

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 09, 2019 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Wright Bagby, Rhonda Wallace, 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: Vice-Chair Bagby called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Bagby called for motion to approve the April 09, 2019 Agenda. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to approve the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Watters		
" Maxey		
Vice-Chair Bagby		

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Casey Friday, 59 Hall Road, Silver Creek, Georgia, stated herself and her family were present on the first of January about an issue that they are having with trains blocking their dead end road. She stated she was present to see if she can get any kind of update.

County Manager McCord stated they have had conversations with the railroad a little over a month ago to talk about the funding for the project, and with Georgia Department of Transportation's Intermodal Division, which has another layer/formula for off-system safety projects. He hopes that they will be able to approve an off-system safety tonight, but it is a different off-system safety. The section of Hall Road and the diversion that they are trying to do

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is use the existing right of way. In order to get funding they would need to close the Hall Road crossing, which makes thing a little more complicated, but the railroad really does not have an incentive to participate without that. They will have to work with the railroad and GDOT to get the funding. They had talked about an emergency exit and that was not well received by everyone in the area, the would love to make that an option but they are going to try to go the more permanent route. There has not be a lot of work other than that, they are waiting on the intermodal department to see if this fits their category or fits their process.

Ms. Friday asked if there was a time line or any idea.

County Manager McCord stated it would be month and or years before this was solved, it is not going to be a short solution. It is a complex project. He feels for the situation but they have exhausted the other access points. Ideally they will get the money to construct and possible relocation. They are at a holding point until GDOT or the railroad gets back with them.

Ms. Friday thanked the Commission.

Vice-Chair Bagby stated the Commission feels for the residents, they wish it was a thing that they could do their selves and fix, but there are so many people involved.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chair Hancock asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were in order. Mr. Hoyt stated the minutes have been reviewed and are in order. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace to adopt the minutes of the Caucus, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Crime Victims' Right Week

Commissioner Maxey presented the National Crime Victims' Right Week Proclamation to

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District Attorney Leigh Patterson and staff.

Ms. Sandy Finton, Floyd County Victim Witness Director, thanked the Commission and stated their Victim Witness Assistance Program has been in Floyd County for the past thirty-three (33) years and they are dedicated in providing each victim the services afforded to them by the Crime Victims Bill of Rights. She stated they currently have six (6) advocates. Last year they assisted one hundred fifty-seven (157) victims.

Ms. Leigh Patterson, District Attorney, thanked the Commission for having them there and the proclamation. The theme this year is “Honoring Our Past, and Creating Hope for the Future”. When she first started in the District Attorney’s office, the office only had one (1) person in the victims’ witness office, now they have six (6). She thanked the Commission again for their support in providing services for victims.

2. Animal Control Officers Week

Commissioner Watters presented the Animal Control Officers Week Proclamation to P.A.W.S officers.

Jeff Mitchell, thanked the Commission for recognizing them and stated it was a team effort, it takes citizens, rescue groups, for the success of the operation. They appreciate being able to serve the community and providing the service they provide.

3. Public Safety Telecommunication’s Week

Commissioner Wallace presented the Public Telecommunication’s Week Proclamation to Mr. John Blalock, E-911 Director.

Mr. Blalock stated this was his fifth (5th) year in accepting this proclamation, he thanked them for presenting it.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Vice-Chair stated they have eight (8) positions available on their volunteer boards that are coming up.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

County Clerk Elrod stated that Chair Hancock would like everyone to be aware of the upcoming Planning Session being held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 9AM-3PM. Also, on Thursday, April 18, 2019 they will be having a SPLOST update for the 2013 and 2017 SPLOST, which will be held at 5PM at the new Recycling Center on Lavender Drive.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

No Report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hancock asked County Clerk Elrod if the Consent Agenda is in order. Mrs. Elrod stated yes, was reviewed in caucus and is being submitted for the Board's approval.

Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve and authorize execution of items submitted under the Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Watters		
" Maxey		
Vice-Chair Bagby		

Motion Carried

1. Approve the surplus and transfer of a Quit-Claim Deed of property located in Land Lot 251, 23rd District and 3rd Section of Floyd County, Georgia to Eddie C. Chubb.
2. Approve the surplus and transfer of a Quit-Claim Deed of property located at 1127 Booze Mountain Road to Nancy C. Greer.
3. Approve master agreement between Floyd County and the Sizemore Group for a space needs analysis.
4. Approve 2019 proposal from Golder Associates for continuing professional services at the Berry Hill Landfill.
5. Approve 2019 proposal from Golder Associates for continuing professional services at Walker Mountain Landfill.

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6. Approve application for an Off System Safety Grant application with Georgia Department of Transportation to provide safety improvements on local roads. No match is required from Floyd County.
7. Accept Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award in the amount of \$28,000.00 to update the Floyd County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plant to meet federal requirements. The cost has a federal share of \$21,000.00, a state share of \$2,800.00, and a local share of \$4,200.00.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ELIMINATE POSITION #495-802 AND APPROVE CREATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE COORDINATOR.**
2. **APPROVE CONTRACT FOR NEW ANIMAL WELFARE COORDINATOR.**
3. **APPROVE CONTRACT FOR NEW ANIMAL CONTROL MANAGER.**

County Manager McCord stated he was going to combine the first three items since they build on each other. He stated they are going to recommend new contracts for Animal Welfare Manager, and a contract for Animal Control Manager. He recommended Tammy Jo Hallman. Tammy comes to them from Best Friends Atlanta, she has worked in multiple facilities, both public and private. She has multiple years of experience in different areas and will be a really good hire on the animal welfare side. Her duties will be the vet tech, admin side, all the volunteer coordination, as well as shelter management of the care of the animals. The second position for Animal Control Manager is Jeff Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell is an internal hire and has been at P.A.W.S since 2014, has ten years' worth of corrections experience, he has worked at Hays State Prison, and also has private experience in retail as a manager. Mr. Mitchell is about to complete his Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from Rinehart University. He stated Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Blalock, and Mr. Cordell are totally responsible for their successes at P.A.W.S, with the live outcome rate, volunteer rescue, and process improvement. He believes these two (2) hires will take them to the next level and where they are trying to go with the shelter. Both candidates have experience on both sides. He stated he was really excited about both of them becoming part of the team. Ms. Hallman's start date will be April 22, 2019 with an annual salary of \$55,000.00 per year, and Mr. Mitchells retroed back to April 8, 2019 with a base salary of \$51,000.00 annually. Item one is to eliminate #495-802 and approve creation of Animal Welfare Manager, this will not require budget revision in anything that they have done for 2019. He recommended approval for items one, two, and three.

Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace to eliminate position #495-802 and approve creation of Animal Welfare Manager, approve contract for

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new Animal Welfare Manager, Tammy Jo Hallman, and approve contract for new Animal Control Manager, Jeff Mitchell. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Watters
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Bagby

Motion Carried

4. APPROVE USE OF JOHN ROSS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FOR ONE UNITED COMMUNITY EVENT.

County Manager McCord stated this item is to approve the closure of the John Ross pedestrian bridge for the One United Community event on September 15, 2019, 6PM-8PM. This has been approved by the city previously. He stated they would be talking more about use of the bridge at the upcoming Joint Services meeting since it is a transportation quarter for both pedestrians and trail use. He recommended approval.

Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to Approve use of John Ross pedestrian bridge for One United Community event being held on September 15, 2019 from 6PM-8PM. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Watters
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Bagby

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice- Chair Bagby Recognized Leadership Rome and Focused on Floyd participants.

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Lint Johnson, Attorney, McRae, Smith, Peek (Leadership Rome)

Jimmy Smith, Benjamin Edwards Advisors (Focused on Floyd)

Kevin Evans (Focused on Floyd)

Corey Townsend (Focused on Floyd)

Ryan Lenard (Focused on Floyd)

Vice-Chair Bagby stated the Commission went in to executive session to speak about legal matters and personnel issues, no action was taken.

Commissioner Wallace added that Thursday night was opening night for the Rome Braves. The Commission will be there to throw the first pitch; she believes the game starts at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

April 9, 2019 4:00PM

Present: Commissioners Larry Maxey, Rhonda Wallace, Scotty Hancock and Allison Watters; Assistant County Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Clerk Erin Elrod, and County Attorney Wade Hoyt III.

Others Present: Mark Wallace, Jerome Poole, Artagus Newell, Ryan Davis, John Carrol, Diane Wagner, Corey Townsend.

Ryan Davis presented on the lighting projects in the 4th Avenue Parking Deck, 6th Avenue Deck, and State Mutual Stadium. He also updated the Commission on the renovations at the stadium.

John Carroll introduced himself to the Commission as the new airport manager at Russell Regional Airport. He updated the Commission on the current runway project.

Commission and staff reviewed and discussed items on the agenda for the meeting of April 09, 2019.

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