Joint Services Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Caucus Room, 12 East 4th Ave.   8:30 AM

Staff Present: Wright Bagby, *Chair, Floyd County Board of Commissioners*
Scotty Hancock, *Floyd County Board of Commissioners*
Jamie McCord, *Floyd County Manager*
Chris Jackson, *Floyd County Attorney*
Erin Elrod, *Floyd County Clerk*
Susie Gass, *Director, Floyd County Finance*
Bruce Ivey, *Special Projects Manager, Floyd County*
Amy Dawkins, *Assistant County Clerk, Floyd County*
Sundai Stevenson, *Mayor, City of Rome*
Mark Cochran, *Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rome*
Sammy Rich, *City Manager, City of Rome*
Meredith Ulmer, *Assistant City Manager, City of Rome*
Kristi Kent, *Communications Director, City of Rome*
Doug Walker, *Public Information Officer, City of Rome*
Rob Ware, *Mayor, City of Cave Spring*

Others Present: Adam Carey, *Rome News-Tribune*

I.   **Call to Order**

Chair Bagby called the meeting to order and thanked Commissioner Hancock for attending in place of Vice Chair Watters, who was unable to attend.

II. **Approve minutes from the August 2, 2022 Joint Services meeting and September 14, 2022 Special Called meeting.**

The minutes were approved by common consent.

III. **LOST Timeline**

County Attorney Chris Jackson stated the attorneys would be meeting tomorrow to gather ideas then would meet with City Attorneys to gain a better understanding of where everyone stands. Mr. Jackson stated they would have a more accurate timeline and can update the Committee at that time or whenever the Committee deemed appropriate.

Cave Spring Mayor Rob Ware inquired about a meeting with all three bodies as they previously did in 2010. Mr. McCord stated he believed it was a good idea. Mrs. Elrod suggested a Special Called Meeting in November before the regularly scheduled meeting in December.

IV.   **Kristi Kent**

Ms. Kent gave an overview of the Zen City software for community engagement and analyzing conversations among the public across media platforms. The committee agreed that with all three governments providing oversight, the Zen City platform would be very helpful with the upcoming SPLOST.

V.   **AG Re-Zoning**

Mr. McCord informed the Committee that the Planning Commission application for rezoning the two parcels adjacent to Mount Berry Square mall had been received. Stated the request would be for the property to be rezoned to Agricultural Residential with a Special Use Permit, which is necessary to be able to close on the property for the proposed location.

VI.   **Comp Plan Timeline**

Mr. Rich stated the Comp Plan is in need of an update due to a change in the State law. Mrs. Ulmer stated this November a Public Hearing will be held for an introductory hearing for City of Rome, Floyd County, and the City of Cave Spring, and in December there will be an additional meeting; a new requirement is there will have to be a Broadband Action Plan. Mr. McCord stated the County had completed a Broadband Ordinance in August of 2021. Mrs. Ulmer also noted there was an item due in 2031 and a review time of 45-60 days, which should take place from May-June of 2023, with the final due date being October 2023.

VII.   **Other Business**

Chair Bagby inquired about the ULDC update. Mr. Rich stated they have a version of a draft; Mrs. Ulmer stated it needed to be formatted and they do have the draft as of last week, and is planning to form a sub-committee to aid in the proposal that will go to both the City and County.

Mayor Ware inquired about a SPLOST timeline. Mrs. Elrod stated as of now, the plan is for the different bodies to select their Committees in March and begin meeting in May for project presentations with a goal of concluding in July, which would allot for campaign for the citizen committee. Stated the citizen committee would consist of four (4) representatives for the City of Rome, one (1) for the City of Cave Spring, and five (5) for Floyd County, one being the Chair of the committee.

VIII.   **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by common consent.