



## FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 14, 2020

Virtually on Zoom

Caucus—Suite 204                      5:30 pm  
Regular Meeting—Suite 206            6:00 pm

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**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS SCOTTY HANCOCK, WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, ALLISON WATTERS, & LARRY MAXEY, COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY WADE HOYT, III, BRUCE IVEY, SUSIE GASS, AMY DAWKINS, MARK WALLACE, TOM EWING, AND OLIVIA MORLEY**

### CAUCUS NOTES:

**Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Watters informed the Commission about a grant given to P.A.W.S. from Petco.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR HANCOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—COMMISSIONER WATTERS LED THE INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MR. HOYT IF THE MINUTES WERE IN ORDER. MR. HOYT RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
  1. Adopt minutes of Caucus and Regular Meeting of March 24, 2020.
- V. FIRST READING**
- VI. SECOND READING**
- VII. RESOLUTIONS—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MR. MCCORD TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION. AFTER THE READING, CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE**

**AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing Floyd County and the Georgia Department of Transportation to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (hereinafter referred to as “TEA-21”).

#### **VIII. CHAIR’S REPORT**

1. Update by Dr. Gary Voccio, Director of Georgia Department of Public Health Northwest District Committee appointments

**Dr. Voccio updated the Commission on the status of COVID-19 in Floyd County. At this time, it seems we are flattening the curve; however, we do expect a peak in the next two weeks. Five patients are receiving the plasma therapy and are recovering well. We are also receiving more tests for our area. Chair Hancock asked about criteria for testing. Dr. Voccio informed that first responders with exposure as well as nursing home residents with exposure will be tested as well as those who are experiencing symptoms. Citizens will no longer need a referral from a primary care physician to be tested. It is still preferred that a pediatrician recommend the testing for those under the age of 18 at this time. Commissioner Watters asked about reopening. Dr. Voccio said that would of course be dictated by the Governor, but with more testing, we will be able to have a better idea of that timetable. The National Guard will be trained to help with testing and are in town doing education and training at the hot spots. Commissioner Bagby asked is the number 119 cases is the total number of cases? Dr. Voccio stated that number includes all cases that have been diagnosed. Commissioner Watters also asked if he thought there would be any contact tracing in the state? We are doing contact tracing now. They are trying to investigate all cases for possible contact. Commissioner Wallace stated her mom is at Rome Rehab where they have had several cases. With the number of people who have been diagnosed will they be testing everyone who is there, resident and employees? Dr. Voccio replied yes due to the outbreak that they have experienced. Chair Hancock asked if this will only be at facilities with outbreaks. Dr. Voccio responded yes. Chair Hancock also suggested that there would be healthcare employees who would possibly be available to assist due to the low census in both hospitals at this time. Chair Hancock thanked Dr. Voccio for his time and commitment to the community.**

2. Update by Chair Hancock on County Polices during COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Chair Hancock—This has been a very trying time for everyone. There's not enough prayer out there right now and we need to be helping each other right now. There's a lot of tragedy right now and we need to wrapping our arms around each other, even from afar. We all have people who have been affected by this and this is a good time for all of us to reflect on our blessings. The bottom line is we need to be thinking about other people right now and not be selfish. We need to stick together as a community and a commission. There is light at the end of the tunnel. There are going to be changes that come from this, but we need to stay strong. As a County, we're going to do a better job and follow those CDC guidelines and ask our employees to wear masks while working. We've changed how we operate. We were lean before but we're even leaner now.**

**Mr. McCord—we've given reusable masks to approximately 2/3s of our staff. I really want to thank our public safety for the work they have done to keep moving. We've put glass up in the tax commissioner's office as well as the tax assessor's office. I've made contact with all of our department heads and moral is good. We do have some employees who have taken advantage of the Families First Coronavirus Act. We do have to analyze how we do business. This greatly affects the space needs analysis that we were doing. I appreciate the work that everyone is doing.**

**Commissioner Watters—I appreciate your leadership and Jamie's leadership during this time. I feel we've made decisions based on people who are experts in the field to help guide us and I appreciate all that you've done.**

## **IX. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioners Bagby & Wallace**
  - a. Next Meeting TBD
- 2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Hancock**
  - a. Next Meeting TBD
- 3. Public Works Committee – Commissioners Watters & Bagby**
  - a. Next Meeting TBD
- 4. Water Committee – Commissioners Wallace & Maxey**
  - a. Next Meeting TBD

- 5. Special Committee Reports**
  - a. Fire Overview Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Maxey**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - b. Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Bagby**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Maxey**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - f. Transportation Policy Committee—**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - g. Airport Commission—**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—**
  - i. RFPR Advisory Committee—**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD
  - j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –**
  - k. Floyd County Library Board—**
    - i. Next Meeting TBD

**Commissioner Watters updated the Commission on a \$20,000 grant from PetCo that will purchase a mobile adoption unit for P.A.W.S. Jeff and his crew are doing a great job even though the building is closed to the public.**

**X. MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Update from Mr. McCord on County Operations during Storm Damage

**Mr. McCord—We did have some tornadic activity in Floyd County on Easter Sunday. The Southern part of the County experienced the most damage. We were approaching 7500 people without power at the peak, and we are at less than 30 at this time. Public Works and Water did an excellent job along with citizens who helped to clear roads. We appreciate the public being patient during this time.**

**XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**XII. CONSENT AGENDA—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. SHE REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND WAS IN ORDER. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. VICE CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Approve the purchase of two (2) Ford F-250 4-wheel drive, Crew Cab Trucks—white with service bodies from Prater Ford in the amount of \$79,943.12 (\$39,971.56 each) for the Floyd County Water Department.
2. Declare April 19-25, 2020 as National Crime Victims' Right Week in Floyd County.
3. Declare the month of April 2020 Donate Life Month in Floyd County.
4. Approve renewal application for a beer license at Callier Springs Country Club, Inc., located at 2653 Callier Springs Road, Rome, GA.
5. Approve renewal application for a beer license and self-service fuel license for Jalalu, Inc. dba Burnett Ferry Quick Stop located at 500 Burnett Ferry Road, Rome, GA.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve the purchase of three (3) Ford F-150 SSV Crew Cab Trucks from Prater Ford in the amount of \$90,741.84 (\$30,247.28 each) for the Floyd County Police Department. This is part of the 2017 SPLOST.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Approve the purchase of six (6) HVAC units from Haynes Heating and Air in the amount of \$41,516.00 for the Gilbreath Center. This is part of the 2017 SPLOST.— **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. Approve agreement with IWispr LLC, for lease on the Shannon radio tower.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
4. Approve application for Georgia Emergency Management Agent/Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Emergency Pump Station Generator Installation.— **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- XV. OTHER BUSINESS—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. THERE WAS NONE.**

**XVI. ADJOURN—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO CALL THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**