



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 10, 2021

County Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204

4:00 pm

Regular Meeting—Suite 206

6:00 pm

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, LARRY MAXEY, & SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, & COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN; JEFF MITCHELL, JOHN BLALOCK, LAUREN CHUMBLER, ART NEWELL, AND OLIVIA MORLEY

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: SUSIE GASS, BRUCE IVEY, & MICHAEL SKEEN

NOT PRESENT: COMMISSIONER ALLISON WATTERS

CAUCUS

1. Update on P.A.W.S. (Public Animal Welfare Services)

CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE CAUCUS SESSION. MR. MITCHELL UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE P.A.W.S. OPERATIONS. CHAIR BAGBY CONTINUED WITH THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MS. HARMAN UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE PROSECUTION OF ANIMAL ABUSE CASES AND BUILDING INSPECTION VIOLATIONS. CHAIR BAGBY AND MR. MCCORD CONTINUED REVIEWING THE CONSENT AGENDA AND NEW BUSINESS. AFTER CONCLUDING THE REVIEWING OF THE AGENDA ITEMS, THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES FOR AN UPDATED SPLOST.

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG — COMMISSIONER WALLACE LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY COMMON CONSENT.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION — NO PARTICIPATION

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY COMMON CONSENT.

- 1.** Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of July 27, 2021.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VII. PROCLAMATION

VIII. FIRST READING — MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR FIRST READING.

(SECOND READINGS TO BE HELD AUGUST 24, 2021 AT 6PM)

1. File Z21-07-06 requesting rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Heavy Industrial for the property located at 0 Huffaker Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel F120040. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).
2. File Z21-08-08 requesting rezoning from Heavy Industrial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 0 Huffaker Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel G12Y015 and G12Y045. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).
3. File SUP21-08-01 requesting a special use permit for miniature warehouses for the property located at 2535 Shorter Avenue, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel H13X374, H13X371, and H13X373. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (7-0).
4. File Z21-08-05 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Heavy Industrial for the property located at 0 Elliot Drive, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel G12Z001. The planning staff recommended approval north of the rail line. (The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).
5. File Z21-08-12 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Multi-Family Residential for the property located at 126 McHenry Drive, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel I15W210. The planning staff recommended denial.
THE APPLICATION WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.
6. File Z21-08-01 requesting rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Heavy Industrial for the property located at 0 Calhoun Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel M11X012. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (7-1).
7. File Z21-08-06 requesting rezoning from Community Commercial to Agricultural Residential for the property located at 386 Miller Mountain Road, Lindale, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel H19115. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).
8. File Z21-08-09 requesting rezoning from Heavy Industrial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 338 Shannon Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L11W114. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).

9. File Z21-08-10 requesting rezoning from Heavy Industrial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 347 Shannon Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L11W115. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).
10. File Z21-08-11 requesting rezoning from Heavy Industrial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 356 Shannon Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L11W115A. The planning staff recommended approval. The planning commission also recommended approval (8-0).

IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS

X. RESOLUTIONS

- XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** — Chair Bagby stated he had the pleasure tonight of announcing something he and those in the room that have worked on this were very proud of. Stated those in attendance from the Rome Floyd Development Authority; Chair Jimmy Byars, Heather Seckman, Missy Kendrick Mary Grace Davis and members other than himself in attendance; Craig McDaniel, Sammy Rich, Pete McDonald, and Jamie McCord and appreciated everyone's efforts for our community. Stated he had the great pleasure to announce something that began with the ability of the 2013 SPLOST, when our citizens did a great job of approving a SPLOST package that allocated funds for economic development and land acquisition that was increased with the 2017 SPLOST. We have been putting a lot of effort in searching for several years for the land development. We have acquired some, and the one to be announced is one of the biggest things he believes to happen for Rome and Floyd County in quite some time. An agreement has been reached with the Braden family for property located off Highway 411 to acquire over 200 acres of property for economic development. A contract has been signed that will close out later this year, and this will do great things for Rome and Floyd County, and for our development. It is also going to open up a project that has continued to be in the works, the building of 411 as an economic development avenue to connect to the rest of the world. This acquisition of this land and the ability of the City of Rome to furnish water and sewer to this area, will make a big difference in what we look like and opportunities we have for the future. Chair Bagby continued, it is a great pleasure for me and for all of these people here tonight to be able to make this announcement. We have all been working very hard, Rome and Floyd County, and our Development Authority, we have a great partnership and work hard together. We are making great progress and this is something that is near and dear to all of our hearts, so it is my pleasure to announce this. The contract was signed on Thursday and the press release will go out tonight and I believe it is going to make a huge difference in our area for our children, and our future children and grandchildren, and everybody else. This has been hard work, and a great deal, and it is exciting. I want to thank the Braden and McAbee families being able to work with us during this process, and it is a big deal, and I greatly appreciate their willingness to work with us on this.

Mr. McCord stated there was great cooperation from a lot of different folks in the room that involved a lot of hard work. Stated all involved were making great efforts in trying to make our community better, and that it definitely was going to do that, and we are excited about it.

XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9:00am.
- 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, TBD
 - b. Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 8:00am.
 - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 2, at 2:30pm.

- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 10:00am.
- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 8:30am.
- f. Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 10:00am.
- g. Airport Commission—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, August 17, 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, September 21, 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 — Mr. McCord stated for the Airport project, grading phase I is about 75% complete, there have been some intermittent closures that occurred the last few afternoons and are trying to keep those to a minimum, and aiming to that being complete in the next thirty to forty-five days.

XIV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT — Nothing to report.

XV. CONSENT AGENDA — CHAIR BAGBY ASKED MS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. SHE REPLIED THAT IT WAS. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

1. Accept and approve a revised travel and training policy from Floyd County Finance.
2. Ratify agreement with Costar for Floyd County Tax Assessor's office pending attorney review by both parties.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Accept and approve the recommendation from Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation for a NRPA Youth Mentoring Grant for Rural Youth Impacted by Opioid MOU. RFPR will be reimbursed a total of \$62,500.00 over three years for the mentoring program. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
2. **Accept and approve bid recommendation of Roadside Specialties from Floyd County Purchasing for Roadside Striping and signage on various county roads in the amount of \$198,554.66 through GDOT LMIG funding. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
3. **Accept and approve an edit to the Capital Equipment list for Public Works to increase the amount for the Leaf Machine from \$50,000.00 to \$92,757.00 from Environmental Products. This was originally budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST. — 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.**
4. **Approve agreement for purchase and sale of real estate between the heirs of Harvey Bishop, Jr. and Rachel Geneva Bishop and Floyd County, Georgia for the property located at 87 Shannon Road. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. COMMISSIONER WALLACE NOTED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$165,000.00. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS — NO OTHER BUSINESS

XIX. ADJOURN — SEEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE MEETING.