



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 14, 2021

County Administration Building

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

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, AND SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, SUSIE GASS, LAUREN CHUMBLER, AND OLIVIA MORLEY

CAUCUS

CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSION. MRS. GASS REVIEWED THE PROPOSED FY2022 BUDGET. MS. HARMAN UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THAT LAST CASE BEFORE THE STATE ELECTIONS BOARD.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b2), FOR A MEETING TO DELIBERATE UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MAINLY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0, WITH COMMISSIONER MAXEY BEING OUT OF THE ROOM AT THIS TIME.

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 FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Layla Shipman, 109 Lookout Circle:** “Good afternoon, this message is both from me and Jamie Palmer, Jamie first wanted to say that he was sorry that he could not attend this meeting in person as he had originally planned, we wanted to publicly say that though we may not always agree with your decisions, we fully support this Commission and its continuous efforts to make our community, our home, something better, a better place; at the last meeting, Jamie mentioned a gentleman said something that infuriated him to no end so he felt it was necessary to tell you all or have a surrogate to tell you that he fully supports you, as I do; I am thankful for your friendship and your leadership and again, though we may

not always agree, thank you for showing your true, Conservative leadership through these difficult times, you are appreciated.”

2. **Randy Smith, 19 Bridgeview Drive:** “Commissioners, I wanted to thank y’all very much for convening this meeting of course on a regular schedule, and just wanted to stand before you as the Floyd GOP Chairman and tell you how much the executive committee has, I will say, enjoyed and we have also hammered out the nominees we have given you tonight for the Election Board; I wanted to thank you for your consideration, tell you that we have carried on a lot of conversation with a lot of folks and we have done a lot of vetting of those candidates ourselves, and we just feel like we’ve given you names of folks that would do very very well on the Election Board, we want to thank you again for your consideration and look forward to working with you on many issues of importance here in Floyd County as this next, as certainly as this new year 2022 comes about, thank y’all very much.”
3. **Tommy Couch, 521 E 9th Street:** “Chairman Bagby, fellow Commissioners, recently during the Public Participation portion of the last meeting that we had, of the Commission meetings, there’s been a request for this Commission based to vote on the will of the people being present either being for or against a certain item, as y’all well know that’s not the way our Floyd County government works, at the local level, the Floyd County is a County Manager formed with five council, y’all Commissioners, elected at large by all of the citizens of Floyd County; you are elected based on your past leadership and your vision of the future for this County; based on the elections of voters of Floyd County, the Commissions are authorized, and not only authorized they are required, to conduct the business of Floyd County; sometimes the people of Floyd County might agree with you, sometimes they might disagree, it really doesn’t matter that much because you are supposed to get the input from the County officials, experts, and citizens, and based on your best judgement, vote on what you feel is the best for the future of Floyd County; also at the last Commission meeting, we found out that our Election Board Chairman had received death threats, unhinged tweets, and cyberstalking, possibly by some of the attendees of this meeting or those associated with their group, such actions are totally unacceptable in a civil society and should be rejected by all respectful citizens of Floyd County; it is both unpatriotic and un-American; I would like one of these members of this ‘respectful group’ to assure the Commission that they would never allow or condone such action and any member of their respectful group that participated in such action would be removed; of course if these actions are not condoned, is admission that they support such uncivil behavior; everyone will then realize they are not looking to support the will of the citizens of Floyd County, as reflected in the election of the County Commissioners, and the appointment of the citizens of various Boards. Thank you.”
4. **Angela Rubino, Floyd County:** “That last speaker, where’s the proof of the threats? It’s just hearsay at this point, so that’s kind of disturbing, and that last

meeting was a complete show, shenanigans, laughable and then to call the people ‘crazies, tyrannical, tyrants’ yeah that’s uncalled for, and there was no reprimand, we got a reprimand because we brought our concerns to you, but nothing was done about that but so be it, election is coming up soon anyway; um we have, I’m assuming from this, you’re appointing people for the Election Board, right? I just want to make sure we’re not in violation of Section 6 and 7 to the new legislation that was put forward, I hope they have their affidavits in place before taking these positions, appreciate it, thank you.”

5. **Terri Wright, Floyd County:** “Hi, unfortunately was not able to make it to the last Commission Meeting, I was quite shocked to sit and watch the video afterwards; y’all felt you could dress us down one time when we felt we had done nothing wrong, we had not been disrespectful, and yet you allowed someone, never stopped him, never commented, on calling us crazies, talking about tyrannical, and my question is, who’s lying? Ok you told us, or you told some, that those pictures were taken prior to Melanie Conrad’s appointment, he stood up here and told you otherwise; so obviously, from his testimony or his words to you that night, he knew and she knew before she ever took her oath what her plans were; the only thing we have been asking since June is to hold people accountable; we have brought many violations, we have brought many concerns that are probably violations, we want them looked at, we want SB 202, as it is written, we are asking again for you to request that there is an investigation on what we have brought forward to you, that’s all we want, we want accountability, and I would appreciate it if you would just do the will of the people, yes we did elect you, I don’t think we should be ignored just because we did elect you and mainly that’s our concern, we want accountability and we want to know ok did she lie to you or did you lie to us, and your actions with SB 202 in my opinion would be the answer to that, I appreciate it thank you.”

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of November 23, 2021, Commission Budget Workshop Minutes of November 29, 2021, and Public Hearing Minutes of December 6, 2021.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VII. PROCLAMATION

VIII. FIRST READING

**IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING
(FIRST READING WAS HELD DECEMBER 6, 2021 AT 8:30AM)**

FY22 Budget — MS. GASS PRESENTED THE PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SEEING NONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET, CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

X. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Adopt a resolution of Floyd County, Georgia to clarify the fee schedule for parking violations in parking areas governed by Floyd County, Georgia.** — CHAIR BAGBY PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- 2. Adopt a resolution of Floyd County, Georgia to update the Floyd County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2020-2025.** — CHAIR BAGBY PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- 3. Adopt a resolution by the Floyd County Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Georgia regarding the closure of a portion of Marie Drive, SW.** — CHAIR BAGBY PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- 4. Adopt a resolution by the Floyd County Board of Commissioners to dissolve a resolution adopted on January 12, 2021 related to payroll supplements.** — CHAIR BAGBY PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1. Reappoint Rob Ware to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority for a second term. This term is set to expire December 31, 2025.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
- 2. Appoint someone to the Floyd County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Melissa Shepherd. This term is set to expire December 31, 2027.** — NO APPOINTMENT MADE.

3. **Appointment to the Floyd County Board of Elections & Registration. This term will expire December 31, 2022.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT PAM PETERS, SECONDED BY MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
4. **Appointment to the Floyd County Board of Elections & Registration. This term will expire December 31, 2022.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT RALPH DAVIS, JR., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
5. **Appointment to the Floyd County Board of Elections & Registration. This term will expire December 31, 2024.** — VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT GARY STAMPER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
6. **Appointment to the Floyd County Board of Elections & Registration. This term will expire December 31, 2024.** — VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COREY TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
7. **Appointment as Chair of the Floyd Board of Elections & Registration. This term will expire December 31, 2024.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JERRY LEE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, TBD
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, TBD
3. **Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, December 15, 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, TBD
- 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, TBD
- f. Transportation Policy Committee — Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, TBD
- g. Airport Commission — Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, December 21, 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, TBD

j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –

k. Floyd County Library Board — Commissioner Allison Watters

i. Next Meeting, TBD

XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT — MR. MCCORD WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK MS. GASS AND HER STAFF AND THE MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT OF THE BUDGET PROCESS AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022.

XIV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — NO REPORT.

XV. CONSENT AGENDA — MS. ELROD REPORTED THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 1.** Consider request from Purchasing to approve a list of vehicles and equipment as surplus items to be auctioned on GovDeals.com.
- 2.** Consider request from the Prison to renew detail contracts with the following organizations:
 - a.** City of Rome, Myrtle Hill Cemetery
 - b.** Sara Hightower Regional Library
 - c.** Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Commission
 - d.** Polk County Public Works
 - e.** Bartow County Public Works and Solid Waste Commission
- 3.** Consider a weekly rental rate of the Forum River Center that equals 75% of the posted daily rate and monthly rate that equals 50% of the posted daily rate.
- 4.** Consider recommendation from HR to approve the 2022 Workers’ Compensation Renewal and Dividend Distribution with ACCG programs. The coverage period would run January 1, 2022-January 1, 2023.
- 5.** Consider approval from the Floyd County Mental Health Court Grant in the amount of \$34,203.00 to assist with housing for those participants who are harmless. The grant has a \$0.00 match and is for a time period of January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.
- 6.** Consider approval of grant number G20GA0011A (HIDTA) which has been decreased and now totals \$87,135.00.
- 7.** Consider ratification of closing statement between B.H. Braden & Son Limited Partnership.

8. Consider recommendation from HR for a special salary adjustment for employee #449-009 that is retroactive to twelve (12) months and equals \$1,589.9183 pay rate of \$18.8654.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider recommendation from Prison staff for a new detail contract with the Rome-Floyd Solid Waste Commission effective December 6, 2021.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
2. **Consider recommendation from EMA for an antenna renewal agreement for iWispr LLC (Shannon Tower).** — MR. MRCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
3. **Consider recommendation from Purchasing to approve a bid for Audio, Visual, and Lighting contract at the Forum and Outdoor Parks and Recreation events to Parker Systems, LLC.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
4. **Consider recommendation from Parks & Recreation to accept the quote from Multi-Craft Construction to relocate the Etowah Driving Range Building in the amount of \$59,000.00.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
5. **Consider recommendation from Purchasing to approve a contract with Lose Design for consulting services for the development of a ten (10) year Master Plan for the Rome Floyd Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$118,500.00. This will be funded by Floyd County, City of Rome, and the City of Cave Spring based on LOST percentages.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6. **Consider recommendation from the Airport staff to approve an ARPA contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation to RMG in the amount of \$59,000.00.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
7. **Consider approval of amended Floyd County pay scale in conjunction with the FY22 budget.** — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
8. **Consider appointment of 2022 Chair and Vice Chair.** — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED MS. HARMAN TO ASK FOR ACTION ON THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. MS. HARMAN OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS OF VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE ALLISON WATTERS AS VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0. MS. HARMAN OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE WRIGHT BAGBY AS CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COMMISSION DID ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b2) FOR A MEETING TO DELIBERATE UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

XIX. ADJOURN — CHAIR BAGBY ADJOURNED THE MEETING.