



**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 14, 2025**

County Administration Building

Caucus	4:00 pm
Regular Meeting - Suite 206	6:00 pm

CAUCUS

Present: Commissioners: Allison Watters, Mike Burnes, David Thornton and Scotty Hancock; County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Lauren Chumbler, County Attorney Andy Garner, Mike Bell, Brice Wood, Ben Brooks, Shonna Bailey, Ron Swinford, Ethan Branch, Pam Powers-Smith, Anthony Cromer, Mike Long, Greg Dobbins, Alvin Jackson, Jenni Harper, Ryan Davis, Chris Fincher, John Blalock, Erin Elrod, Adam Carey, and Jill Fisher.

Not Present: Vice Chair Rhonda Wallace

Chair Watters called the caucus session to order at 4:04 pm.

Pam Powers-Smith from Rome-Floyd Chamber

Ms. Powers-Smith presented a draft brochure for Floyd County legislative priorities and asked the commissioners to send her their priorities.

Mr. Wood went over the one item on first reading from the Planning Commission.

Chair Watters and Mr. McCord began review of the agenda. Mr. McCord gave project updates including the Ag Center, DDS Building, and LEC renovations. Chair Watters and Mr. McCord continued review of the agenda. The commission did not enter into executive session.

Executive session to discuss property acquisition, litigation, and personnel.

I) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watters called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG -- Chair Watters

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

IV) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV.1) Adopt minutes of Caucus, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025 and legislative meeting of October 7, 2025.

The minutes were approved by common consent.

V) SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VI) PROCLAMATION

VI.1) Domestic Violence Awareness

Commissioner Thornton presented the proclamation to Krystal Raines and Angela Harris of Hospitality House.

VI.2) Georgia Retired Educators Day

Commissioner Hancock presented the proclamation to Phil and Nancy Herron.

VII) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Ron Swinford, 11 Poplar Street, Rome; Addressed the commission asking the commission to explain the content of the Consent Agenda during the regular meeting.

VIII) FIRST READING

VIII.1) File Z25-10-05, for the property at 591 Ward Mountain Road and o Ward Mountain Road, Kingston, GA 30145, Floyd County Tax Parcels M12Y033A, M12Y034, and M12Y035, requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item to the commission for first reading.

IX) SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

X) PUBLIC HEARING**XI) RESOLUTIONS**

- XI.1) Adopt a resolution declaring two properties unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said properties to the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.

Welch Avenue (I13W-207).
120A Wadsworth Street (J13P-154).

Mr. McCord presented the resolution to the commission for approval.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 4-0.

XII) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- XII.1) Consider appointing Will Wood to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority. This will be his first term and will begin on January 1, 2026. This term will expire on December 31, 2029.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 4-0.

- XII.2) Consider appointing Chase Tolbert to the Alcohol Control Commission. This will be his first term and will begin immediately. This term will expire on August 31, 2028.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

- XII.3) Consider appointing Amanda Billings to the Personnel Board. This will be her first term and will begin on January 1, 2026. This term will expire on December 31, 2029.

David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Watters gave an update on the legislative meeting the commission had last week with legislators.

XIII) COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- XIII.1) Public Safety Committee

a. Next Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 10:00 AM, 2025

- XIII.2) Administrative Services Committee

a. Next Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 10:00 AM, 2025

XIII.3) Elected Officials Committee

- a. Next Meeting, TBD

XIII.4) Public Utilities & Transportation Committee

- a. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 15, 8:00 AM, 2025

XIII.5) Special Committee Reports

- a. Fire Overview Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 10:30 AM, 2025

- b. Joint Services Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 10:00 AM, 2025

- c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission

Next Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 2:30 PM, 2025

- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 AM, 2025

- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 8:30 AM, 2025

- f. Transportation Policy Committee

Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 10:00 AM, 2025

- g. Airport Commission

Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 PM, 2025

- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 PM, 2025

- i. RFPR Advisory Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 12:00 PM, 2025

- j. Floyd County Library Board

Next Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 4:00 PM, 2025

Chair Watters gave an update regarding legislative priorities for 2026 session: Next generation 911 Long term transportation funding Electronic franchise fees split between cities and counties Commissioner Hancock gave report regarding the recent Administrative Services Committee meeting. Commissioner Burnes gave an update from the Public Safety Committee and a reminder of an upcoming disaster training drill at Armuchee High School as well as a Wings Over North Georgia airshow update. Commissioner Thornton gave a legislative priority update regarding the cost of special elections and speed cameras.

XIV) MANAGER'S REPORT**XV) ATTORNEY'S REPORT****XVI) CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Chumbler reported that the consent agenda was in order.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 4-0.

- XVI.1) Consider request from Parks and Recreation to approve a contract with Owens Hardware to advertise at Alto Park.
- XVI.2) Consider request from Parks and Recreation to approve a contract with Top Flight Tournaments to advertise at Alto Park.
- XVI.3) Consider request from Parks and Recreation to approve a contract with Training Legends to advertise at Alto Park.
- XVI.4) Consider request from Parks and Recreation to approve a sponsorship contract with Carver and Carver Plumbing.
- XVI.5) Consider request from Finance to amend the 2025 Budget for the award of the 2026 HEAT grant. This grant has been awarded in the amount of \$189,900 but will require a 60% local match accounting for \$113,940 of the before mentioned total. This will require a change in the budget.
- XVI.6) Consider request from Airport to approve land lease and service agreement with the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 709.
- XVI.7) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of Drone OPS Equipment from Gresco for Emergency Management in the amount of \$10,410.00 using donated funds from Georgia Power. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible quote with the lowest pricing.
- XVI.8) Consider request from Purchasing to approve to transfer a 2014 Toyota Tacoma from Water Department to Parks & Rec and deem a Parks & Rec vehicle as surplus.
- XVI.9) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of one (1) Animal Transport Van from Jenkins Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, Inc. for P.A.W.S. in the amount of \$37,000.00 using donated funds. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible quote for a great price.
- XVI.10) Consider request from Public Works to approve to outsource the centerline layout and striping on 3 County Roads, 10.81 miles.
- XVI.11) Consider request from the Clerk's Office to approve CivicPlus agreement for agenda management software and livestreaming. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$19,775.00.

XVII) OLD BUSINESS

XVIII) NEW BUSINESS

- XVIII.1) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of (8) 9v9 16'x6' goals including wheels, nets, and freight from Lloyd's Soccer for Garden Lakes soccer fields in the amount of \$26,560.00 using 2023 SPLOST funds from #320648 - 66151. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible quote with the lowest pricing.

Mr. McCord presented the item to the commission.

David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.2)Consider request from Clerk's Office to approve change of ownership for a consumption on premises beer and wine license to Kirk Cowan for AAKB Inc dba The Rail located at 3373 Alabama Highway.

Mr. McCord presented the item to the commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.3)Consider request to approve contract amendment with ICS for Inmate Phone Services Agreement at the Jail and Prison.

Mr. McCord presented the item to the commission.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.4)Consider request to approve proposal from Sizemore Group for courtroom audio visual design and telecom services associated with the former LEC in the amount of \$56,810.00 using funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66123 - 60016.

Mr. McCord presented the item to the commission.

David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XIX) OTHER BUSINESS

XX) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XXI) ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.