



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 14, 2020

Administration Building
Caucus—Suite 204 4:00 pm
Regular Meeting—Suite 206 6:00 pm

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, JOHN BLALOCK, OLIVIA MORLEY, JAMES BENCE (MAULDIN & JENKINS), ART NEWELL, MICHAEL SKEEN, SUSIE GASS, BRUCE IVEY, JEFF MITCHELL, RANDY SELF, BRICE WOOD, TOM EWING, GREG DOBBINS

CHAIR HANCOCK CALLED CAUCUS TO ORDER AND WENT THROUGH THE AGENDA WITH THE COMMISSION AND MANAGEMENT. MR. BENCE PRESENTED THE FY19 FLOYD COUNTY AUDIT TO THE COMMISSION. MR. NEWELL AND MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUESTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. MCCORD PRESENTED ON THE OTHER ITEMS LISTED UNDER FIRST READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING. MRS. ELROD EXPLAINED THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LICENSE ORDINANCE.

CAUCUS

- I. CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR HANCOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—COMMISSIONER MAXEY LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DEFERRAL OF ITEM #2 UNDER CONSENT AND ITEM #3 UNDER NEW BUSINESS FOR FURTHER LEGAL REVIEW. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION—NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MS. HARMAN IF THE MINUTES WERE IN ORDER. MS. HARMAN REPORTED THAT THEY WERE. VICE CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 - 1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of June 23, 2020.**

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION—MR. BENCE PRESENTED THE FY2019 AUDIT FINDINGS TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE PUBLIC.

1. FY19 Audit presentation

VII. PROCLAMATIONS

VIII. FIRST READING

(SECOND READINGS HELD JULY 28, 2020 AT 6PM)

1. File #Z20-07-01 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Heavy Commercial for ten (10) acre section of the property located 0 Old Summerville Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J10X080. This was recommended for approval by the planning staff. The planning commission recommended denial (5-1).
2. File #SUP20-07-02 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Agricultural Residential as well as a Special Use Permit for a winery for the property at 602D Billy Pyle Road, Rome Georgia, the property being 58 acres +/-; Floyd County Tax Parcel G13Z248. Planning staff recommended approval on the condition that the applicant plant a vegetative buffer along the easement to protect the neighboring homeowners. The planning commission recommended approval (6-0).
3. File #SUP20-07-03 requesting a special use permit for a manufactured home for the property at 12 Beverly Drive, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel I13L326. The planning staff recommended denial. The planning commission recommended approval (4-2).
4. Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia to amend by striking Section 2-3-32(1) thereof in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and a resident of this county, and said residence must be maintained during membership on the airport commission.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION.**
5. Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia to amend by adding the following paragraph immediately after the end of Paragraph 2-4-113(4) “the Board of Commissioners is authorized to delegate its authority to grant or deny such permits to the County Manager or his designee” and by striking Section 2-4-113(4)(a)(3) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following that “street address of proposed off premises location.”—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION.**

IX. SECOND READING

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS—NO ONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OR AGAINST.

1. FY2020 Millage Rate

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. Adopt a resolution declaring certain property of the county unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR BAGBY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- a. 330 Ross Street
- b. Lewis Barrett Boulevard; Tax Parcel K13Z002
- c. 121 Jackson Street
- d. 320 W. Ross Street
- e. 3 East 15th Street
- f. 739 Park Avenue
- g. Superba Avenue; Tax Parcel K13Y244
- h. Pierce Hill Road; Tax Parcel M10Y052

2. Adopt a resolution concerning the redemption from tax sale of 62 Tower Road.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Resolution recommending face coverings in Floyd County—**CHAIR HANCOCK READ THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING MASKS TO ALL CITIZENS OF FLOYD COUNTY. COMMISSIONERS WALLACE, WATTERS, MAXEY, AND VICE CHAIR BAGBY SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO WEAR MASKS, WASH HANDS, AND WATCH YOUR DISTANCE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED MARKETING PLAN. MRS. ELROD PRESENTED**

THE OUTLINE OF THE MARKETING PLAN ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE COMMUNITY.

2. Employee Face Covering Policy—**MR. MRCCORD PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION THE RECOMMENDED FACE COVERING POLICY FOR FLOYD COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOLLOWING THE CDC RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR BAGBY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. Employee Return to Work Policy for COVID Exposures or Positive Tests. **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE POLICY WHICH FOLLOWS THE CDC RECOMMENDATION. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
4. Appointment of County Attorney—**CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT VIRGINIA HARMAN AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0 WITH VICE CHAIR BAGBY ABSTAINING. CHAIR HANCOCK NOTED THAT MRS. HARMAN IS THE FIRST FEMALE ATTORNEY IN FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY.**
5. Appoint someone to Post 3 on the Floyd County Airport Commission. Dr. George Bosworth's third term is expiring on June 30, 2020. The new term will expire on June 30, 2024.
6. Appoint someone to fill an unexpired position on the Floyd County Board of Health due to lack of attendance.
7. Appoint someone to fill a position on the Georgia Behavioral Health Board. Deborah Malone's third term is expiring on July 31, 2020. This new term will expire on July 31, 2023.

XIII. 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—MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE INFORMATION FROM THE JULY 14, 2020 MEETING OF THE FIRE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND A PAY INCREASE FOR ROME-FLOYD FIREFIGHTER**
 - 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 Hancock & Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - e. **Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Bagby & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - f. **Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioners Wallace & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - g. **Airport Commission—Commissioner Wallace**

- i. Next Meeting TBD
- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
- i. RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
- j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) – Commissioner Wallace**
- k. Floyd County Library Board— Commissioner Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD

XIV. MANAGER’S REPORT

- 1. Corrections Pay Plan Update—MR. MCCORD INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE LAST YEAR OF THE CORRECTIONS PAY PLAN HAD BEEN FINISHED.**

XV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT—NO REPORT

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA—CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. SHE REPLIED THAT IT WAS WITH ITEM #2 BEING DEFERRED TO A LATER MEETING PENDING LEGAL REVIEW. VICE CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE DEFERRAL OF ITEM #2. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 1. Approve the purchase of thirteen (13) Axon Tasers from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$32,774.25 for the Floyd County Prison. This was budgeted at \$33,000.00 in the 2020 budget.
- 2. Approve contract between Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation and Shorter University.—DEFERRED FOR LEGAL REVIEW.
- 3. Approve sponsorship agreement between Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation and Rome Orthopedic Center.
- 4. Approve modification to GEFA loan documents for payment deferrals.
- 5. Approve update of GDOT VI Non-Discrimination Agreement.

6. Approve surplus of confiscated vehicles (1997 Nissan Pathfinder, VIN JN8AR05Y3VW164540 and 2003 Toyota Rav4 VIN JN8AR05Y3VW164540) by the Floyd County Police Department that were awarded by Court Order.
7. Approve purchase of two (2) Ford F-150 SSV Crew Cab Trucks from Prater Ford, Calhoun, GA in the amount of \$31,359.68 for Grant 48 and \$30,439.00 for Grant 51.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS—NO OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve relocation of AT&T pole of Mockingbird Circle for construction of Shady Lane improvements.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. THIS ITEM WILL NOT EXCEED \$12,000.00. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Approve increased payment of Peace Officer's Annuity & Benefits (POAB) Fund Dues from \$20 per month to \$25 per month per eligible employee.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. THE LEGISLATURE RECENTLY INCREASED THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND ALLOWED FOR JAIL OFFICERS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR UP TO 68 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. Approve Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Vendor policy, Vendor COVID Indemnification, Vendor Application, and Vendor Permit.—**DEFERRED FOR LEGAL REVIEW.**
4. Approve creation of a new Animal Control Officer.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
5. Approve creation of a Shelter Veterinarian.—**REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY & ADMIN FINANCE FOR RECOMMENDATION.**
6. Approve attorney fee agreement with Virginia Barrow Harman of McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman, & Monroe, LLP.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO**

APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0 WITH VICE CHAIR BAGBY ABSTAINING.

7. Approve shift differential pay for Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Prison, and E-911.—**REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY & ADMIN FINANCE FOR RECOMMENDATION.**
8. Sign-on Bonus Policy-- **REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY & ADMIN FINANCE FOR RECOMMENDATION.**
9. Approve budget for COVID-19 marketing plan—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. VICE CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
10. Approve a budget increase of \$7,378.00 to Account Code 330441-67040 for the purchase of two (2) water heaters/boilers in Building A and in the Kitchen of the Floyd County Jail. The water heater for the Kitchen and Laundry will be purchased in the amount of \$43,900.00 from Steve Cronic, Inc. The water heater for Building A will be purchased in the amount of \$22,678.00 from Reliable Heating and Air.—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. ONE WATER HEATER IS NOT WORKING AND THE OTHER IS LEAKING BADLY. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
11. Approve MOU with Polk County to share radio access—**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS—NO OTHER BUSINESS

XX. ADJOURN—WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIR HANCOCK CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.