



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 23, 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, Larry Maxey, & Scotty Hancock; County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Erin Elrod, County Attorney Virginia Harman, Tom Ewing, Brian Dulaney, Hollis Barton, Bob Henderson, Olivia Morley, John Blalock, Brice Wood, Angela Rubino, and Carl Lively

Chair Bagby called the Caucus session to order. Mr. Blalock updated the Commission on the Imagine Music Festival that will be held at Kingston Downs in September. Chair Bagby asked that the Commission entertain adding a resolution to the agenda to close a portion of Three Mile Road. Chair Bagby continued with the review of the agenda.

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation, seconded by Commissioner Maxey. The motion carried 5-0.

CAUCUS

1. Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property, litigation, and personnel.

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 to the Flag.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — Vice Chair Watters made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item #2 to Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **Cheryl Wall, 28 Westwood Circle, Rome:** Addressed the Commission regarding Dominion voting machines and election integrity.
2. **Angela Rubino, 1410 Kingston Highway, Rome:** Addressed the Commission regarding an event on elections in Cartersville.
3. **Marcus Flowers, PO Box 532, Rome:** Introduced himself to the Commission as the Democratic candidate for Georgia's U.S. House 14th District.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — The minutes were approved by common consent.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of August 9, 2022.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. **Pepperell High School Key Club and Future Farmers of America Members** — Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful Director Hannah Bagley presented the “Outstanding Community Service Award” to students Nolan Ely, Darnell Sapp, Drew Marsh, Nathaniel Tant, Keeli Vincent, and Kameron Davenport for their work in the Lindale Community completing over eighty (80) hours of community service this summer.
2. **APWA Public Works Awards** — Mr. McCord recognized public works employees, Eric Sexton and Brad Walker, as well as the team for their work on the Shady Lane project. Both employees and the project were recognized by the Georgia Chapter of the APWA.
3. **David Thornton Heart of the Community Award Recipient** — Commissioner Wallace recognized Mr. Thornton for his recognition as a heart of the community award recipient in 2022.

VII. PROCLAMATION

VIII. FIRST READING

IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING (FIRST READINGS WERE HELD AUGUST 9, 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 Z22-08-02 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Light Industrial (LI) for the property at 5110 Calhoun Highway, Rome, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcel M10Z118. The Planning staff recommends denial. The Planning Commission voted to deny the request 7-0.** — Mr. Wood presented the request to the Commission. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one to speak in favor, Chair Bagby asked if anyone was there to speak in opposition. Mr. Wood read a statement from Mr. Johnny Evans who was unable to attend since he was ill.

SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION:

Mr. Johnny Evans, 5095 Calhoun Highway, Rome: “I’m an old man, I’ve lived in my house for a long time and I’d like to die in my home, and I’d rather not smell toilets for the rest of my remaining life. I implore you to please deny this request. Thank you.”

Seeing no one else to speak in opposition, Chair Bagby closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to deny, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion to deny carried 5-0.

2. **File SUP22-08-03 requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a facility for general outdoor entertainment/events of community interest, to include overnight fees, zoned Suburban Residential (SR)/Agricultural Residential (AR) for the property at 125 Davis Road, Cave Spring, GA; Floyd County Tax Parcels F18027, F18026, and F18025. The Planning Staff recommends approval with stipulations. The Planning Commission voted to approve with staff conditions 7-0.** — Mr. Wood presented the request to the Commission. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR:

Alan Reeves, 475 Davis Road SW, Cave Spring: “Good evening, I have lived there at 475 Davis Road for thirty-three years, I currently own the property that we are discussing, the previous owner gave preference to a local purchaser because of the importance of the Cave Spring Motorcycle Rally, or the Cave Spring Downtown Development Authority sponsored Motorcycle Rally and its criticality to the funding for the DDA. Since that time, we did host the Georgia Mushroom Festival and the evaluation of those two events have indicated that we could potentially host one more in conjunction with the hay harvest, it’s a hay field, but that’s all we plan to do. It won’t be this year though, we had about four inches of rain on the last day of the Motorcycle Rally and a lot of fun can be had in a hayfield with a motorcycle and four inches of rain. I’ll reserve any of the time if you have questions.”

Seeing no one else to speak in favor, Chair Bagby asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition. Seeing none, Chair Bagby closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve with the stipulations recommended by the Planning staff of no more than three (3) events per year, no longer than three (3) consecutive days and two (2) nights, a fifty (50) foot buffer between events and property lines, all event parking be on-site, and all event plans being submitted one month prior to the event to all necessary offices, seconded by Vice Chair Watters.

Chair Bagby: “Mr. Reeves, you clearly understand the stipulations, I think you are in agreement with those stipulations, is that correct?”

Mr. Reeves: “Yes, I submitted kind of a description of what I wanted to do to the Planning department, and it’s condensed I guess on this form right here, but it’s part of the package but it’s three (3) events yes.”

Chair Bagby: “Just wanted to make sure that you were there and were in favor, understood the stipulations so that’s good.”

Mrs. Elrod called the roll. The motion carried 5-0.

3. **Adopt an ordinance to amend article 2-18-23 subsections (3) and (9) of the Floyd County, Georgia Code of Ordinances titled “Conditions prerequisite to furnishing towing service at request of county.”** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission for approval. Chair Bagby opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one to speak in favor or in opposition, Chair Bagby closed the public hearing. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Adopt a resolution declaring certain property of the county unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.** — Chair Bagby presented the resolution to the Commission. The resolution included parcels J13O-244, I16X-038, K13X-195, J14K-242, and H19-129. Vice Chair Watters made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Hancock. The motion carried 5-0.
2. **Adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Georgia regarding the closure of a portion of Three Mile Road, said portion being easterly of the Armuchee Connector and depicted as the area shaded in yellow on the attached Exhibit “A”.** — Chair Bagby presented the resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

XII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

XIII. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Watters & Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2022, 9:00am
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9:00am
3. **Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 9:00am
4. **Elected Officials Committee – Commissioner Wallace & Maxey**
 - a. Next Meeting, Friday, September 2, 2022, 2:30pm

5. Special Committee Reports

- a. Fire Overview Committee — Commissioners Bagby & Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 10:30am
- b. Joint Services Committee — Commissioners Watters & Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 8:30am
- c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission — Commissioners Maxey & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 1, 2022, 2:30pm
- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee — Commissioners Bagby & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 10:00am
- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission — Commissioner Watters & Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 8:30am
- f. Transportation Policy Committee — Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 10:00am
- g. Airport Commission — Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 4:00pm
- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee — Commissioners Wallace & Hancock**
 - i. Next meeting, TBD
- i. RFPR Advisory Committee — Commissioner Wallace**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 12:00pm
- j. Floyd County Library Board — Commissioner Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4:00pm

XIV. MANAGER’S REPORT — No report.

XV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — No report.

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA — Chair Bagby asked Mrs. Elrod if the Consent Agenda was in order, Mrs. Elrod reported that it was. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Watters. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Consider request from Magistrate Court to approve renewal contract with Supervision Services, Inc. for Probation Services for Floyd County Magistrate Court.
2. Consider recommendation from Human Resources to approve the 2023 ACCG Safety Discount Program – Property and Liability and GSIWCF.
3. Consider request from Richard B. Russell Regional Airport to approve a Building Lease for JLC Airshow Management, LLC.
4. Consider request to approve use of Town Green Pedestrian Bridge on September 18, 2022 for the One Table 2022 event.
5. Consider request from Solid Waste to approve the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement Amendment for Project 22-ST-057-003.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider recommendation from Purchasing to award the bid of a purchase of Water Piping and Hydrants to Core & Main in the amount of \$ 368,250 to the Water Department. This purchase will be budgeted from the Water Capital Account. This item will require a budget increase in the amount of \$52,820.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
2. **Consider request from Probate Court to fund Probate Court Jury Trials in the amount of \$11,695; \$7,400 from GL Account # 100410-52600 and \$4,295 from GL Account # 100410-52700.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
3. **Consider request from Purchasing to award the bid of a purchase of 5,000 feet of 6” Ductile Iron Pipe to UWS Inc., Utility Water Services in the amount of \$26.07 per foot to the Water Department. This purchase will be budgeted using \$135,300 from the Water Repair and Maintenance account, \$45,320 from the Chubb Road Project account, with the remaining \$954,680 budgeted from a new GL Account to purchase goods and services for future projects.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval.

Vice chair Watters made a motion to approve. Commissioner Maxey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

4. **Consider request from Purchasing to award the bid of a purchase of a 2021 Western Star, 4700SB Rear Loading Garbage packer for the Recycling Center to Burroughs Companies of Laurel, Mississippi in the amount of \$110,000 from GL Account # 330-590-67040. This item is \$40,000 under the original request amount.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve. Vice Chair Watters seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
5. **Consider request from Purchase to award approval of a one (1) year contract for providing Inmate Commissary Services with four (4) additional one-year contracts possible to Hard Time Products dba The Store Call.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve. Vice Chair Watters seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
6. **Consider request from Richard B. Russell Regional Airport to approve Task Order from Georgia Power to provide power service for the new runway extension ILS Localizer in the amount of \$10,595 from the 2013 SPLOST budget for the Runway 1/19 Extension project.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve. Vice Chair Watters seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
7. **Consider request from Richard B. Russell Regional Airport to approve Runway 1 Extension Grading and Draining Project Closeout.** — Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission for approval. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve. Vice Chair Watters seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission entered into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. No action was taken.

The Commission also recognized Olivia Morley for her accurate and friendly reporting of the board of commissioners. Commissioner Wallace recognized the staff of Hard Time Products.

- XX. ADJOURN** — Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned by common consent.