



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 22, 2022

County Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204

4:00 pm

Regular Meeting—Suite 206

6:00 pm

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Wright Bagby, Allison Watters, Rhonda Wallace, and Larry Maxey; County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Erin Elrod, County Attorney Virginia Harman, Assistant County Clerk Hollis Barton, and Olivia Morley

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Scotty Hancock

CAUCUS

1. Organizational Development Update

Chair Bagby opened the Caucus session and began with the review of the agenda. Vice Chair Watters updated the Commission on the latest Solid Waste Commission meeting. Commissioner Wallace and Vice Chair Watters spoke on upcoming changes to recreate the Animal Welfare Board. Chair Bagby and Mr. McCord continued to review the agenda. Mrs. Elrod updated the Commission on Organizational Development initiatives. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. The motion carried 4-0.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chair Bagby called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG — Chair Bagby led the Commission in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **Larry Morrow, Sr. 313 Dellwood Dr, Rome:** Spoke in regards to Elections in support of the department and Vanessa Waddell as well as his opposition of the Commission not appointing Ms. Waddell for the Elections Supervisor position.
2. **Jamie Palmer, Rome:** Stated his appreciation of Commissioners and their communication on behalf of the Floyd GOP. Stated they would be as open and communicative with them as possible and is looking forward to working with the Commission.
3. **David Smith, 2107 Booger Hollow Road, Lindale:** Spoke in regards to his concerns with the Dominion Technology system and their use in the previous elections in addition to hiring someone from Dominion for upcoming elections.

4. **Cheryl Garner, Hearthstone Drive, Rome:** Spoke in support of Ms. Waddell and the previous Election as well as concerns with hiring new staff with the Primary and upcoming election.
5. **Daniel Eason, 11 Robin St NW, Rome:** Spoke in support of Ms. Waddell and the allegations that recently went before the State Elections Board during the period Ms. Waddell was Interim Chief Elections Clerk that were dismissed outright by the State Elections Board. Mr. Eason also made a statement of support for Ms. Waddell to be hired as Elections Supervisor.

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Minutes were approved as submitted by common consent.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of March 8, 2022.

VI. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1. **2021 Annual Report**

Mr. McCord presented the digital presentation to the Board of the Commissioners covering departmental highlights. The report is available to view on <https://www.floydcountyga.gov/administration/page/annual-reports>. Mr. McCord stated a hard copy will follow and thanked the Commission for their support this year.

VIII. **PROCLAMATION**

1. **Recognition of Joyce Smith and the Fairview Community** — Commissioner Wallace presented the Proclamation to Joyce Smith.

Ms. Smith: “You all just don’t know what a great day this is in the life of Fairview School, what a great day it is. I walked into the room I saw so many people who’ve been affiliated with us somewhere along these last 12, 13 years and it’s just amazing the support that we have gotten and we cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate this. First of all, the two members here with me tonight that would be Tom Dasher who is newly appointed to our Board of Directors, and Eddie Hood who is the Alumni President. I kind of struggled with what I was going to talk about today, but I thought I’d just give you a piece of my heart, and a piece of some of what has happened throughout this project. You all may not know, but I grew up in the City of Cave Spring, and when I graduated from high school I wanted to go a long way from home; so when I left home, I went to Missouri, finished Stephens College there, married a guy, we lived in the Midwest for many years, then I came back to the Atlanta area divorced. I raised

my children in Atlanta and when my dad, Eugene Perdue, became ill, I came back to the area. When I came back I was just so thrilled with being home, after trying to go as far away as I could, but it turned out, this has just been a wonderful community for us because when I came back, I started to research my dad's history and in so doing, things just started, they came together, I became interested in working, and taught, and that sort of thing and it wound up that he had worked for the Floyd County Board of Education in the City of Cave Spring. Things just kind of happened...it was just meant to be. So I started researching and went to Cave Spring and guess what was meant to be. The alumni knew that the school was still there and had been hidden in kudzu for almost sixty-years, and had just been neglected and was only a quarter of a mile outside of Cave Spring. The next thing that was just meant to be is that I didn't know what we had found, we just had a school, but somehow somewhere a friend told me 'oh you should check out the Department of Natural Resources in Atlanta' so in doing so I spoke to this lady and she says 'oh I know where Cave Spring is oh yeah please come up' and the conversation with her, it turned out, she was looking at these things called Rosenwald schools which were a big thing back in that period in time...we continued to talk, I didn't know anything about a Rosenwald school but it turned out the very school that she was looking for was the school we had found, tell me that wasn't just meant to be. After that we started to do some research and that sort of stuff and people began to support us in the area and everybody, the whole community came together, we've been able to restore the school and on top of that the most recent money that we got was to fund our Master Plan which would give us the opportunity then to expand our process, so that we can have a campus for children again. We are so pleased to be at that point and I'd like to thank everybody in the community for making this happen. So again, it was just meant to be. Thank you."

IX. FIRST READING — NO FIRST READINGS

**X. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING
(FIRST READINGS WERE HELD MARCH 8, 2022 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. File Z22-03-01 requesting rezoning from Community Commercial to Suburban Residential located at 66 Old School Road; Floyd County Tax Parcel J12X048. Both the planning staff and planning commission recommended approval (7-0). — Mr. Brice Wood presented the request to the Commission for consideration. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one to speak in favor or opposition, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.**

2. **File Z22-03-02 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Community Commercial located at 4590 Alabama Highway; Floyd County Tax Parcel F13Y148. Both the planning staff and planning commission recommended approval (7-0).** — Mr. Wood presented the request to the Commission for consideration. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking in Favor:

Martha Benton, 2 Leisure Dr, Rome: “I own this property I’ve been there since 1985 my FIL had been builders there in the ‘50s and when I went to sell it because I retired I came across that so that’s the reason for the rezoning.”

Seeing no one further to speak in favor, nor opposition, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

3. **File Z22-03-06 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Agricultural Residential located at 45 Battle Farm Road; Floyd County Tax Parcel J10Y110. Both the planning staff and planning commission recommended approval (7-0) with the following conditions:**

- i. **The parcel rezoned to AR must be limited to a small family farm; commercial farming shall be prohibited.**
- ii. **Farm activities, structures, and animals must be limited to northernmost portion of property with a fifty (50) foot buffer as shown in map to avoid disturbances to the adjacent neighborhood.**
- iii. **Area for animal must be fenced.**

Mr. Wood presented the request to the Commission for consideration. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking in Favor:

Bobby Ferguson, 14 Hitchin Post Dr, Rome: “Just looking to give my family a chance to have a small farm, nothing big, discussed with the neighbor that it affects directly plus several in the neighborhood, they all support it in lieu of more development in the neighborhood. Nothing big, no commercial farms or anything like that, just trying to get a neighborhood with a little bit of land so the best of both worlds.”

Seeing no one further to speak in favor, nor anyone to speak in opposition, Chair Bagby closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve the item with the three (3) conditions and with the additional stipulation that the item #1 condition be limited to a single family farm. Vice Chair Watters seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING

XII. RESOLUTIONS

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Consider an appointment for Post 2 of the Airport Commission. Brad Roberts second term is expiring June 30, 2021.
2. Consider an appointment to the Alcohol Control Commission. This term will expire August 31, 2024.
3. Consider an appointment or reappointment to the DFCS Board. Barbara Earle's first term is expiring June 30, 2022.
4. Consider an appointment or reappointment to the Floyd County Library Board. Joyce Mink's first term is expiring June 30, 2022.
5. Consider an appointment or reappointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The term will expire December 31, 2022.
6. Consider an appointment to Rome-Floyd Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term. This term is set to expire August 20, 2022.
7. Consider an appointment to the NWGA Regional Commission to fill an unexpired term. This term is set to expire September 8, 2022.

XIV. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Watters & Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2022, 10:00am
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2022, 9:00am
3. **Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 9:00am
4. **Elected Officials Committee – Commissioner Wallace & Maxey**
 - a. Next Meeting, Friday, April 1, 2022, 2:30pm

5. Special Committee Reports

- a. Fire Overview Committee — Commissioners Bagby & Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 10:30am
- b. Joint Services Committee — Commissioners Watters & Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 8:30am
- c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission — Commissioners Maxey & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2022, 2:30pm
- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee — Commissioners Bagby & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 10:00am
- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission — Commissioner Watters & Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 8:30am
- f. Transportation Policy Committee — Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 2022, 10:00am
- g. Airport Commission — Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 4:00pm
- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee — Commissioners Wallace & Hancock**
 - i. Next meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2022, 5:30pm.
- i. RFPR Advisory Committee — Commissioner Wallace**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 12:00pm
- j. Floyd County Library Board — Commissioner Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2022, 4:00pm

XV. MANAGER’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XVI. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — NO REPORT

XVII. CONSENT AGENDA — Mrs. Elrod stated the Consent Agenda was in order. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. The motion carried 4-0.

1. Consider the request from the County Clerk's office to approve the transfer of ownership for A1 Food Mart at 203 Burnett Ferry Road from Darshan Patel to Jaymin Patel.
2. Consider the request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of a Commercial Milnor Washer and Dryer or Equal in the amount of \$35,148.00 from Davis Commercial Laundry Services for the Prison. This was budgeted at \$36,000.00.
3. Consider amendment to employment contract for P.A.W.S. veterinarian, Dr. Daniel Nepp. Amendment will read "Employee will be credited with eighty (80) hours of vacation time and eighty (80) hours of sick time at start of employment, March 7, 2022.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of twelve (12) vehicle laptops from Law & Order Technologies in the amount of \$52,509.00. Ten (10) laptops for FCSO and two (2) for FCPD. Five (5) were budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST; five (5) were budgeted in the Sheriff's equipment funds; and two (2) were budgeted with police grant funds.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
2. **Consider request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase the Sheriff App using ICS Technology funds. The initial cost is \$18,811.00 for development and maintenance for the first year. The annual fee for maintenance and upkeep is \$8,990.00.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
3. **Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of four (4) 2022 Ford F-150 SSV, Crew Cab Pickup or Equal from Wade Ford in the amount of \$30,990.00 each or \$123,960.00 total for the Sheriff's Office. These were budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST at \$177,200.00. The remaining \$53,240.00 will be used for upfitting.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
4. **Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Expedition, SUV, 4x4 XL or Equal from Wade Ford in the amount of**

\$42,447.00 for the Sheriff's Office. This was budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST at \$56,300.00. The remaining funds will be used for upfitting. — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

5. **Consider request from the Sheriff's Office to approve a budget transfer of \$25,500.00 from their Repair and Maintenance Budget to Capital for the purchase of a Dump Kettle and consider request to ratify the purchase of a sixty (60) gallon jacketed kettle from Central Restaurant Products in the amount of \$25,499.00 for the kitchen at the Floyd County Jail.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. The motion carried 4-0.
6. **Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of one (1) Freightliner 114SD Cab and Chassis with a 15-Yard Tandem Dump Body or Equal from Peach State Truck Center (Alt 2) in the amount of \$146,065.00 for Public Works. This was budgeted in 2017 SPLOST at \$150,000.00.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
7. **Consider request from the Prison to purchase items with funds allocated from the ICSolutions Phone contract in the amount of \$33,650.00. The contract for the inmate phones was awarded to ICSolutions. In the contract, the Prison was awarded \$34,000.00 for items to be purchased.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
8. **Consider request from the Water Department to approve a proposal from Turnipseed Engineering for design of Shannon Water Treatment Plant Chemical Conversion (reference the fee schedule). This is a recommendation from the Public Utilities and Transportation Committee.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maxey. The motion carried 4-0.
9. **Consider request from the Board of Elections to approve a contract with Dominion Voting in the amount of \$23,000.00 for L&A support, advanced voting support, additional L&A support, and Election Week Support.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.
10. **Consider request from the Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration to approve an employment with James Stephens for the position of Elections Supervisor.** — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval.

Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Chair Bagby read a statement on Commissioner Hancock's behalf for the record.

"Unfortunately I could not attend tonight's meeting due to my son having a scheduled college visit. I fully support the Election Board's decision to hire James Stephens as the Election Supervisor. I look forward to continuing our progress and working with the Election Board in the future."

The motion carried 4-0.

XX. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bagby stated the Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session during Caucus to discuss personnel, litigation, and the acquisition of property. No action was taken.

XXI. ADJOURN — Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned.