



## FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 11, 2022

### County Administration Building

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

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**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS:** WRIGHT BAGBY, 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, TOM EWING, BOB HENDERSON

### CAUCUS

MR. HENDERSON ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION ABOUT THE ACOUSTICS AND DIFFICULTY HEARING THE MEETING WHEN SITTING IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE CAUCUS SESSION. MR. MCCORD BEGAN THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** — Chair Bagby called the meeting to order.
- II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG** — Chair Bagby
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Angela Rubino, Floyd County:** Due to audio issues, Ms. Rubino's comments were inaudible. Ms. Rubino discussed her opposition to CRT, sex education in public schools, and the current County Board of Education and Superintendent.

**Mary Evans, Chulio Road:** "I want to come behind Angela and say that I am deeply disturbed by what she said and then by turning around and looking at minimum emotional response to what she said, any parent, any grandparents, any citizen of Rome, Georgia should be up in arms; this is new information for me, I met these women, I met Angela about six months ago, I met this lovely lady right here maybe two months ago before Thanksgiving, we have come together as Christian, caring, citizens and we come here and we say the prayer and we say the Pledge of Allegiance, and she stands up and is shaking in her freaking boots to beg y'all to wake up; we are here to save the children, the first meeting I attended I heard someone say we are heading for communism, and I am standing here shaking doing something I never, never, thought I would do publicly and be enraged and losing sleep and lost weight, this last two years, not from a virus, from a bioweapon, and then coming here and look at you guys and get on Facebook and whatever whatever and all these people are promoting the vaccine which is not a vaccine, which is a bioweapon to try to take care of the first bioweapon so I am begging you, standing here just holding back the tears I have a nine year old grandson, I have a five year old granddaughter, and a three and a half year old grandson, and if you guys aren't

going to stand up, then excuse my French, you need to get the hell out of here; pack it up and let somebody else fill your shoes and you sitting here every one of you except this brave man, with a mask on, and I cannot see any emotional response from you.”

**Vice Chair Watters:** “Ms. Evans, your time is up.”

**Ms. Evans:** “Thank you.”

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — The December 14, 2021 minutes from the Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session were approved as submitted by common consent.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of December 14, 2021.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

**VIII. FIRST READING** — Planning and Zoning Director Art Newell presented the First Readings to the Commission.

1. File SUP22-01-08 for property at 135 Wax Road, Floyd County Tax Parcel K17010, currently zoned Suburban Residential. Planning staff recommended approval with conditions. Planning Commission voted to approve with staff’s conditions (7-0).
2. File Z21-11-01 for property at 1879 Pleasant Valley Road and 1934 Pleasant Valley Road, Silver Creek, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L17138 & L16240 requesting rezoning from Suburban-Residential to Agricultural-Residential. Planning staff recommended approval. Planning Commission approved (8-0).
3. File Z22-01-04 for property at 87 Shannon Road, Floyd County Tax Parcel L11W106 requesting rezoning from Suburban-Residential to Heavy Industrial. Planning staff recommended approval. Planning Commission approved (8-0).
4. File Z22-01-05 for property at 32 Pierce Hill Road, Floyd County Tax Parcel M10Y035 requesting rezoning from Light-Industrial to Suburban-Residential. Planning staff recommended approval. Planning commission approved (8-0).
5. File Z22-01-07 for property at 100 McHenry Drive, Floyd County Tax Parcel I15W209 requesting rezoning from Office-Industrial to General-Heavy-Commercial. Planning staff recommended denial. Planning Commission denied (6-2).

6. Re-adoption of the ULDC and accompanying zoning maps. This was approved by the Planning Commission (7-0).

## **IX. SECOND READING**

## **X. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

1. **Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia regarding the closure of a portion of Marie Drive, SW.** — Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing.

### **SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

**Andrea Jones, 835 Mays Bridge Road:** “I’d like to speak in the affirmative in the closure of Marie Drive, I’ve lived there for thirty-five years, it’s right by my house and I have mowed it and taken care of that property for thirty-five years; I have three neighbors that are adjacent to it and they are all in agreement that they will take their quadrant of it and when I retire I’d like to build a greenhouse and that will give me more space.”

There being no one further to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Bagby closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.

2. **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.** — Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Bagby closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

## **XI. RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Adopt a resolution to set and publish qualifying fees for county offices not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general elections is to be held.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.

2. **Adopt a resolution to designate one or more solvent banks, insured federal savings and loan associations, or insured state chartered building and loan associations as depositories of county funds.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maxey. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Adopt a resolution to matters related to the collection of taxes.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Adopt a resolution to appoint McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman, & Monroe LLP to serve as County Attorney of Floyd County, for the year 2022.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maxey. Motion carried 4-0 with Chair Bagby abstaining from the vote.
5. **Adopt a resolution to appoint the firm of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC as the county auditor.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
6. **Adopt a resolution to appoint Jamie McCord as the County Manager of Floyd County.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.
7. **Adopt a resolution appointing Floyd County leadership.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hancock.
  - a. Administrative Services Division Director/Finance Director/Comptroller—Susie Gass
  - b. Community Services Division Director/County Clerk — Erin Elrod
  - c. Public Safety Division Director — John Blalock
  - d. Public Utilities & Transportation Division Director/Special Projects Manager—Bruce Ivey
  - e. E-911 Director — Sommer Robinson
  - f. Human Resources Director — Darryl Bowie
  - g. P.A.W.S. Director — Jeff Mitchell
  - h. Warden — Michael Long
  - i. Parks & Recreation Director — Todd Wofford
  - j. Facilities Manager — Ryan Davis
  - k. Purchasing Director — Bill Gilliland
  - l. Airport Manager — John Carroll
  - m. Chief of Police — Mark Wallace
  - n. Public Works Director — Michael Skeen

- o. Chief Tax Appraiser — Danny Womack
- p. County Engineer — Jeff Burns
- q. Information Technology Director — La Sonja Holcomb
- r. EMA Director — Tim Herrington
- s. Utilities Administrator — Steve Hulsey
- t. Chief Administrator of the Floyd County Court System — Davlon Ezell
- u. Assistant Police Chief — Tom Ewing
- v. Assistant Public Works Director — Ben Brooks
- w. Assistant Utilities Director — Tim Shuler
- x. Deputy Warden — Betty Bailey-Dean
- y. Assistant Purchasing Director — Randy Self

8. **Adopt a resolution declaring certain property of the county unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.** — Mr. McCord presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.

- a. Tract I (Tax Map J14L-065) being known as 3 Silver Street
- b. Tract II (Tax Map J17X-267) located on Booze Mountain Road.
- c. Tract III (Tax Map J17X-268) located on Silver Hills Road.

## **XII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Bagby stated one item he'd like to take a personal privilege on is on this day 100 years ago the first dose of insulin was delivered to a diabetic patient who survived, which he stated has a lot of significance to him personally as he has been battling this disease for sixty years. Chair Bagby then stated we have a great connection in Rome as the late Dr. Barbara Wyatt's father, Dr. Collip, was one of the men who discovered insulin and there are millions of people in this world who are grateful for this day.

1. **Appoint Michael McElveen to the Floyd County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Melissa Shepherd. This term is set to expire December 31, 2027.** — Chair Bagby stated the Board would like to nominate Michael McElveen to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve the nomination, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Commission Committee Appointments** — Chair Bagby presented the appointments. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
  - a. Vice Chair Allison Watters
    - i. Administrative Services Committee Chair
    - ii. Joint Services Committee
    - iii. Joint Oversight Committee
    - iv. Solid Waste Commission

- v. Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful
  - vi. Floyd County Library Board
  - vii. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission
  - viii. Downtown Development Authority
- b. Commissioner Larry Maxey
  - i. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee Chair
  - ii. Solid Waste Commission
  - iii. Highland Rivers Board
  - iv. Planning Commission
  - v. Transportation Policy Committee
  - vi. Elected Officials Committee Alternate
- c. Commissioner Scotty Hancock
  - i. Public Safety Committee Chair
  - ii. Airport Commission
  - iii. Alcohol Commission Committee
  - iv. Rome-Floyd Fire Overview
  - v. Floyd County Department of Family & Children Services
  - vi. Rome-Floyd Commission on Children & Youth
  - vii. Rome-Floyd SPLOST Overview
  - viii. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee Alternate
- d. Commissioner Rhonda Wallace
  - i. Elected Officials Committee Chair
  - ii. Floyd Health Care Management Board
  - iii. Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority
  - iv. Greater Rome Tourism Board
  - v. Rome-Floyd SPLOST Overview
  - vi. Floyd County Legislative Liaison
  - vii. Airport Commission Alternate
  - viii. Public Safety Committee Alternate
- e. Chair Wright Bagby
  - i. Joint Services Committee
  - ii. Gordon-Floyd Development Authority
  - iii. Rome-Floyd Development Authority
  - iv. Council of Elected Chiefs
  - v. NWGA Regional Commission
  - vi. Rome-Floyd Fire Overview Committee
  - vii. Joint Oversight Committee
  - viii. Floyd Hospital Authority
  - ix. Floyd County Board of Health
  - x. Administrative Services Committee Alternate

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

- 1. Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD

- 2. Public Safety Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
- 3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee –**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
- 4. Elected Officials 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, TBD
  - 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, TBD
  - h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee —**
    - i. Next meeting, TBD
  - i. RFPR Advisory Committee —**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD
  - j. Floyd County Library Board —**
    - i. Next Meeting, TBD

#### **XIV. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCord gave a brief update on the space at the Health Department that is currently being renovated for the Elections and Registration office. Stated they are anticipating a completion date in February.

#### **XV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Harman stated she had no report and thanked the Commission for the reappointment of her firm and that it was an honor for them to be able to serve and have the opportunity to continue to serve the County.

**XVI. CONSENT AGENDA** — Chair Bagby asked Assistant County Clerk Hollis Barton if the Agenda was in order. Mrs. Barton stated that it was. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Consider the recommendation from Purchasing to purchase one (1) Chevrolet 5500 with a covered service body from Freeland Automotive of Antioch, Tennessee in the amount of \$84,750.00 for the Water Department. This was budgeted in the 2022 Budget.
2. Consider recommendation from Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation for a price increase on concession Coca-Cola products.
3. Consider recommendation from Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation for a fee increase on rental facilities and activities. This has been approved by the Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority.
4. Consider recommendation from the Administrative Services Director for a correction to the FY 2022 budget correction.
5. Consider recommendation from Victim Witness to approve of VOCA Continuation Base Funding for Victim Assistance Program.
6. Consider recommendation from Victim Witness to approve CESF allocation for Victim Assistance Program.
7. Consider request to accept the Law Enforcement Training Grant in the amount of \$85,000.00 from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The purpose of this grant is to provide local law enforcement agencies with funds to enhance and improve their training capabilities.
8. Consider recommendation from the Airport Board of Commissioners to approve an agreement with Tiger Flight Foundation to exercise the two-year option of their current lease agreement.



9. Consider local bridge replacement project PI 0016611 CR 924/Bells Ferry Road @ Woodward Creek. This is a Tier 2 project with a local government contributing amount to ROW Phase in the amount of \$75,000.00. The total project is estimated at \$4,500,000.
10. Consider ratification of agreement with Correct Health for providing and managing inmate healthcare systems for Floyd County Jail, Prison, and Work Release through February 28, 2022.
11. Consider approval of renewal application for Floyd County Police Department HEAT grant for FY 2023.
12. Ratify cost estimate to provide annual financial compliance auditing services for Floyd County for \$56,000.00 for FY ending 2021, plus the hourly rate for the single audit.

## **XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consider request for approval for the purchase and installation of two (2) new water heaters/boilers at the jail from MaxAir Mechanical of Marietta, Georgia in the amount of \$83,900.00. This was originally budgeted in 2021 in the amount of \$76,500.00. They were rebudgeted in the 2022 budget at \$50,000.00. This will require in an increase to the budget of \$33,900.00.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Consider a recommendation for a five (5) year contract with Southern Correctional Medicine (Genesys) in the amount of \$3,397,800.00 for providing and managing inmate healthcare systems for Floyd County Jail, Prison, and Work Release.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace.
3. **Consider recommendation from Public Works for the 2022 LMIG project list with the GDOT. The grant amount is \$1,219,629.65. This includes a 30% match to receive these funds and will use labor and equipment for the paving to achieve that match.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission, stating this would cover 14.38 miles and our match would be \$365,899.00. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Consider recommendation from Purchasing to award two (2) new Bobcat E42 compact excavators to Rhinehart Equipment Company in the amount of \$15,280.00 for the Floyd County Water.** — Mr. McCord presented the item

before the Commission. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Consider recommendation from the Public Defender's Office to approve the FY22 Georgia Indigent Services Agreement.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
6. **Consider recommendation from IT to add \$18,750.00 to budget 100533-53700 to purchase one (1) year Knowbe4 phishing training for our users.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maxey. Motion carried 5-0.
7. **Consider approval to update all Floyd County Covid policy to match current CDC guidelines. This includes but is not limited to isolation, quarantine, return to work, masks, and social distancing.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.
8. **Consider approval of recommendation from HR to amend the Floyd County Compensation and Pay Plan by creating the Election Supervisor job classification paygrade 27 (\$59,000-\$94,400) exempt and approving one position for this classification in the Board of Elections and deleting the Chief Elections Clerk job classification paygrade 21 and the corresponding position in the Board of Elections.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **Consider approval of expenditures at Elections Office/Health Department, not to exceed \$213,000.00.** — Mr. McCord presented the item before the Commission. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 5-0.

## **XIX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Bagby stated the Commission did enter into Executive Session during the regularly scheduled Caucus to discuss litigation and property matters. No action was taken.

## **XX. ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Bagby adjourned the meeting.