



## FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 13, 2021

### County Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204

4:00 pm

Regular Meeting—Suite 206

6:00 pm

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**PRESENT:** COMMISSIONERS WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, AND SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN; SUSIE GASS, OLIVIA MORLEY, BOB HENDERSON, VICKI PARTON, BARBARA PENSON, PAM PETERS, MARK SWANSON, TOM EWING, COREY TOWNSEND

### CAUCUS

#### 1. Update on Floyd County Police

CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE CAUCUS SESSION. ASSISTANT CHIEF EWING PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON THE FLOYD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHAIR BAGBY CONTINUED REVIEWING THE AGENDA. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE SCENARIOS. CHAIR BAGBY AND MR. MCCORD CONTINUED THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MS. PENSON PRESENTED HER REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE FINDING FROM THE FY20 AUDIT. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE WERE GIVEN A FINDING ON THE REPORT. MS. GASS PRESENTED THE ISSUES FOUND WITH THE RECONCILIATIONS.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** — CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG** — Vice Chair Watters

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** — COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** — CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PIECE OF THE MEETING.

**TERRI WRIGHT, 5092 FOSTERS MILL ROAD, CAVE SPRING, GEORGIA:**

“Again, I was here at your last meeting, my concern is the appointment for the Elections Board. There seems to have been, we have found out through the Elections Board meeting, that there was a change in a requirement for the job description. I’m concerned because that eliminated all the applicants but one and it seemed very biased that we would do that. I don’t think our taxpayer dollars need to go to a lawsuit because that’s exactly what this could do. The one person that, is my understanding, that qualifies because she’s the only one pre-certified was Vanessa Waddell. I was a poll watcher for the senate race, Vanessa Waddell refused to allow me, or anyone else at that time, to watch

signature verification. She also posted and allowed accuracy testing by Dominion after early voting started. That should have been done a minimum of three days or more before any voting started. And that is posted, if you guys need it, I got a copy of the posting, I can give you all of that. My concern is that the only person that is, supposedly [*sic*], able to get this position is not capable of this position. So taking and changing the qualifications of a job and then giving it to someone who should not be doing that job, or is not capable of doing that job, I got fired from being a poll watcher, I was told that I asked too many questions. I did, I wanted to know if I could watch signature verifications, I wanted to know why they were testing. You know, I did ask the questions. I asked the questions nobody wanted asked. There were a couple other things that went on and I'm not going to go through that, there are a lot of accusations that no one asked me about, I would love to defend myself on them because they're out and all lies, and I'm not afraid to say that. My very concern for the county is that we have someone in there so that we can trust them, so that the community as a whole feels transparency, and at this point, to put her in there after what happened with the senate race, you don't have transparency, you don't have the trust, any questions asked, she couldn't answer, she had to go to someone else to get the answer, so, I think I heard a beep so thank you very much."

**MARK SWANSON, 224 ROLLINGWOOD CIRCLE, ROME, GEORGIA:**

"How are y'all tonight? Thank you for letting me speak, it's good to see you, I'll try to make this brief, I do have a letter that I would be happy to provide each one of y'all that outlines all of my concerns in full, but I'll speak to a couple of overall points it's in regards to the Elections Office and the leadership there. I have some serious concerns over what's been happening in our Elections department, and I have some concerns in the leadership and their handling of some of those issues. And I've outlined all of those in this letter that address that. There's a couple of points, one is, the Elections Board put the requirement, you heard the lady just mention that, that you have to be state certified in order to apply for the position of Chief Clerk, according to the Secretary of State's office, and they sent me a copy of O.C.G.A § 21-2-101 that any appointee is given six months for certification. So in essence, our Elections Board has put an additional requirement on top of the state requirement. Now, they said that that's their authority to do, but according to the Floyd County Elections By-Laws Article IV, "the Chairman of the Board shall be the Chief Executive office of the Board and shall generally supervise, direct, and control the administrative affairs of the Board pursuant to law," when you look at what pursuant is, pursuant means within the context of the law, within the confines of the law, not outside those confines. And so to require that additional requirement of precertification eliminated eleven other prospects. Now were those eleven other prospects better, I don't know. But were they considered. We couldn't get a square answer to whether or not they were considered because the answer was provided, they weren't already certified. So I asked the Secretary of State's office, and she replied, I have it in writing, "can I get certified if I'm not on the Elections Board or in the Election office?" and she said "no, you have to be appointed to the position first, and then you'll be given

access to the system for training.” so, by the fact that you have to precertify, it eliminated any posit- anybody from applying for that, unless they were already certified. So I did a little more research and found out there’s currently three Chief of Elections positions open in the state of Georgia, and I give the reference here, it’s called [electioncenter.org](http://electioncenter.org), you’re welcome to look at it yourself, those three Elections Chief advertisements are Fulton County, Gwinnett County, and Spalding County. Two of those counties are obviously considerably larger and more complex than ours. None of them required certification for that Elections Chief position, none of them. In fact, Gwinnett County went a little further and said they were giving their Elections Chief a year rather than six months. Not sure of the legality of it, but they put it in their job description that they’d give their, anybody for that position, they’d give them a year, or as the state requires, six months. So I have some serious concerns about not considering all of the possible very qualified candidates who don’t already possess that certification. And I, I’m really questioning, are we getting the best possible candidate we can get for that position. Now, I’ve outlined a number of concerns, I’ve got thirteen of them outlined here and I reference O.C.G.A. in each one of those thirteen points and I’ll be happy to provide you with that letter, but then I also looked at, I obtained a copy of the Interim Elections Chief application for the permit position, and there’s some issues on that application that cause me concern. Namely, her, according to that application, I don’t know whether it’s accurate or not, I assume she completed it, I was given a copy of it, she graduated from high school and college on the same day in 2007, not all that long ago.”

**CHAIR BAGBY:** “Mark, you’re kind of getting over on your time.”

**MR. SWANSON:** “I’ll wrap up this point, so we’ve got a high school graduation, and a college graduation on the same day, and the college that she graduated from, and I’m not here to disparage her, I don’t know her, I assume her to be a very nice, pleasant person, I’m not here to do that, I’m here to talk about are we getting the best qualified candidate for this position, and I’m concerned we’re not. Because when you look at the college, the year that she graduated the college was on probation, academically from SACS accreditation for a variety of issues, not the least of which, they were allowing people into their college that didn’t have a high school graduation. There’s a lot of reasons they were doing that, for financial reasons, for two years they went without accreditation in 2007. Their parent company who owned them settled a lawsuit from a whistleblower lawsuit initiated by some of the top people at American Intercontinental University. They settled that lawsuit. They then settled a lawsuit several years later, they settled two lawsuits for their practices of admission. So, all that may be a misunderstanding, all that may be inaccurate that I just told you, I’ve gotten it from the information that was provided to me, so I’m assuming it to be accurate, but there’s enough holes in this that I think we should at least take a time out and reconsider whether we’re getting the best qualified candidate for that position, and I’m happy to submit my letter if you’d like.”

**CHAIR BAGBY:** “Mark, if you’d give me anything you want distributed, I’d be glad to distribute it.”

**MR. SWANSON:** “Sure. There’s ten copies here. I appreciate your time.”

**LYNN TOLIVER, 11 CORNERSTONE DRIVE, ROME, GEORGIA,** “The only thing that I was concerned about is the fact that I worked with the recount and also with the second election in January, I worked with that, the Republican party was not allowed to be a part of all of that stuff without having to argue about everything and I just wish that we could have it to where the Republic party and the Democrats all could be involved. The office seems like it’s really for the Democrats, that’s what it feels like to me, the Election office. And Mrs. Watters, I appreciate you replied to my email, and I appreciate everything you said, and I appreciate all y’all do, but sometimes, I wonder if y’all were aware of just of a lot of the different things that happened because there was a lot of things that were in question. Thank you.”

**CHAIR BAGBY:** “Thank you, Lynn. We always appreciate public participation and your comments, and they are taken seriously.”

THIS CONCLUDED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of June 22, 2021. — MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

## **VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

1. **ACCG Award Presentation to Senator Chuck Hufstetler and Representative Eddie Lumsden** — LARRY RAMSEY ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA TO SENATOR CHUCK HUFSTETLER AND REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE LUMSDEN.

**Mr. Ramsey:** “Thank you Mr. Chairman, and Commissioners, I’m Larry Ramsey with ACCG, and you’re all familiar with ACCG, but for the folks in the audience that may not be, so real quickly, we’re the associate that represents all 159 counties in the state, and one of the many things we do, Commissioner Watters serves on our insurance board, as you know we have a lot of different components to what ACCG does, but we also represent Georgia counties and state legislature. And each year, at the end of the session out of the 235 members of the general assembly, about eight or ten get selected for legislative service awards for those that have gone above and beyond in representing and watching out for Georgia’s counties, and as you might guess, most of what we do down there representing counties from the ACCG side, is trying to stop bad legislation, things that will harm counties in addition to the occasional things that actually make it easier for

you to do your jobs. Out of those eight or ten state-wide, it turns out Floyd County has two this year, I think that's more than anyone in the state, and of course that's Representative Eddie Lumsden and Senator Chuck Hufstetler over here tonight, and just a couple things before I want to invite them up and make a presentation. I can't tell you how important it is, and how useful and valuable it is to Georgia's counties to have members of the general assembly who have served where you are. The local government experience that Representative Lumsden and Senator Hufstetler as alumni of this body over the last ten, fifteen years, bring to the State Capitol is something that you can't put a value on. We can educate all that we can, but they've lived it just like you have, they know what it's like doing this. A couple things I will point out that they did specifically to help us this year, Rep. Lumsden sponsored House Bill 98, which, think back to the early days of the pandemic, and maybe it's not that far back since you've had to deal with these issues, and things were getting shut down, and we were trying to figure out, how do you do your business. You're having, potentially remote meetings, and there were provisions in the law to allow for that, but what about Public Hearings, that was something that wasn't clear, and the law simply didn't speak to that issue of how do we handle Public Hearings in that type of setting. Rep. Lumsden introduced House Bill 98 and got it through the General Assembly that now gives us all guidance. Not just you, but all the local governments state-wide, if we find ourselves in a situation like that again, but in an emergency situation, and that could be, not just the pandemic, but a tornado, for example, how do you keep that business going, and now we know because of Rep. Lumsden's House Bill 98 that gives us guidance about how to handle, if you need to do remote Public Hearings, that sounds a little dry, but you know how important that is to keep the business going, setting your budgets, handling zonings, etc. Thank you so much, Rep. Lumsden, we have a picture of the Courthouse here in Floyd County that we want to present to you, Rep. Lumsden, for all your support for Georgia's counties, and not just House Bill 98, but everything you do for Georgia's counties throughout the state.

And then Senator Hufstetler, my focus at the Capitol is on revenue and tax issues, so I work quite a bit with Chairman Hufstetler as you know, and much of your audience knows, he's Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee so he has a lot of sway in the way that tax policy is made throughout the state of Georgia. He's been a great resource and his door is always open, well it's not always open, but when he's available, his door is open to talk with us, to hear our side, he's truly one of those folks at the Capitol, like Rep. Lumsden, that's interested in good policy. He's not picking winners and losers, he's trying to set good policy. Just over the last couple of years, you've lived this, most local governments have, the marketplace facilitator legislation that kicked in last year that allows for collection of sales taxes on online purchase. Now, I certainly was one of those folks that didn't mind not paying sales taxes on things I was buying online, but as you know, I technically owed it. There just wasn't a mechanism for collecting it. Well, that got passed in the first four days of the session last year, with Chairman Hufstetler shepherding that through in record time. At that time, nobody knew the

pandemic was about to come and all the shopping was about to go online for a period of time, so thanks to Senator Hufstetler that's allowed state and local governments to keep doing what you need to do and have the revenue to provide services to your citizens. This year, again, I could go on and on about particular bills, but not only bills that he's helped get through that are helping local governments, but stopping bad bills as well, as I mentioned, so much of what our time is, is trying to stop bills that will harm local governments, making it harder for you to do business. Then improving bills that will start off bad, then get better. Chairman Hufstetler, in that role, he's looking out for the whole state. There was a bill this year about the way the property taxes are assessed on commercial timberland, it's not a big issue up here, it's a really big issue in South Georgia, he took that bill and made it more palatable, it helped the timber industry, but it kept those counties and cities and school boards in South Georgia from not taking a big hit. Chairman Hufstetler has been a great friend to not just Floyd County, but to counties throughout the state. Thank you so much for all you do, and look forward to continue working with you, and we'd like to present you this picture of the Floyd County Courthouse, thank you Chair."

**SENATOR HUFSTETLER** then introduced his family and responded to the award, "I remember in 2006 when I was getting off the Commission, Eddie was getting on, I had a long talk, the great recession of 2007 wasn't here, but it was looking kind of ominous for me, and I went through all the stuff, the numbers with him, and when I finished, Eddie said, 'so to summarize, you're getting off the County Commission at the perfect time, and I'm getting on at the worst possible time' I couldn't disagree, it didn't look good at the time. But Larry is right, sometimes you just stop bad bills. Several years ago I had a lot of pressure to pass a bill, the Lieutenant Governor at the time, was even on me, and at the last meeting, I just adjourned the meeting, ran out the door, and hid in the parking lot, we're done for the year, and had people chasing me down...but you know you do what you can, and we've got a good team down there. Blake Tillery is over appropriations, Blake's dad went to Northside with me, he was a few years ahead of me, and he is a former County Commissioner in his county, and he and I do a joint newsletter together, I was on a TV station earlier this year and they said, 'explain finance vs appropriations' and I said well finance, our job is to bring revenue in the state of Georgia, appropriations job is to spend it, I said "it's kind of like my house," while I was in the parking lot I got a call from somebody that lives in my house and said, 'well I hoped you enjoyed your ten seconds of laughter, because for the next few months..'. We have had really a record year, I was petrified 15 months ago, looking at how many billion we were going to be short. We've got the marketplace facilitator in place, we've got the Air B&B here recently, of course the scrap tire was important I think to everybody up here, I was able to get that through a year ago, but a lot of what we've done is data analytics, getting money that's legally owed, just like marketplace was. So we are up 3.2 billion over budget, and we didn't think we were going to making budget fifteen months ago, it's been incredible. One of those bills, I was trying to explain, we were going to do a rifle approach to try and collect the money that's legally

owed to the state, all these banks, we were going to know where to get the money from these people, and I work very well with the Democrats, I get a lot of unanimous votes, we get along great, Washington is creeping in, unfortunately, but it's been good so far, but the vote was 55-1, and I was like, "Nikki, why'd you vote against my bill?" and she said, "Well you walked in here talking about shotguns and rifles, I thought it was a gun bill." So anyway, she was fine afterwards on it, but it has really been rewarding to see the work that we did pay off, and that we've got the other 4.8 billion from the federal money, I probably wouldn't have voted for that bill up there in DC, but it's ours, we've got to use it wisely, and the Governor selected eight department heads and eight legislatures, I think I might've told Wright, of the sixteen names, it's not in alphabetical order, I'm last on the list, so I'm thinking, you know, they were probably like, do we really have to have him on there, he's going to want data and research, all this stuff, but it's – I'm not used to having the task of spending money, but that's one thing we're working on, and I hope that we can use it now that it's there to improve the state of Georgia, and make it a long-term investment that will pay off for many years to come. Anyway, I would tell you I miss these meetings, but I don't, and Public Participation I don't think was particularly long tonight, but there's always something going on, but I really appreciate the job you guys do, I know how hard it is, and we do try to look out, those up at the state that understand local government and try to look out for it. The marketplace facilitator we talked about brought in three-quarters of a billion dollars for the state and is bringing over half a billion dollars to local government annually, you guys look at your sales tax numbers, you know what I'm talking about. Then of course we had that special audit last year, so we look out for you everywhere we can, as you know, we tried to get the driver's building done a couple years ago and got a veto on it, and so we went back and I got a promise versus something else and we got more money, so that worked out in the long run. It's really an honor to represent this area and Eddie, of course, is a top chairman over there with insurance, and his campaign account is starting to show it, and we really, I think we've got some good people down there that look out for local government."

**REPRESENTATIVE LUMSDEN** introduced his family, stating "Teresa, my wife, is here with us, Teresa served on the school board for about twelve years, her service overlapped mine when I served as Chairman here, she was Chair of the School Board the same year I was Chair of the County Commission, things got interesting around our household that particular year. But, yes, I followed Chuck on the County Commission, his role you know, Chuck left us to go back to school to become a Nurse Anesthetist, to learn how to put people to sleep, but Chuck has been putting people to sleep for years, long before he became a Nurse Anesthetist, as you can probably tell from tonight I'm just saying, but no, it's a privilege to be able to serve my district, to serve you in the capacity at the State House of Representatives, being able to pass meaningful legislation, that really helps people, is one of the things I find most rewarding, we spend a lot of time doing a lot of things but when we actually get a bill passed that actually does something and makes life better for people, and helps us be able to do our job

better, you do your job, we do a lot of things at the state, but I do appreciate the fact, having served on the Commission, what you do here locally is where the rubber meets the road, you make a lot of impact in the lives of every citizen here in Floyd County and I just want to thank you for all that you do and for all the good things that you do to make this place a better place for us to live so thank you very much, I appreciate the opportunity to be here and be able to speak. Thank you.”

**2. Employee Years of Service — MR. MCCORD READ THE EMPLOYEE NAMES ON THE RECORD. THE COMMISSION PRESENTED MR. SNYDER WITH HIS PIN FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE.**

- a. 10 Years of Service
  - i. Whitney Broome, Finance
  - ii. Christopher Snyder, Sheriff’s Office -- PRESENT
- b. 15 Years of Service
  - i. Nicole Duncan, Superior Court
- c. 20 Years of Service
  - i. Brian Dempsey, Public Works
- d. 25 Years of Service
  - i. Alan Pledger, Sheriff’s Office
  - ii. Robert Whitfield, Sheriff’s Office
  - iii. John Blalock, Public Safety Division
- e. 30 Years of Service
  - i. Tracy Hardy, Human Resources
- f. 35 Years of Service
  - i. Dewayne Weeks, Public Works

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

- 1. National Parks & Recreation Month — COMMISSIONER WALLACE PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH TO TODD WOFFORD AND MARY HARDIN THORNTON.**

**VIII. FIRST READING**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD JULY 27, 2021 AT 6PM) — MR. NEWELL PRESENTED THE ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A FIRST READING.**



1. File SUP21-06-01 requesting a special use permit for multi-family housing for the property located at 3840 Martha Berry Blvd., Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J11X017. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 5-4.
2. File SUP21-07-01 requesting a special use permit for mixed use (residential & commercial) for the property located at 3478 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J11Y029. Staff recommended approval.—  
APPLICANT RESCINDED APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT.
3. File Z21-06-03 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Multi-Family Residential for the properties located at 0 Chateau Drive, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J15Z234. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 8-0.
4. File Z21-06-04 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Light Industrial (LI) for the property located at 31 June Street, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L12Y124. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 8-0.
5. File Z21-07-01 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to High Density Traditional Residential (HDTR) for the property located at 0 Eden Valley Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel I16W014A. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 7-2.
6. File Z21-07-02 requesting rezoning from Community Commercial to Suburban Residential (SR) for the property located at 3547 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J11Y253. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 9-0.
7. File Z21-07-03 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for the property located at 0 Billy Pyle Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel G14W003A. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 9-0.
8. File Z21-07-04 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential (SR) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for the properties located at 545, 547, and 555 Burnett Ferry Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel H13Y588, H13Y574, H13Y574, H13Y572, and H13Y575. Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval 9-0.

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 27, 2021 AT 8AM)**

**MR. MCCORD EXPLAINED TO THE CROWD ABOUT THE RULES OF ADVERTISING FOR THE MILLAGE RATE. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE**

**MILLAGE RATE WILL NECESSARILY BE RASIED. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF ANYONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE FY21 MILLAGE RATE. SEEING NONE, HE MOVED TO THE STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT. MR. MCCORD INFORMED THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ON THE STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SEEING NO ONE PRESENT TO SPEAK, HE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

1. FY21 Millage Rate for County M&O, Fire, and Solid Waste
2. FY21 Street Light Assessment

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

**XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. **Reappoint Mark Brewster to the Development Authority of Floyd County for a second term that will expire April 30, 2025.** — COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 9:00am.
3. **Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby**
  - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 9:00am.
4. **Elected Officials Committee – Commissioners Rhonda Wallace and Larry Maxey**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD
5. **Special Committee Reports**
  - a. **Fire Overview Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:30am.
- b. **Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 8:00am.
- c. **Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 5, at 2:30pm.
- d. **Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10:00am.
- e. **Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 8:30am.
- f. **Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 2012, at 10:00am.
- g. **Airport Commission—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 4:00pm.
- h. **SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next meeting, TBD
- i. **RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 12:00pm.
- j. **Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –**
- k. **Floyd County Library Board—Commissioner Allison Watters**
  - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4:00pm.

**XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT — NO REPORT**

**XIV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — NO REPORT**

**XV. CONSENT AGENDA — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED MS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. SHE RESPONDED THAT IT WAS. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Approve ownership change for beer & wine and self-service fuel licenses for Kalpana Adventures, LLC dba Marathon, 3007 Rockmart Road, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Health Department, Tax Commissioner, Police, Building Inspector, and Fire Marshal.
2. Accept FY 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program from Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,219,629.65 with a local match of 30%.
3. Approve \$9,388.72 for the camper top and up fittings for one (1) F-150 Extended Cab truck for the Coroner’s office that was approved by the Commission on June 22, 2021.
4. Approve the reclassification of position number 441-086 in the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office from Lieutenant to Captain. This may create an added salary expenditure of \$7,938.00, but it does not require an additional increase to the FY21 budget.
5. Approve the agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to renew the annual Capacity Agreement for Floyd County Prison to continue to house state inmates at a rate of \$22 per day per inmate.
6. Approve a correction in pay from \$21.09 hourly to \$21.86 for position 454-033 in the Floyd County Police Department plus two (2) years of back pay which equals \$3,203.20.
7. Approve agreement for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act between Georgia Department of Transportation and Floyd County in the amount of \$23,000.00 for Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Approve purchase of three (3) patrol vehicles from Gordon County Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$7,125.00 for the Floyd County Police Department.**  
— MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION

FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2. **Approve the purchase of a Ford F-350 Crew Cab with a Dump Body in the amount of \$45,600.00 from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln, Inc. for Floyd County Public Works Department. This was budgeted at \$45,000.00 in the 2017 SPLOST and approval will require an approval of an additional \$600.00. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. **Approve the purchase of a 185CFM Sullair Air Compressor for the Water Department in the amount of \$22,140.00 from Yancey Power Systems. Approval will include the additional \$22,140.00 to be added to the FY21 Equipment Budget of the Water Department. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED ITEM #3 AND #4 TO COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
4. **Approve the purchase of a 3” Air Boring Tool and a 2” Air Boring Tool for the Water Department in the amount of \$8,000.00 from Ditch Witch of Georgia. Approval will include the additional \$8,000.00 to be added to the FY21 Equipment Budget of the Water Department. — REFER TO ITEM #3**
5. **Approve three (3) Panasonic I-7 Toughbook Laptops in the amount of \$12,140.00 in the 2017 SPLOST budget. The EOD K9 Grant will reimburse \$2,100.00 towards the purchase. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
6. **Approve request for additional quantities of rock excavation for the Runway 1/19 Grading Phase Project up to an additional 2,000 cubic yards and not to exceed an additional \$36,000.00 increase from the original project. This is funded through the 2013 SPLOST. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
7. **Request to create two (2) Deputy Clerk II positions in the Clerk of Superior Court’s office. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL PENDING AN EXECUTED MOU WITH THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT IN REGARDS TO THE FINDING ON THE FY20 AUDIT. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO**

APPROVE PENDING THE MOU, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 8. Approve location of Floyd County Board of Elections and Registration office.**  
— MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A LOCATION FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION AND THANKED DR. GARY VOCCIO AND THEIR STAFF FOR THEIR COOPERATION ON THIS PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

### **XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

CHAIR BAGBY ANNOUNCED THE COMMISSION ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- XIX. ADJOURN** — COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.