

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 31, 2019 12:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Scotty Hancock, Wright Bagby, Allison Watters, Larry Maxey

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant County Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Clerk Erin Elrod, County Attorney Wade Hoyt III

CALL TO

ORDER: Chair Hancock called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Maxey led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Maxey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hancock called for motion to approve the January 31, 2019 Agenda. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

	Commissioner Watters
	" Maxey
Vice-Chair	Bagby
Chair	Hancock

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE REVISED UNIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ROME AND FLOYD

County Manager McCord stated in November of 2018 the task force submitted a letter to Joint Services for a proposed model change. The current Rome-Floyd Authority is for a new authority with equal representations from city and county, three (3) city members and three (3) county members. The County Commission unanimously approved, The Chamber Executive Committee approved, and the City of Rome advised that the city manager work together with the county and the Chamber on utilizing the existing Rome-Floyd Development Authority. Floyd County and the Chamber supports utilization of the current Rome-Floyd

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Development Authority but discussions ensued about the current Rome-Floyd Development Authority and changes that could be made. Consider the three (3) at large members possibly being in leadership roles to create tenured experience on the board, ask GREIA to consider a two (2) year term, they were already aware that by constitution the Rome-Floyd Development Authority was allowed to employ staff. With the new model being three (3) employed staff members; a Director of Economic Development, Project Manager, and Administrative Assistant, and the City and County Managers being concurrent with position. Total budget for salaries and operations split three (3) ways \$150,000.00 each for a total of \$450,000.00, with the Development Authority, the county, and the city splitting it equally. Staff would report to a new Personnel Committee consisting of the Chair of the Rome-Floyd Development Authority, County Manager, City Manager. The office location would be at the renovated government owned, city owned, Fire Building behind the Chamber, renovations would be made with SPLOST funds. The Rome-Floyd development Authority would continue to work with existing staff until permanent staff is hired. Again this is the result of a lot of discussions and working with each other. He believes that they have been unified since day one but it has been very difficult to get to the point that they are trying to get to. The goal is to make it better and to make it a single person dedicated to this full time. He stated if anyone was upset with them about trying to make it better and trying to make it full time economic development, they are guilty in that regard. He stated they have not specified if GREIA will be in or out of the Chamber because they are an independent body and can act on their own behalf if they chose to participate in other ways. Their thought and model was that they have one of the best GREIA existing industry councils in the southeast and it would make sense for them to be in the chamber. When they go to expansion then they walk across the parking lot to the economic development side and work with them on expansion. He presented the budget, his bulleted summary with a little bit of history, and a PowerPoint that was prepared by City Manager Rich. Hopefully they will adopt and be able to speak with Rome-Floyd Development Authority Chair, Jimmy Biers, and tentatively plan a called meeting later this week so all entities are on the same page with the new concept and model.

Chair Hancock called for motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Bagby to rescind the approval of the recommendation from the Joint Services Committee for the creation of a new Joint Rome-Floyd Economic Development authority and move to approve an agreement with the Rome-Floyd Economic Development and the City of Rome, for the Rome-Floyd Development Authority to provide industrial recruitment services as presented in the concept model. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters	
"	Maxey
Vice-Chair	Bagby
Chair	Hancock

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a MOTION was made by Commissioner Maxey. SECOND by Vice-Chair Bagby that the meeting be adjourned. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK