerk a affidavit of fact regarding my personal experience at the polling station in Alto Park last November so it'll become a formal matter of record at that point; thank you very much for your time I appreciate it."

- 7. Vicky Sutton, 1469 Little Texas Valley Road, Rome: "I am not a public speaker, I am nervous about doing this, I don't know why but I am, thank you for allowing me to speak; I voted, first of all, these pictures right here, this is why people lose trust in the vote they don't want to come out and vote because they feel like well it may not count it's because of stuff like this on social media is unacceptable; but I voted in person on October the 13<sup>th</sup> at the church out here in Rome, my vote never made it to the count, I called on November the 6<sup>th</sup> the Secretary of State's office 'No ma'am we're showing that you didn't vote' I called our local Elections office and I was told that morning that my vote was upstairs to be keyed in, I didn't understand that because I voted in person I didn't have any problems, but anyway, my vote never made it to the count I called Monday morning to local Election office and they told me that my vote did count and that it would show up as having counted for the Secretary of State and myself to see when our state was certified, our state was certified twice my vote never showed up; if it was in the 2700 ballots that were found, I can't read OR code, if it was in there I don't know, if it wasn't in there my ballot's still missing, we do not vote for high school student council, we voted for the highest office in the world and as far as I know, born here in America, my vote didn't count; I'm disgusted, I have called everyone that I could, I constantly been emailing trying to get people to understand, I do not like Dominion, I don't trust it, it isn't paper ballots there's so many steps you've got to do this to this computer this you've got to do this at the poll pad you've got to do this you've got to print it out you've got to take it to the scanner; I don't like that, I do not like that adjudication process, I think it goes against the Georgia Constitution I think it goes against the United States Constitution in that the voter is not present when a brand new ballot is pulled up and a poll worker can pick out who they believe the voter meant to vote for, I don't like Dominion, I'm working to get rid of Dominion, and again this right here is not, this lacks integrity, this breaks peoples' trust, thank you."
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MS. HARMAN STATED THE MINUTES WERE IN ORDER. COMMISSION MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
  - 1. Adopt minutes of Caucus and Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021.

# VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## VII. PROCLAMATION

1. **Retired Educator's Day** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO THE RETIRED EDUCATORS GROUP.

# VIII. FIRST READING (SECOND READING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 6PM)

1. Adopt an amendment to the Floyd County Code of Ordinances 2-17 in regards to parking. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM FOR FIRST READING.

# IX. SECOND READING (FIRST READINGS HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 6PM)

Vice Chair Watters explained the procedure of the public hearing: each person recognized shall come to the podium and state their name and home address. There is no less than ten minutes provided for all speaking in favor, and no less than ten minutes provided by those speaking in opposition.

1. File Z21-1015 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Light Industrial for the properties located at 0 and 0 Oreburg Road, Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcels F13Y208 and F13Y207. Applicant/Owner: 33H SS 4685, L.L.C./Beers Housing, Inc. The planning staff recommended approval with conditions, and was approved 7-0 by the planning commission with conditions. — MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

# **SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

<u>Paris Davis, 608 Mauldin Drive:</u> "I do work with both 33 Holdings as well as Beers Housing, we're really excited to be doing a couple of different developments here in Rome and we're really hoping that this can be something in addition that we might be able to bring, short and simple."

SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST WITH CONDITIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

2. File Z21-10-12 requesting rezoning from Light Industrial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 0 Huffaker Road, Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel G12Y014. Applicant/Owner: Jeff Grant. The planning staff recommended approval, and was approved 6-0 by the

**planning commission.** — MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

#### **SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

Ward Wight: "I'm with Southern Consulting Services, we started off, as Brice mentioned, with a larger tract just to the south adjacent to this tract we're requesting be rezoned, we had that rezoned from H-I down to Residential we agreed with the request that that would be a better fit for the community, we appreciate your support in helping us get that done; our Engineer here in Rome, Chuck Hardin, bought to our attention that with this addition to the north we'll be able to actually add two entrances and exits which would be better off for fire and safety, it'll also help us with the overall design and the engineering of the site itself; Chuck's been an amazing member of our team and we just think very highly of him so it didn't require any thought on our side if Chuck was under the impression that it would benefit the site, we're all for it, so we're hoping that we can get your support and downzone it from L-I to Residential, make a better project, thank you."

SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, VICE CHAIR WATTERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. File Z21-10-13 requests rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Heavy Industrial for the property located at 890 Turkey Mountain Road, Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel K09X028. Applicant/Owner: AARCAT LLC. The planning staff recommended approval, and was approved 6-0 by the planning commission. — MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

# **SPEAKING IN FAVOR**

<u>Jimmy Byars:</u> "I represent the owners on this parcel, as Brice noted, the building has been there thirty years, it's always sort of been on both parcels, and we discovered it when the owner wanted to sell and lease it when we did the zoning we realized that part of that small sliver that he owns has got part of the building on it and it was not rezoned when the ULDC went into effect many years ago, so we'd just like this cleaned up so he can get it leased and sold."

SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, VICE CHAIR WATTERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. File SUP21-10-01 requests a Special Use Permit for climate-controlled storage for the property located at 4111 Martha Berry Hwy, Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel J11X199, zoned Community Commercial. Applicant: Brian Spears; Owner: Clint Hubbard. The planning staff recommends approval, and was approved 6-0 by the planning commission.

— MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

# **SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

**BRIAN SPEARS:** "I am proposing, like Brice said, just to take this existing building, build out the inside into climate controlled storage units, I'm not making any exterior changes other than adding additional siding and some clean up, but understand I'd be doing nothing outside as far as it'll continue to look basically like it does today."

SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, VICE CHAIR WATTERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST WITH CONDITIONS. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. File Z21-10-14 requests rezoning from Suburban Residential to Heavy Industrial for the property 4441 Adairsville Road, Adairsville, GA 30103, Floyd County Tax Parcel N09082. Applicant/Owner: Bill Pelfrey/Charles Wayne Baxter. The planning staff recommends approval, and was approved 6-0 by the planning commission. — MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST, VICE CHAIR WATTERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

# X. RESOLUTIONS

1. Adopt a resolution to expand the Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration from three members to five members. — MOVED TO ITEM #4 UNDER NEW BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

# XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

# XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby
  - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, December 12, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 4. Elected Officials Committee Commissioners Rhonda Wallace and Larry Maxey
  - a. Next Meeting, Friday, November 5, 2021, at 2:30pm.
- 5. Special Committee Reports
  - a. Fire Overview Committee Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock
    - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 10:30am.
  - b. Joint Services Committee Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters
    - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 7, 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, November 2, 2021, at 10:00am.

- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 8:30am.
- f. Transportation Policy Committee Commissioner Larry Maxey
  - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 10:00am.
- g. Airport Commission Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace
  - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 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, November 16, 2021, at 12:00pm.
- j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –
- k. Floyd County Library Board Commissioner Allison Watters
  - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 4:00pm.
- XIII. MANAGER'S REPORT—NO REPORT
- XIV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT—NO REPORT
- XV. CONSENT AGENDA MS. ELROD INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
  - 1. Consider request from Rome Floyd Parks & Recreation to allow COMCAST and its affiliate permission to have coax or fiber plant and equipment on the Lock & Dam Campground property in order to install WIFI at the bathhouse.
  - 2. Consider request from Floyd County Police to accept three GEMA/Homeland Security Grants to purchase equipment and maintain their special operations units.

**a.** Bomb Squad Grant in the amount of \$38,750 to purchase new equipment for the Bomb Squad to include disruption tools and tools for the newest member

- **b.** CBRNE Grant in the amount of \$8,500 to purchase a set of night vision
- **c.** goggles.
- **d.** Bomb K9 Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase food and supplies for the K9 program.
- 3. Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of a variety of sign blanks, green street sign faces, hardware, etc., for Floyd County Public Works from Lightle Enterprises in the amount of \$26,644.00.
- 4. Consider the request from Parks & Recreation to transfer a coordinator position from the sports division to the recreation division.
- 5. Consider the request from the Airport Commission to approve a change to the UNICOM frequency at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.
- **6.** Consider approval of consent order in civil action file No. 21cv01533 related to title of land where the county has no claim.
- 7. Consider recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve ten (10) T-Hangar leases for Russell Regional Airport:
  - **a.** 22 Dean Turner
  - **b.** 25 David Corbin
  - **c.** 31 Keith Craig
  - **d.** 35 Jorden Grieff
  - e. 36 Mike Nies
  - **f.** 38 Phelps Transportation, LLC
  - **g.** 39 Glen Sage
  - **h.** 40 David Owens
  - **i.** 47 Marty Martin
  - **j.** 49 Northwest Georgia Aviation
  - **k.** 59 Michael Beckelic
- **8.** Approve additional funding for water line piping on Highway 53 North.

#### XVI. OLD BUSINESS

#### XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider recommendation from Purchasing to approve a five (5) year contract for providing and managing an inmate telephone communication system for the Floyd County Jail, Prison, and Work Release with IC Solutions who is the current contract holder. A total of \$985,000.00 will be

received annually on January of 2022. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- 2. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rome, Floyd County, and the Rome-Floyd County Development Authority for purchase of the Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital from the State of Georgia. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. THE IGA WAS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF ROME ON OCTOBER 25, 2021. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
- 3. Consider contract for new Assistant Public Works Director MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE CONTRACT WITH BEN BROOKS TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. MR. BROOKS START DATE WOULD BE NOVEMBER 15, 2021. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
- 4. Adopt a resolution to expand the Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration from three members to five members. — MS. HARMAN PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. STATED THIS WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN OUR BOARD OF ELECTIONS, WHICH IS THE RANGE OF MEMBERSHIP THAT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE GEORGIA STATUTE RELATED TO CREATION OF BOARDS OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION. STATED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH MOST COUNTIES OUR SIZE. MS. HARMAN THEN STATED OUR BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION WAS CREATED IN THE 1990S BY ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AMENDED ONE TIME IN 2008 TO CREATE STAGGERED TERMS. MS. HARMAN THEN EXPLAINED HOW THE STAGGERED TERMS OF THESE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WOULD FUNCTION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
- XVIII.OTHER BUSINESS VICE CHAIR WATTERS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONG THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.
- XIX. ADJOURN COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.