



## FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 22, 2025

### Floyd County Administration Building

**Caucus - Suite 204**

**4:00 pm**

**Regular Meeting - Suite 206**

**6:00 pm**

#### CAUCUS

Present: Commissioners Allison Watters, Rhonda Wallace, Mike Burnes, David Thornton and Scotty Hancock; County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant County Clerk John Bailey, County Attorney Chris Jackson, Agriculture Center Director Kate Harman, Adam Carey, Mark Wallace, Mike Bell, Ron Hunton, Angela Rubino, Dianne Graham, Ron Swinford, Bruce Ivey and Shonna Bailey.

Chair Watters called the Caucus session to order at 4:06 p.m.

#### **Update from Agriculture Center:**

Floyd County Agriculture Center Director Kate Harman gave a review of updates on the Agriculture Center project.

Manager McCord and Chair Watters continued review of the agenda.

At 5:04 p.m. Vice Chair Wallace made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Hancock. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners discussed personnel, property acquisition and ongoing litigation and exited executive session at 5:57 p.m.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Watters called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG - Commissioner Hancock**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hancock. The motion carried 5-0.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The commission adopted minutes of Caucus, Executive Session and Regular Meeting for April 8, 2025 by common consent.

#### **V. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

1. Recognize Rome-Floyd Fire Department for award of Northwest Georgia Region 1 Medical First Responder Agency of the Year and Cpl. Ed Gore for being selected by The Rome Floyd Chamber as this year's First Responder of the Year.

Rome-Floyd Fire Chief Troy Brock alongside command staff were present and thanked commissioners for the recognition.

## **VI. PROCLAMATION**

### **1. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

Vice Chair Wallace presented a proclamation in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to representative from Floyd County 9/11. Senior Communication Officer Danielle White accepted the proclamation with other representatives present.

### **2. Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week**

Chair Watters presented a proclamation in recognition of Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week and thanked P.A.W.S. for the difficult work they do. P.A.W.S. Director Katy Walters thanked commissioners for their support and recognition.

### **3. National Correctional Officers Week**

Commissioner Hancock presented a proclamation from the commission in recognition of National Correctional Officers Week. Floyd County Prison Warden Mike Long accepted the recognition and thanked commissioners for their support.

## **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

### **VII. FIRST READING**

### **IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

Rome-Floyd Planning Department Director Brice Wood presented one item from the Planning Commission for second reading.

- 1. File Z25-04-03, for the property at 700 Park Ave., Lindale, GA 30147, Floyd County Tax Parcel J16Y208, requests to rezone from High Density Traditional Residential (H-T-R) to Community Commercial (C-C). Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission voted to approve by a vote of 10-0.**

Vice Chair Wallace made a motion to approve with added condition that no appliances be stored outdoors on the property, seconded by Commissioner Burnes. The motion carried 5-0.

### **X. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **XI. RESOLUTIONS**

### **XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

- 1. Elected Officials Committee**
  - a. Next Meeting, Friday, May 2, 2:00 PM, 2025
- 2. Administrative Services Committee**
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 10:00 AM, 2025

**3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee**

- a. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 8:00 AM, 2025

**4. Special Committee Reports**

**a. Fire Overview Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 10:30 AM, 2025

**b. Joint Services Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 9:00 AM, 2025

**c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission**

- i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 1 2:30 PM, 2025

**d. Joint Development Oversight Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 AM, 2025

**e. Joint Solid Waste Commission**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 22, 8:30 AM, 2025

**f. Transportation Policy Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 AM, 2025

**g. Airport Commission**

- i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 PM, 2025

**h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, TBD, 2025

**i. RFPR Advisory Committee**

- i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 PM, 2025

**j. Floyd County Library Board**

- i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 4:00 PM, 2025

**5. Public Safety Committee**

- a. Next Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 10:00 AM, 2025

**XIV. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**XV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**XVI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Assistant Clerk Bailey reported the Consent Agenda was in order.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve alongside the condition that item one would be approved pending legal review, seconded by Commissioner Thornton. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Consider request from Airport to approve an annual agreement with QTPod for credit card services in the amount of \$1,675.00 using funds from GL account # 505650 - 51200. There was \$1,500.00 included in the 2025 original budget for this expense. A budget transfer has been completed to cover the remaining \$175.00. There is no increase to the budget requested for this item.

2. Consider a request from Airport to approve Kinetic Aviation Construction Land Lease Agreement Amendment #2.
3. Consider a request from Purchasing to acquire a 2021 Ford Transit 350 XLT 12 passenger van with 81,000 miles to transport inmates to Recycling Center. The purchase will be made from GL Account #330590-67040 in the amount of \$29,885.00. The budget for this vehicle is \$30,000. This would be a savings of \$115.00 which may be used toward upfitting expenses.
4. Consider request from Finance to correct account number listed in the Anthony Center gym floor refinishing project at the April 9. The expense account number included was incorrect. There will need to be a budget increase to expense account number 532903-98241, County Capital, of \$10,000. We are requesting an increase of \$10,000 due to the donation of \$10,000 from Coca Cola for this project.
5. Consider request from Airport to extend the agreement with SpaceWorks Enterprises, Inc.'s which expires May 1, 2025.
6. Consider a request from Purchasing to approve listed vehicles and equipment to be auctioned on GovDeals.com. Public Works has examined the vehicles and deemed them as unsalvageable for Floyd County use.

## **XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider Certification of estimated rollback millage rate for 2025 in accordance with the passage of HB 581 (2024) and SB 92 (2025). The estimated rollback must be certified to the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor no less than 15 days prior to the postmark of assessment notices. Assessment notices are expected to be mailed on May 16, 2025.

Manager McCord presented the request to the commission and recommended an estimated rate based on five percent digest growth of 9.664 mills but also reminded those present that the actual millage rate will be set in July. Commissioner Burnes made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Vice Chair Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider a request from Airport to approve CMT Task Order #18 for Design and Bidding Phase services in the amount of \$81,620. The services are associated with Runway 1/19 Rehabilitation and Overlay Improvements project. There will be a budget transfer completed to move money between the Construction expense account and the Design expense account but there will be no net change to the budget.

Manager McCord presented the request to the commission. Commissioner Wallace motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hancock. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider a request from Purchasing to accept a quote for a Four Post Vehicle Lift for Public Works from Myers Industries dba Myers Tire Supply. The purchase would use funds from 2023 SPLOST GL Account #320648-66144 in the amount of \$17,200.00 and include installation and training. The budgeted amount for this line item is \$20,000 which would be a savings of \$2,800.00.

Manager McCord presented the request to the commission. Commissioner Hancock motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Burnes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider a request from Facilities Management to approve a \$219,705.00 increase to GL Account # 319639-66130-60066 for Advance Sports Group change order related to MLB required grading changes due to low tolerances of field elevation changes at AdventHealth Stadium.

Manager McCord presented the request to the commission. Commissioner Burnes motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Motion carried 4-1.

5. Consider a request from Purchasing to approve bid #25-014 for the purchase of (1) John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader or equal to Nelson Tractor Company for Public Works. The cost of this equipment will be paid from 2023 SPLOST Account GL #320648-66144 in the amount of \$67,785.00. This amount includes the amount needed for the harness for the Bradco Cold Planer attachment. This line is budgeted for \$100,000, no change to the budget is needed. This would be a savings of \$32,215.00.

Manager McCord presented the request to the commission. Commissioner Hancock motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Burnes. Motion carried 5-0.

## **XIX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Watters stated the Commission entered into executive session to discuss litigation, property and personnel. No action was taken.

## **XX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ron Swinford addressed commissioners regarding voter turnout in the most recent commission runoff race. He also spoke of his experience during the election and encouraged commissioners to help get the word out regarding voting in the future.

Chair Watters recognized two participants in the Leadership Rome program who attended the meeting.

## **XXI. ADJOURN - 6:30 p.m.**