

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 26, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Scotty Hancock, 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:**

Chair Hancock called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hancock called for a motion to approve the November 26, 2019 Agenda. MOTION
made by Commissioner Maxey. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chair Hancock asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were in order. Mr. Hoyt

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stated the minutes have been reviewed and are in order. Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace to adopt the Caucus, Regular Meeting of November 12, 2019. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

Special recognition

1. Donation to Floyd County School Board of Education Child in Need Fund

Chair Hancock stated this was County Clerk Elrod's idea. She brought the idea before the commission to collect parking fees in the month of August and September and then donating them to the Child in Need Program. The total was \$3,680.35. He thanked the Board of Education for everything they do and the close working relationship they all have.

FIRST READING

(SECOND READING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2019)

1. FY20 BUDGETS

County Manager McCord stated they had extensive conversation in caucus. He highlighted that they have seen some growth in the tax digest, property tax has been an increase with a ninety-eight percent (98%) collection rate. There were some increases in TAVT with the formula change this past July, and the local option sales tax (LOST) is timely that they have seen the increases in revenues because they also have increases in expenditures to offset it. Overall, \$3.2M almost \$3.3M in increase revenues projected for 2020. On the expenditure side, they are at \$3.5M additional expenditures, some of this is a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment (COLA) and a two percent (2%) merit budgeted. Health insurance increased over \$800,000.00 on the county portion, with a minor increase for employees during open enrollment. There have

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been some savings in pension, also in Workers' Compensation. The medical department for inmates is going over the minimum on a regular basis, so they will be taking a look at the contract at a later date to make sure they do not need to renegotiate the minimum number of inmates being seen. They are almost where they were last year with a \$325,000.00 more deficit than this time last year. They have met with almost all department heads and elected officials that have had any special requests, they have done a good job in requesting and finding a combination to make it work. As they stand in the general fund, they are at a \$3.5M deficit, they were at \$3.2M last year. Compared to current budget they are \$2.4M, and they will review this again mid-year. Overall, it is a solid budget, Mrs. Gass has done a great job. One additional, he does not have the final budget yet. He discussed it a few weeks ago regarding an additional full time position at the Cave Spring Fire Department to go in conjunction with the Cave Spring Fire Agreement.

SECOND READING

(FIRST READING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019)

Chair Hancock explained the procedure of the public hearing; each person recognized shall come to the podium and state his or her name and home address. There is no less than 10 minutes provided for all speaking in favor, and no less than 10 minutes should be provided by those speaking in opposition.

- 1. FILE Z-19-11-05 REQUESTING REZONING FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL (H-C) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED 4756 CALHOUN ROAD, ROME, GEORGIA; FLOYD COUNTY TAX PARCEL M10Y106. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. Brice Wood, Rome Floyd Planning and Zoning Department, stated the visual aesthetic would not deviate much, if at all. This is one of the larger Community Commercial lots that has been rehabilitated, previously it had a trash problem. He presented photographs of the area and surrounding area and stated this was a unanimous vote by staff and the Planning Commission to approve.

Chair Hancock opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of.

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FAVOR: Mark Coffman, 46 Henry Mack Hill Road, Rydal, Georgia, stated he has been working on cleaning up the property up, he finally found a place that will take the tires and he is looking forward to being able to start a new business in Floyd County.

Chair Hancock asked if there was anyone else there to speak in favor, or opposition, seeing none he closed the public hearing, and asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve file Z-19-11-05 requesting rezoning from Community Commercial (C-C) to Heavy Commercial (H-C) for the property located 4756 Calhoun Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County tax parcel M10Y106. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

2. FILE Z-11-02 REQUESTING REZONING FROM OFFICE INSTITUTION (O-I) TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1606 KINGSTON HIGHWAY, ROME, GEORGIA; FLOYD COUNTY TAX PARCEL K14W334. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Wood stated the applicant plans were to put a home on the property, surrounding properties are zoned residential. He stated this was a unanimous vote by staff and the Planning Commission to approve. He presented photographs of the area and surrounding area.

Chair Hancock opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of.

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FAVOR: Joe Peg, PO BOX 446, Silver Creek, Georgia, stated he just wanted to make use of the property by putting a house on it and selling it.

Chair Hancock asked if there was anyone else there to speak in favor, or opposition, seeing none he closed the public hearing, and asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve file Z-11-02 requesting rezoning from Office Institution (O-I) to Suburban Residential (S-R) for the property located at 1606 Kingston Highway, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County tax parcel K14W334. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hancock made a motion to appoint Michael McElveen to fill a position on the Highland Rivers Community Service Board. The term will expire June 30, 2021. The term is two years. Appoint Julie Nunnally to the Floyd County Tax Assessors Board. This term is set to expire December 31, 2023. Reappoint Kenneth Metteauer's to the NWGA Region 1 EMS Council to expire on January 15, 2022. Appoint John Bennett to the Gordon-Floyd Development Authority to fill an unexpired term set to expire December 31, 2020. SECOND by Vice-Chair Bagby.

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

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Shady Lane

County Manager McCord stated construction is still in progress and they are waiting on one signature on the Whatley property in able to get to the south end of Shady Lane.

2. Ball Container

County Manager McCord stated the Ball Container dirt hauling contract was virtually complete last week, there are a few loads left to be hauled.

3. Railfan Site

County Manager McCord stated they have tentatively scheduled the grand opening for December 6, 2019 at noon in Lindale. There is only one piece of railing left to be complete.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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No Report

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hancock asked County Clerk Elrod if the Consent Agenda was in order. Mrs. Elrod stated the Consent Agenda was in order.

Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve and authorize execution of items submitted under the Consent Agenda with the addition to item 13 as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

1. Approve renewal application for beer and wine license at Los Potros Mexican Restaurant located at 233 Wax Road, Silver Creek, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by Health Department, Police Department, Tax Commissioner, Fire Marshal, and Building Inspector.
2. Approve renewal application for beer and wine license at CVS Pharmacy #7245 located at 347 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia. . The application is paid in full and has been approved by Health Department, Police Department, Tax Commissioner, Fire Marshal, and Building Inspector.
3. Approve new license and ownership change application for beer and wine and self-service fuel licenses at Sunshine Foodmart located at 4970 Rockmart Road, Silver Creek, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by Health Department, Police Department, Tax Commissioner, Fire Marshal, and Building Inspector.

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- 4.** Approve contracts for unclassified employees due to change in Floyd County personnel ordinance.
- 5.** Approve proposed FY20 LMIG project List

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE GEORGIA INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FY20 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$743,095 FOR PERSONNEL AND OPERATING EXPENSES

County Manager McCord stated this is for personnel, operating expenses and it is paid on a monthly basis he recommended approval.

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement for FY20 in the amount of \$743,095 for personnel and operating expenses. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

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2. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AT THE LINDALE RAIL VIEWING PLATFORM.

County Manager McCord stated this was an opportunity to do a test with Georgia Power's new high resolution surveillance viewing and additional security at the location. He recommended approval.

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace to approve agreement with Georgia Power for surveillance camera at the Lindale Rail Viewing Platform. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

3. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR LIGHTING AT LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER.

County Manager McCord stated the Sennett family donated the funds for this construction of an amphitheater at the library, and as a final project he recommended option 2 which is an upfront payment of \$25,100.00 and a monthly service fee of \$205.00. This includes installation and maintenance used by the lighting system. They met with the library board and they also approved of the additional expense of the lighting project. He recommended approval

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace to approve agreement with Georgia Power for lighting at library amphitheater. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES	NO
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Motion Carried

4. APPROVE NEW CONTRACT WITH BARTOW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOR INMATE LABOR.

County Manager McCord stated they have multiple details in Bartow County and this would be an additional one that they have been waiting on for a while. The annual amount will be \$64,179.00. He recommended approval.

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve new contract with Bartow County Public Works for Inmate Labor. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner	Wallace
"	Watters
"	Maxey
Vice-Chair	Bagby
Chair	Hancock

Motion Carried

5. APPROVE PROPOSED FY20 LIMG PROJECT LIST.

County Manager McCord stated this is a total grant amount of \$1.219M with a required match of \$365,928.00 with a total expenditure on projects of \$1.585M. He stated this was a good mix of roadways throughout various quadrants of the county. They also approved this at public works

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last week. They made one minor change in removal of the Gaines Loop Road bridge project but placed it into SPLOST and added Wilkerson road in its place. He recommended approval/

Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve proposed FY20 LIMG project list. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Alli Mitchell with the United Way of Rome and Floyd County addressed the Commission in regards to the new position at the United Way to work with the Interagency Council on Homeless and Poverty.

ADJOURNMENT

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Bagby

Chair Hancock

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ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

November 26, 2019

4:00PM

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

Others Present: Renee Blackburn, Free Clinic of Rome; Brice Wood, Rome-Floyd Planning and Zoning; Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works;???

Ms. Renee Blackburn discussed the Free Clinic of Rome. Staff and Commission reviewed the November 26, 2019 agenda.

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK