



# FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 9, 2021

## County Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204

4:00 pm

Regular Meeting—Suite 206

6:00 pm

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**PRESENT:** COMMISSIONERS WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, SCOTTY HANCOCK, COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK HOLLIS BARTON, OLIVIA MORLEY, & ADVENT HEALTH REDMOND STAFF (STEPHANIE JONES, CNO, DR. JULIE BARNES, CMO, KEN METTEAUER, CFO, AND KAREN STEELY, COO)

CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND BEGAN THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVENT HEALTH REDMOND WERE INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK AND PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF ADVENT HEALTH.

VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

### CAUCUS

#### 1. Advent Health Redmond Team

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

**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 COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

#### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **Angela Rubino, Floyd County:** “We are here again in regards to the continuance in problem related with election; an oath violation has occurred by someone on the Board of Elections and by all of the Board of Commissioners, I feel personally misled about the dates for L & A Testing I was told with fellow citizens that it was two days, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, but now magically a posting stating something totally different and no date of the actual posting, now we the people from Floyd County’s people peer review committee have been going through each county’s voter rolls, we have found major issues that need to be addressed

regarding 2020 and it needs to be rectified before 2022, we would like an opportunity to present the findings and get on the Board's agenda, thank you."

2. **Terri Wright, Cave Spring:** "I, you know, appreciate y'all wearing your masks, I appreciate your decision on the reason for wearing them, um unfortunately I don't think any of this is a laughing matter I take it very seriously, I feel that you probably feel you need to protect yourself from us, I guess, um, how do we protect ourselves from you? And I'm not talking about Covid, I'm referring to nothing being done about the violation of oaths, I am referring to Title 45 2, 6, and 10 and the AG opinions as well as other things cited cases cited where you legally are not to ask for a peer review when you have a legal option and public funds are being used, so basically tonight I am asking again, I did not get to finish the last time I was here, I'm asking again, revisit your decision; we are asking for SB202 and do something about this violation of oath and your violations with Title 45, 2, 6, and 10 in your peer review as well as the oaths that you have taken, thank you very much."
3. **Michael Morgan, Radio Springs Road:** "Last month I posed a question to you folks regarding a ratification record of the operating procedures which govern this body, Mr. McCord's office was able to provide me with a meeting minutes from a 1999 Board Meeting which it was passed unanimously by the Board to adopt these operating procedures for this entity with absolutely zero public input so that brings the question, is this Board operating autonomously or as our Constitution provides at the will of the people? Ok, if you're autonomously making decisions without any input from the public, ok, that to me is like a self-governing entity, ok rather than trustees and servants of we the people; ok second I'd like to address the timely posting of your agenda since this is a function that happens every two weeks I would think that according to the Open Records and Open Meetings Act the term 'reasonable' should be determined as a mid-point between the two week cycle, right, I'm proposing that one of you challenge yourselves and put it on the agenda to be discussed and decided upon that the mid-week mid-cycle point should be a reasonable time to publish the agenda so the public has time to interpret that proposed agenda, do our research, and come forth and speak on behalf of or in opposition to whatever agenda items may be on that proposed agenda; I think publishing it forty-eight hours before the scheduled meeting is like in the bottom of the ninth inning, that's not necessarily a reasonable amount of time, ok a reasonable would be the mid-point between in the fourth inning, so using a baseball analogy, halfway through the game would be a reasonable time to do that, so in accordin with that, and also there's been some recent things made public via the playground Facebook and whatnot about elected officials putting themselves in a position where they are in violation 45-10-3 item number 8 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated where they had put themselves and exposed themselves to a lack of public trust, it's a violation of code of ethics, thank you for your time."

4. **Tom Couch, 521 E 9<sup>th</sup> St, Rome:** “Chairman Bagby and fellow Commissioners, I’m Tom Couch, at the last Commission Meeting several pictures of the Chairman of the Board of Electors Dr. Melanie Conrad, were shown giving someone the one finger salute, I don’t know what you concluded from these pictures, but back in the back and from what I could hear, I was left with the understanding that she was showing disrespect from someone in her official capacity with the County Board of Electors; this was not the case, according to John [Druckenmiller] with the Hometown Headlines, the image was from her personal social network or Facebook page, and the image and the gesture was directed towards her husband as part of a gag; now come on, with this context, in my opinion, the picture has no relevance to the integrity of the Election Board, not a bit, this brings me to my second point, we are in an information age, but information is not necessarily knowledge; information coming from social media sites, trolls, Russian bots, many other sites all over the internet and most of the time, or a lot of the time, it is entirely false; with this in mind, the Commissioners should expect participants in the public discussion to strive to be factual and give proper context to images and statements; a fact that I provided earlier that John [Druckenmiller] gave this information who’s with the Hometown Headlines included the source; if I said that ‘only 12.7% of the eligible voters in the City of Rome participated in the recent election,’ I should also say that ‘according to the Rome News-Tribune,’ it wasn’t just something I made up, that the Rome News-Tribune published that; if I said that ‘Jamie Doss got 237 votes in the East Rome precinct,’ I should be able to provide proof, in this case I was a poll monitor and put pictures on 8PM on Tuesday evening of the posted election results, by the way I didn’t observe any issues with the election, and the poll workers that I talked to afterwards said it was an uneventful day; lastly, I would hope the Commission would ask public participants questions after their presentation; if a fact is alleged but not sourced, they should request it and then the speaker should provide it within a reasonable period of time, say by the next meeting or something, if not provided, the Commission should note this at the next meeting so that the general public will know that the information was provided was not sourced, because we’re out here assuming, you know we don’t know, for us speakers, it would also show that you’re interested in what we have to say, so are there any questions? Thank you very much.”
5. **Christine Krupp:** “Good evening, these pictures may not represent [inaudible] but they do represent everyone in Floyd County; I live right here in the City of Rome, I work in Rome, I pay taxes in Rome, and I vote in Rome; I am also State Moderator for Bikers for Trump; so I know I have to hold myself accountable for all of my actions; and when you are an elected official, when you are doing things like this on social media, it looks bad on every resident here in Rome, and that is the reason why I am here tonight; voter integrity is one thing, but when you are displaying this, you are no longer serving bipartisan; I am electing people to represent me, my vote, I don’t really care how your feelings are, you are to represent me, the voter of Rome; this display right here is incomprehensible, if I did something like this as a member for Bikers for Trump, it would be all over

CNN, because I represent the entire state of Georgia for Bikers for Trump, I would not allow this, I do not allow this on my social media at all for Bikers for Trump; this is uncalled for, unprofessional, and is not becoming of the citizens of Rome, and therefore I think Ms. Conrad should step down and resign as one of our elected officials because she no longer represents the citizens of Rome, she is representing her own agenda, and that is something we can no longer allow; we only ask the people to do non-partisan things, we stood up here tonight and we prayed before God to let him help y'all make the correct decisions; at night when we go to bed we pray to God for our great city here, but yet we turn on our social media and we've got her, giving the finger; is that what you want, is that what you want to represent you; does that look favorable on you as a Commissioner, because she represented all of y'all by doing this, she represented all of Rome, that is shameful; and that's all I have to say."

6. **Lucy Johnston Hale:** "I am representing the non-partisan Political Action Committee of the NAACP and I am speaking for Sam Malone, who is our chair, I am going to read a statement that he made today at the Election Board for him, he wasn't able to be here, 'I want to thank the Floyd County Board of Commissioners for speaking judiciously to allow against the State beginning a process that could take away our local control for Elections; Floyd County voters deserve to be in charge of our elections; local control has served Floyd County well and I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for protecting it; I also want to thank the Board of Commissioners for the work that you do' I'd like to say personally, I also want to thank you, I was Lucy Johnston, I grew up here, my father was the Clerk of Court until he was 89 and a half and so we went through lots and lots of elections, and lots of lots of public service, and I know it's very hard, and I know that you have to make lots of decisions, then everybody doesn't approve of them, and I want to thank you for what you do, that's just me personally, 'the Board of Commissioners must continue to stand up for the local control and protect Floyd taxpayers so that we aren't forced to pay for a State review that could let State authorities take over our Board of Elections' that's the statement from Sam Malone, but I do want to sincerely thank you for the work that you do and I think that we are all together here right in being prayerful in all the decisions that affect us altogether, thank you."
7. **Charles Stoker:** "I'm from the sovereign town of Cloudland, Georgia in the sovereign state of Georgia and I would like to thank Jesus Christ as my personal savior for adopting me even though I'm an unworthy sinner; thank you for allowing me to speak to you, my job is usually to not to beg for, to do the right thing for we the people, but if you don't do the right thing, my job is to recruit people to take your place; so I see these people have been begging you I'm not sure all what it's all about but you need to listen to them, I don't understand why y'all are wearing masks that's a little offensive to me, I have a, I have a protocol where I take care of myself, I don't get sick from things like Covid-19 and it's the immune system, not drugs, and not the vaccine we don't even know what's in it, it's killing people; hospitals, nursing homes are killing people; one thing I want to

ask you people to do, stop what you're doing, suspend everything, and I ask this of every elected official, stop what you're doing and let's audit, get the audit in Georgia so that we have election integrity and we have freedom in Georgia and in America; we're not going to have freedom unless we have fair elections, so I charge you to stop what you're doing quit fiddling around with these masks and get to work on behalf of we the people thank you."

8. **David Smith, 2107 Booger Hollow Rd, Rome:** "At least it's not me on the masks this time, so get that off my back, I want to start by making it clear that I'm in no way associated with either political party, I'm just an American, Georgian, Floyd County, Booger Hollow, and we're all just Americans, we just want what's best for our country and its citizens, all of us should, you know America is the first nation in history to be founded on the principles of liberty, freedom of the individual, meritocracy, things like this that a lot of us just take for granted; we're able to enjoy things like this because so many people from past generations fought and died defending them, Benjamin Franklin famously said when asked by citizens 'what form of government have you created' he said 'a Republic if you can keep up' he knew then that it wasn't going to be easy and it wouldn't last if the people weren't well-informed and involved in their government, the events of the past few years have awakened many and people are not happy with what they see; I've spoken to a lot of people over the past year and not one of them, not one of the people that I've talked to feel that the election of 2020 was fair and that the results were honest; some don't know the details as much as others, but their common sense tells them that something isn't right; so my point here is that the people out in Floyd County are not happy with the status quo; we've been patient, but a year has gone by without anything substantial really being done; these concerns are not here in just Floyd County, it's not an isolated case, and I'm not being overly critical of our local Election folks, these concerned pictures, I mean there are concerns there but what exactly went on, I don't know, I wasn't there personally so I can't say; whatever it did happen, is only a very small piece of a much bigger puzzle; other counties in Georgia and across the country, Elections departments, and county leadership have been ringing the alarm bells since right after the election last year, some were so uncomfortable with it that they didn't want to certify the results and were basically forced by the Secretary of State into certifying; has anyone from our Election office voiced similar concerns; I understand not wanting to get the Secretary of State's office and State Election Board involved, we don't know what they would do, maybe they would find some problems here locally, maybe not, what I do know is that they're not going to want to expose the system, the Dominion system that was put in place; this peer review that's been discussed over the last few times just isn't going to get the answers or the results that people want and are demanding; there's a reason the IRS doesn't allow you to audit yourself or let your friends and neighbors audit you then report the findings to them, and this is no different; it seems like this Commission just wants this issue to go away, blow over, just get back to business as usual; but that's not going to happen, not until something is done about the fraud in 2020 and not until we have a better system in place that people can trust

moving forward; our vote is the most important thing as citizens in this country, and if this isn't a fight worth having then what is; I'm almost done, we have the truth, evidence, and facts; if this Commission isn't aware of all the facts and evidence of fraud in 2020 there's plenty of us here that would be glad to meet with you guys and fill you in on it; the time for delaying and hoping someone else to do something or hoping all this just blows over is past, the time for action is now, the Secretary of State wants a fight then let's give him one, the people want this fight –“

**Chair Bagby:** “David, are you close, David?”

**Mr. Smith:** “Yeah I've got like two sentences – we have opportunity here to lead the fight for election integrity at every county in Georgia and others throughout the nation, the facts and truth are on our side, all we're asking you to do is take this information and use it to fight for the will of the citizens that each of you represent; we aren't looking for trouble, some fights are just worth having, and as one of these pictures shows we can take and make good trouble as Ms. Conrad quoted from Congressman John Lewis and I want to end with a quote from John Adams, our founding father, one of my favorites he said ‘but a Constitution of government, once changed from freedom, can never be restored; liberty once lost, is lost forever’ thank you.”

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of October 26, 2021. — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSION WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED MR. MCCORD TO READ THE YEARS OF SERVICE INTO THE RECORD.**

- 1. Employee Years of Service Read into Record**
  - a. Ten Years of Service**
    - i. Sandie Baxter, Prison**
  - b. Fifteen Years of Service**
    - i. Jeannie Roberts, Superior Court**
    - ii. Brandon Elrod, Tax Appraisers**
    - iii. Raymond Malone, Prison**
    - iv. Susie Gass, Finance**
  - c. Twenty Years of Service**
    - i. Alicia Valdez, Probate Court**

- d. Twenty-Five Years of Service
  - i. Timothy Bennett, Public Works
- e. Thirty Years of Service
  - i. Demetria High, Prison
  - ii. Bob Couey, Sheriff's Office
- f. Thirty-Five Years of Service
  - i. Beth Lumpkin, Cooperative Extension

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

**VIII. FIRST READING — CHAIR BAGBY READ THE FIRST READINGS INTO THE RECORD.**

**(SECOND READING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2021 AT 6PM)**

1. Adopt an ordinance of to amend Part 2 Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of Floyd County, Georgia, a new Article IV to be titled "KEY LOCKBOX SYSTEM" and to amend Section 2-10-29 to be titled "Structures to be Equipped" and to amend Section 2-10-30 to be titled "Installations; Owner and Occupier Responsibilities" and to amend Section 2-10-31 to be titled "Approval; Penalty".
2. File Z21-11-02 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Agricultural Residential (AR) located at 159 Ward Mountain Road, Kingston, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel M13220 and M13221. The planning staff recommends denial as a rezoning of the property is unnecessary for the desired use. The planning commission approved the request 4-2.
3. File Z21-11-03 requesting rezoning from Office Institutional (OI) to Community Commercial (CC) located at 0 Alabama Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel G13Y011A. The planning staff recommends approval with the following conditions: all parcels are required to be merged before development can begin and ingress and egress shall be limited to Alabama Highway and Woods Road. The planning commission approved 5-1.

**IX. SECOND READING**

**(FIRST READINGS HELD OCTOBER 26, 2021 AT 6PM)**

**Chair Bagby 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. Adopt an amendment to the Floyd County Code of Ordinances 2-17 in regards to parking. —MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE

COMMISSION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SEEING NO ONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE ITEM, CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK AGAINST THE ORDINACE.

**SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION:**

**Michael Morgan:** “I believe this is to address the one-hour time limit in front of the County buildings; the only concern I have is I have never or very rarely ever seen a County function be able to perform its duties within an hour, ok so if a person comes to the County Courthouse, goes, has to go participate and is reliant upon the efficacy of either the Tax office or the County Clerk’s office, whatever functions reside within that building, what sort of assurances or is there going to be an exemption for someone who is legitimately tied up with a county function that they may exceed that one-hour exemption?”

**Chair Bagby:** “Well, if you’re asking me a question, these are for a few parking places outside of a building that has in and out traffic; next to it is plenty of long-term parking if you’re going to be there long-term; so these are for the places right in front of the buildings where people need to get in and get out and that’s what that’s about; the other place is in the Courthouse parking lot which is the same thing of people going in and out on a quick basis, but there is long-term parking if it’s going to be a long-term deal for you.”

**Mr. Morgan:** “Are those parking places going to be identified as short-term use only?”

**Chair Bagby:** “Yes, that’s correct.”

**Mary Evans, Floyd County:** “Yes my concern is this is another example; it appears to me to be another example of technology replacing human beings and I think every freaking day we are going more and more and more to automation and getting away from people and it makes me sick to my stomach, thank you.”

SEEING NO ONE ELSE CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

**XI. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

1. **Consider recommendation to reappoint John Reiners to post #2 on the Floyd County Merit Board for a term to expire December 31, 2024. This will be the first full term for Mr. Reiners following the adoption of the Floyd County Merit Act of 2019. — COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO**



APPOINT MR. REINDER TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2. **Consider cancellation of the December 28, 2021 meeting of the Floyd County Board of Commissioners.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE CANCELLING THE MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
3. **Consider support for local legislation proposed by legislators regarding changes to the Board of Elections and Registration.**

**Chair Bagby:** “As most of you are aware, about two or three meetings ago this Commission asked our Legislative Delegation in the Senate and the House in Atlanta to increase the size and the make-up of our Election Board; they have proceeded with that and have done that and have dropped a Bill in the hopper in the House of Representatives in Atlanta last night to increase our Board, which we requested, to go from three to five, and I’m not going to go into all the details because there are copies of it if you would like to see it, but this will go through the legislative process and the bottom line is, on the selection of members for the Election Board, whatever party, whichever it is that had the most votes in the Governortorial race would have two nominations that they would provide, a list of nominees, to be selected from; the party that finished second would have two places, two nominations to make or provide a list with their selections or their recommendations for inclusion on the Election Board; and this Board would have one nomination that would come from our Board to make up the five; there are other stipulations about how the staggered terms would work out, but we think it’s a very good piece of legislation which we asked them to do and I think they did a good job with, so I’m looking from our Board, a motion, to support our legislator’s actions and hopefully this will move through the legislative process fairly quickly, do I have a motion on that?”

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, motion carried 5-0. Terri Wright then asked questions from her seat in the Community Room which were inaudible. Vice Chair Watters then responded to her questions.

**Vice Chair Watters:** “There were several changes that were made as it went to the legislators, and their legislative counsel pulled the bill based on State Law so that’s where it is now, and when you get the copy of it you can read it and reach out to any of us after that once you get the chance to read it.”

**Chair Bagby:** “To answer your question a little bit differently, there were many suggestions on how to do the different nominations for it, and this is what they came up with.”

## **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, TBD
- 5. Special Committee Reports**
  - a. Fire Overview Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD
  - 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, TBD
  - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee — Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD
  - 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 — MS. HARMAN REPORTED THE PROCESS BEHIND OPEN RECORDS REQUEST.**

**Ms. Harman:** “Thank you Mr. Chairman, at the request of the Commission, and because it’s been an important part of my job in the last twelve months now, I did just want to make a very brief report both on process, procedure, and status of Open Records Requests; Open Records Requests under Georgia are governed by Statute. The County has implemented a procedure by which any Open Records Request, and this can be in any written forms and sometimes oral forms, which come through the various departments of the County, or from the website, are directed initially to the Office of the County Clerk, Mrs. Elrod, and then those generally come to my office. Floyd County, unlike some other counties in the state, and other municipalities even, larger municipalities, does not have the luxury of having dedicated Open Records staff, so we utilize the staff of each department, Mrs. Elrod’s staff and then ultimately to the least degree that we can, myself and my staff, in order to try to respond to every Open Records Request that we receive, this Commission and definitely my office having come from a family with a long history in Public Service believe in transparency and the most thorough response that we can make under the law; I want to say that in the past twelve months, we have fielded, and this was as of a couple weeks ago, about 269 Open Records Requests. That is an

enormous undertaking and I appreciate a lot of the patience that's been shown by some of the folks in this room as we work through that as quickly and as thoroughly as we can, the OR Act takes up a lot of law, every response gets the attention that we can put to it as quickly as we possibly can; in the past week alone, we've had 18, depending on how you count them, 18-20 Open Record Requests so please understand we have staff members who have illnesses, illnesses in their family, my assistant this week has had personal matters that she has had to attend to, we take every request very seriously. I do not, and I think if I did, this Commission would be doing nothing else, I do not copy every Commissioner with every Open Records Request or response, so please understand that if they don't know the status of some particular Open Record Request, they can always ask me, you can always ask me, we are dedicated to timely, thorough, responses. Sometimes that response has to be, in accordance with the law, 'I don't know yet' so within three days I might get back and say 'staff is looking at estimated time and estimated expense and we will do the best that we conceivably can to respond to all of those requests' so I just wanted to let everybody know a little bit about that process and procedure and a little bit about the logistics that we have encountered in trying to get to all of those. So that's my report Mr. Chairman."

**XV. CONSENT AGENDA — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. MRS. ELROD REPORTED THAT IT WAS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Consider recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve an office lease for Freedom Flight Center, LLC at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consider recommendation from Human Resources to amend the Floyd County Classification and Compensation Plan by deleting the Wellness Coordinator job classification and position located in the Health and Wellness department effective December 31, 2021 and create a Human Resources Generalist job classification, exempt paygrade 18 (\$40,638-\$65,021) and one Human Resources Generalist position in the Human Resources department effective upon approval. — 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 5-0.**
2. **Consider limited warranty deed ingress/egress easements with Meadowbanks LLC for property located between Dry Creek and the Armuchee Connector for Mt. Berry Trail connection. — CHAIR BAGBY PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE COUNTY WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE COMPLETION OF FULLY**

LOOPING THE TRAIL THROUGH BERRY COLLEGE, AND THEY VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE BERRY FAMILY FOR WORKING WITH THEM ON THIS PROJECT. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. **Consider recommendation from Purchasing to approve American Ramp Company for the Design/Build Renovations at the Skate Park at Etowah Park in the amount of \$150,000.00. This is budgeted through 2017 SPLOST funding.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
4. **Discuss use of excess funds from sale of industrial property.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION. STATED THIS WAS A RESULT OF A RECENT SALE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES THAT HAD LESS PROCEEDS DUE TO THE SELLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,056,362.11. CHAIR BAGBY STATED WE HAVE TWO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES IN ROME AND FLOYD COUNTY WHO ARE WORKING VERY HARD AND SEEING RESULTS AND THE SUGGESTION IS TO SPLIT THE MONEY BETWEEN THE TWO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES SO THEY WILL HAVE RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REINVESTMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE, MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

#### **XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

COMMISSIONER HANCOCK WANTED TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, AS WELL AS PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT COMMISSIONER MAXEY WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR. THE COMMISSION ALSO WANTED TO RECOGNIZE COMMISSIONER HANCOCK FOR HIS SERVICE IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY.

CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE COMMISSION HAD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

#### **XIX. ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, CHAIR BAGBY ADJOURNED THE MEETING.