



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 2020

Forum River Center

**Caucus—Floyd Room
Regular Meeting—Ballroom**

**4:00 pm
6:00 pm**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS SCOTTY HANCOCK, WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, ALLISON WATTERS, AND LARRY MAXEY; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, AND COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD; BOB HENDERSON, OLIVIA MORLEY, AND TODD WOFFORD

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, MICHAEL SKEEN, SUSIE GASS

CAUCUS

- I. CALL TO ORDER**—Chair Scotty Hancock called the meeting to order.
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG** — Vice Chair Wright Bagby led the Commission in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** — Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Larry Maxey made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** — Todd Wofford introduced new mascots Parky & Rex to the Commission and thanked Sheriff Tim Burkhalter.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Allison Watters made a motion to approve seconded by Vice Chair Bagby. The motion carried 5-0.
 - 1.** Adopt minutes of Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of November 24, 2020.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 1. Sheriff Tim Burkhalter**
 - a.** Tommy McGuire – Retirement / Presentation of service weapon
— Sheriff Burkhalter presented Chief Deputy Tommy McGuire with his service weapon for his retirement from the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Burkhalter thanked McGuire for his mentorship throughout the years. He congratulated him for doing the job so well. Chief Deputy McGuire thanked Sheriff Burkhalter and the Commission for the opportunity to serve.

Chair Hancock and the Commission then presented Sheriff Burkhalter with a retirement gift. He thanked the Sheriff for always working with the Commission. He also thanked him for the work in the community. Commissioner Watters thanked the Sheriff for helping in her election and for the way he always took care of the community. Commissioner Wallace spoke of his friendship, leadership, and love for this community. Commissioner Maxey thanked him for a job well done despite disagreements, he always did a great job. Vice Chair Bagby thanked him for having such a great working relationship with the Commission since that had not always been the case, but it was working with him.

Sheriff Burkhalter spoke of his time as Sheriff and working with the Commission and management. He spoke of how it was a bittersweet moment. He wanted the Sheriff's Office to be an active part of the community while he was in office and he knows that will continue. Sheriff Burkhalter recognized his family and employees who attended tonight.

2. **Floyd County DFCS Staff** — Commissioner Watters recognized Lindsey Howerton and her staff at Floyd County DFCS for their work especially through the pandemic. The department was recognized by Valerie Waters through the department's Shining Stars program. Ms. Howerton thanked the Commission for their recognition and discussed the increased demand for need during the pandemic. Matthew Shepherd from DFCS thanked the Commission for the recognition and read a statement from Valerie.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS

VIII. FIRST READING

IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS

(FIRST READINGS HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020, AT 6PM)

1. **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget** — Mr. McCord reviewed the FY21 budget. This included positions and pension changes based on new mortality tables. Healthcare claims continue to rise and require transfer from the General Services fund. We're struggling to maintain at a sustainable level. P.A.W.S. and Parks & Recreation will require additional funding this year. IT required more security after the malware attack in the fall of 2020. IT did a great job saving what they were able to and getting everyone back up and running. The contract with Safari Management at the Forum ended late this year. Parks & Recreation will manage the building as a courthouse annex for 2021. We are budgeting a \$4.4 million use of fund balance for 2021. The fire fund added a fulltime position to the Cave Spring fire station which will help in fire protection in that part of the County. General Services will be paying toward debt services for the land for economic development and the light services upgrade. The amount for the land equals

approximately \$750,000.00. Chair Hancock asked if there were any questions from the Board. He then opened the public hearing. There was no one to speak in favor or opposition. Seeing none he closed the public hearing. Chair Hancock asked if there was a motion to approve. Vice Chair Bagby made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Maxey. The motion carried 5-0.

X. RESOLUTIONS

XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Appoint 2021 Chair to the Floyd County Board of Elections for a term of one (1) year or until a successor is appointed. — The Board of Elections recommended Melanie Conrad to serve as the Chair of the Board of Elections. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Vice Chair Bagby made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.

XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. **Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioners Bagby & Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting, TBD
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Hancock**
 - a. Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 10:00am.
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, Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 2:00pm.
- 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, Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 4:00pm.
- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**
- i. RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 12:00pm.
- j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) – Commissioner Wallace**
- k. Floyd County Library Board— Commissioner Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting, TBD

XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

XIV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

XV. CONSENT AGENDA --- Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve the 2021 Worker's Compensation Renewal and Dividend Distribution with ACCG Worker's Compensation Insurance.
2. Approve a rate increase for camping fees at the Lock & Dam Campground.
3. Approve transfer of Law Library funds in the amount of \$54,902.00 to Law Library Equipment line item for the purchase of sound equipment and court reporter equipment for jury trials at the Forum.
4. Approved updated Floyd County Employee "Return to Work" policy.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the 2021 LMIG project list. — Mr. McCord reviewed the item with the Commission. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.
2. Approve contract for janitorial and paper supplies with Camp Industries and Roman Chemical at \$6,893.79 and \$7,977.49, respectively. — Mr. McCord reviewed the item with the Commission. These were the collective low bid on the items submitted. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Approve service contract for Household Hazardous Waste Services with Clean Earth of Alabama, Inc. in the amount of \$30,111.95. — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Watters made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.
4. Approve transfer of \$29,015.82 from 2017 SPLOST savings on Shannon Tennis Court Construction to 2017 SPLOST project Brushy Branch Dock and Gangway repair and approve agreement with Lighthouse Marine Solutions for dock and gangway construction in the amount of \$79,015.82. The project was originally

budgeted at \$50,000.00. — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. This budget was a guess at the time when SPLOST was put together. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve seconded by Vice Chair Bagby. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Approve purchase of a F550 Ford Chassis with a fuel, oil, and grease service body from Peach State Ford in the amount of \$75,417.00 for Floyd County Public Works. This was budgeted in the 2017 SPLOST. The truck is over budget by \$5,417.00 and will be produced in 2021. — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Watters made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.
6. Approve purchase of a spare pump for the Bells Ferry pump station in the amount of \$23,105.00 from Goforth Williamson, Inc. The project is still under budget by \$17,395.00. — Mr. McCord reviewed the item with the Commission. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Maxey made a motion to approve seconded by Vice Chair Bagby. The motion carried 5-0.
7. Approve two (2) year contract extension with Mendola & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 annually for 2021 and 2022 for assistance in the Floyd County Personal Property department. — Mr. McCord reviewed the item with the Commission. The company has been used for the past three years with success. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Watters made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Approve the FY 2021 Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. — Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission for approval. Chair Hancock asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.
9. Appoint 2021 Chair and Vice Chair to the Floyd County Board of Commissioners. — Chair Hancock opened the floor for nominations for the 2021 chair. Commissioner Maxey nominated Commission Bagby, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to nominate Commissioner Watters to the position of Vice Chair. It was seconded by Commissioner Maxey. The motion carried 5-0.

XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Hancock stated the Commission had entered into executive session during Caucus for the purpose of acquisition of property and personnel.

Chair Hancock thanked management and the other members of the Commission for their assistance and support during his past two years as he served as the Chair of the Commission.

XIX. ADJOURN – Chair Hancock asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Maxey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Watters. The motion carried 5-0.