

County Commissioners for approval. The lady whose name is on the form. If there are questions, waited on him after Mr. Ford walked out of the office, waited on him that day and he asked her. She had a little hostile attitude, she did not have time, it was all stacked away in the corner and she did not have time to do what was needed. No one went to check to see when the County Commissioners approved the tax refunds. With Mrs. Little's attitude, he mentioned to her that if she was not satisfied with her job, then she should get something that she will be better satisfied with. Before he left, he stated that if he did not receive something pretty soon he would go before the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners approved this tax refund on September 25. His refund is a very small amount, but it is the principal. Her attitude as a county employee and serving this county, we need to have people that will meet the public. He stated that he did not know what her problem was, but the way she handled it, and every time they always threw it back to the County Commissioners that they have to approve it. Mr. Ford or Mrs. Little would not even check on it or follow-up or do anything. Approximately a week later he received his refund, but he was not satisfied with the way they handle some of these matters.

Chairman Mayes asked the County Attorney for an explanation of how the department works. County Attorney Wade Hoyt replied that he was not aware of this situation, but can find out what happened. Acting County Manager Tom Tully noted that the Tax Commissioner's Office is a constitutional office and as such the only control that the Board of Commissioners or County Manager's Office has of them is in the budget process. They can't tell them how to run the department, so the ultimate recourse that Mr. Lynch has as a private citizen is to exercise your right during election time if he is not happy with the status of the Tax Commissioner's Office or any other elected office holder in Floyd County. Commissioner Hufstetler reiterated that legally the Tax Commissioner runs that department and makes all the decisions for it, but they do get involved in resolving things from time to time. Chairman Mayes noted that this is a customer service issue.

Mr. Lynch stated that he was not there to criticize anybody or anything handled through the County, but we do have people come into this county and they see action like this in our public offices and you have three people to throw the blame back on the County Commissioners. He stated that he does not think that is the right way to handle the matter. People from this county go in there to pay their taxes and be served by the county government. Mr. Ford is elected, but he has employees and it is his duty to talk to them and tell them what needs to be changed. It sets a bad example. He has lived in this county a long time and he can does not appreciate being treated this way, but he can handle it, but the newcomers and others hearing this type action, it just sets a bad example.

Commissioner Fricks stated that regarding customer service. Since they are all in business, they use that term more than usual since they are all in business and they realize the importance of customer business. Last year, they had a Mystery Shopper program in order to measure some of the responses of some of the people who have direct contact with the public. The information from this was provided to the specific department heads. They have tried to encourage customer service even though can't control it, they wish they could.

Commissioner Mahanay stated that he felt Mr. Lynch's observations are valid and he appreciated him taking the time to talk with them. If someone else reports something, they will have a little input on it. Mr. Lynch stated that he feels people should take the time to report such as this and there could probably be a long line there with the same situation he had. He stated he is not there to criticize anyone, but he feels it is important for the community and for him to be there and say what he did.

Rett Gunn, Barton Malow Company, 46-A Technology Parkway South, Norcross, Georgia, congratulated the Board on the endeavor behind the baseball team. He knows what goes on as far as selling to the community. It is a tremendous step and as stated previously, the

people behind the scenes are a critical component. He also appreciated the comments from the Commissioners.

ADOPTION OF

MINUTES: Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2001 as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Mahanay. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

FIRST READING

**FILE #30-2001Z, HIGHWAY 101
SOUTH, ROCKMART HIGHWAY,
TAX MAP #28, PART OF PARCEL 13,
REQUEST REZONING FROM A-R
(AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL)
TO L-I (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).
(TABLED FROM OCTOBER PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING)
(PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE [VOTE – 9 FOR, 1 AGAINST])
(SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING TO
BE HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2001)
(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

Chairman Mayes called for a Motion to place this item on the Agenda. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to place it on the Agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Mahanay. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to place this item on First Reading. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Hufstetler

" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

**APPROVAL OF QUARRY ORDINANCE.
(FIRST READING HELD OCTOBER 23, 2001
AT 6:00 P.M.)**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Fricks to open the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he will be abstaining from voting on this item since he has a business property dealing with a major quarry operation in Floyd County.

VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Hufstetler	
" Fricks	
" Mahanay	
Chairman Mayes	

Motion Carried

County Attorney Wade Hoyt stated that this is a stand alone Floyd County Surface Mining Ordinance, it does not become a part of ULDC. It is a stand alone like the Tower Ordinance. The only addition to this Mining Ordinance which the Commissioners had not seen for months, is a \$500 application fee which had been added for any Quarry which attempts to apply in Floyd County. The point had been brought up, which he had researched, as to whether or not they could pick out this particular industry and charge them a yearly operating fee. The general consensus around the state, the County Attorney and the ACCG was that that would not be constitutional so it has been removed for future discussion if they should decide to do anything about occupational tax. It was noted that the application fee is a one-time fee. Acting County Manager Tom Tully asked if the ordinance spells out who it is to be paid to and when, because the only application for a future quarry will be a zoning application. County Attorney Hoyt replied that the fee can be paid at that time.

There being no one present wishing to speak for or against the item, Chairman Mayes called for a Motion to close the Public Hearing. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler. SECOND by Commissioner Mahanay. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Hufstetler	
" Fricks	

" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

MOTION was made by Commissioner Fricks to approve the submitted Quarry Ordinance. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Hufstetler, Committee Chairman, stated that several items were discussed during Caucus which will be presented later in the meeting.

DMG MAXIMUS PUBLIC WORKS STUDY.

Commissioner Hufstetler stated DMG Maximus had presented a proposal to prepare a study of the Public Works Department. One of the concerns has been overtime since it had been fairly high because of the amount of paving being done. The second part of the study will be the additional Prison workforce and how to best utilize that. Studies have been done on different departments from time to time, but another issue is the four day, ten hour work week. The cost of services was \$29,500 including the cost of professional staff time reimbursement. It was noted that this is probably the biggest, non public safety, expenditures in Floyd County and to have the ability to cut 5% to 10%, it would more than exceed the cost of the study. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to approve the DMG Maximus Public Works Study, not to exceed \$29,500 including the cost of professional staff time and reimbursement of expenses. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. It was noted that this will be paid from the 2001 budget rather than the 2002 budget.

VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Mahanay, Committee Chairman, mentioned that since the last Commission meeting and Public Safety Committee meeting, there has been a meeting of key public safety personnel in Rome and Floyd County. Military and the FBI were also included in this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to develop safety scenarios and coordinate handling of emergency procedures among departments. There are other meetings being scheduled. He mentioned that they are also working on tightening security at the 3 Government Plaza building. He noted that we have not had any rain and that there is a fire hazard in Floyd County and caution should be used in regard to fires. The next Public Safety Meeting will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. Acting County Manager Tom Tully noted that DNR issues burning permits and at this time there is no ban in affect, but that the Commission could enact a county-wide outdoor burning ban, that would be possible. He stated that they could instruct DNR to not issue any more permits in Floyd County. It was noted that the majority of the homeowners do not obtain burn permits and there is also a relationship to the Fire Department. Acting County Manager Tully stated that they will obtain additional information regarding this by the next meeting.

WATER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jennings, Committee Chairman stated that Leon Cross, a member of the Floyd County Grand Jury talked with him regarding a concern of the current Grand Jury over mosquitoes in Floyd County. He had met with experts in the Floyd County Health Department, Environmental Health and the conclusion which they had reached was that the Health Department will obtain information on a public education campaign this spring regarding stagnant water and making sure that old tires, and places where stagnant water could collect on individuals property needs to be addressed. Secondly, they will provide information on a giant pill, which if there is an area of water like a used tire, you could put the pill in the water and it emits a substance which kill mosquito larvae. The other option would be spraying as had been previously been done in Floyd County and is fairly costly and according to them creates respiratory problems for citizens, as well as not being entirely sure how affective that is. Public Works and Water Department personnel could be trained to place them and where to place them, as a means to control the mosquito problem in the county. Less than 1% of the mosquitoes have the West Nile Virus, but if these mosquitoes happen to infect a young child or senior citizen, it could potentially be fatal. Acting County Manager Tom Tully noted that a lot of the applications would take place on private property, so this will need to be addressed. Commission Jennings stated that there are two types of this pill, the one which is stronger can only be administered by someone trained and only governmental entities can purchase this. The less potent variety can be purchased by an individual property owner. When more information is obtained, this issue will be brought back to the Board. It was noted that some counties still spray for mosquitoes.

Commissioner Jennings stated that in the Public Works Committee and the Water Committee there was a circumstance on a road, which is well known to all of the Board, Chubb Road. There are private water lines which have been allowed to be placed on the Booger Hollow Road to homes which are off of Booger Hollow. These water lines originally went underneath Chubb Road and we have subsequently paved Chubb Road. The water lines are now leaking and we have a problem on the road. The bigger problem is that an administrative procedure which has been in place for some time. If a property owner made a request to place a water meter on a road where there was water service, and would run the water meter along ditches on a road which did not have water service, then those citizens could get water to their homes. Some of these lines run several thousand feet to homes. This procedure is creating problems on not only Chubb Road, but also other county roads. Commissioner Jennings requested that they discuss this matter and also set an official date when this policy will cease. Any property owner seeking water service for their home would go through the normal procedure. The cost would be determined and the Water Committee will determine if it will come under the 10-year payback period or if a surcharge would be assessed to the property owners to pay for the installation of the water lines. Commissioner Jennings suggested that there needs to be a policy of giving these permits for people to put private water lines on county right of ways. Commissioner Fricks stated that there are policies in place, but they had been lax in carrying out the policy. Acting County

Manager Tully stated that when people are confronted with the cost of a water line extension, it is cheaper for them to run a line across country. Several options were discussed but they do need to start abiding by the policy in order not to compound these problems. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that John Stewart be directed to abide by the policy which is currently in existence. Commissioner Jennings noted that he and Commissioner Fricks are working on the Chubb Road situation and trying to figure out what can be done with the three water lines which are buried under the pavement and are leaking.

CLERK'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA.

County Clerk Michele Fountain stated there is one item, Tax Refunds, on the Consent Agenda which she submitted for approval. Commissioner Jennings asked that County Clerk Fountain find out how soon the refund checks are sent out. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to approve the Consent Agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Hufstetler		
" Fricks		
" Jennings		
" Mahanay		
Chairman Mayes		

Motion Carried

1. Tax Refunds:
 - a. Richard L. Sparks, 48 Ramblewood Drive, \$23.08
 - b. Douglas E. Elliott, %Arthur Wilken, 3385 Rockmart Road, Silver Creek, \$51.17
 - c. Robert F. Stewart, 125 Glendale Road, \$271.80
 - d. Glory Tabernacle Church, Inc., 300 Watson Street, \$22.31
 - e. Kimberly Johnson, 333 Hasty Road, NE, \$114.06
 - f. Martha E. King, 602 McCall Blvd., \$112.80
 - g. David W. Clay Construction, 31 Pleasant Valley Road, SE, Silver Creek, \$546.31
 - h. Steven L. Miles, 43 Baker Street, NE, \$141.00
 - i. Shivam Enterprises, Inc., Tower & Hampton Inn, 21 Chateau Drive, SE, \$814.08

MANAGER'S REPORT

2001 BUDGET REVISION.

Acting County Manager Tully stated the 2001 Budget Revision is dated November 13, 2001. As had been discussed in Caucus, he recommended approval of the Budget Revisions, with the exceptions of the salary line items for Public Roads, Asphalt, Engineering and the Tax Appraiser's Office. MOTION was made by Commissioner Jennings to accept the Budget Revisions as submitted with the exclusion of Asphalt, Engineering, Public Roads and Tax Appraiser's Office salary line items. Commissioner Hufstetler stated that there are still areas that

were missed, particularly the Indigent Sick Clinic, and will need to be worked on with next year's budget. SECOND was made by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**AWARD \$500 DONATION TO
CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE.**

Acting County Manager Tom Tully presented a request for a \$500 donation to the Christmas Parade Committee for the Christmas Parade. A donation has been given in the past. MOTION was made by Commissioner Jennings for a Float Scholarship for the Christmas Parade Committee in the amount of \$500. SECOND was made by Chairman Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
CULVERT REPLACEMENT FOR
BERT ROAD AT DOZIER CREEK.**

Acting County Manager Tom Tully presented a contract for engineering services for the culvert replacement for Bert Road. Previously the Board had approved \$4,500 for engineering and design services. That amount covered the work which has been completed thus far, such as the design, bid, tabulations, bid results, etc. The Board had also awarded the actual contract for the culvert. This proposal is for engineering services from now until completion of the project, in the amount of \$3,500 and 4% of the construction cost, a total of \$10,394.08. Commissioner Mahanay asked for an explanation of this request. Acting County Manager Tully stated that the original proposal had been for a lump sum of \$8,000 and County Manager Kevin Poe had broken this amount into a pre-construction and post-construction and the Board had approved \$4,500 for the pre-construction. They are now being asked for approval for the engineering to oversee the installation of the culvert. It was noted that they are not paying any more than would have been paid if it had been approved as a lump sum in the beginning. The total cost is \$8,000, plus 4% of the contract which will be \$6,894.08. The \$10,394.08 previously referred to is the \$6,894.08 plus the \$3,500, which is the remaining amount of the original \$8,000 proposal. It was noted that when the \$4,500 amount was approved, the total construction cost was not known at that time. After further discussion, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mahanay to approve awarding

contract for engineering services for culvert replacement for Bert Road at Dozier Creek in the amount of \$10,394.08. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**AWARD BID FOR WATER
SYSTEM TELEMETRY (SCADA)
FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.**

Acting County Manager Tom Tully stated that sealed bids had been opened and read on October 18, 2001 for a Water System Telemetry (SCADA). Response had been received from two companies, with recommendations from the Water Department and Purchasing to accept the low bid of \$156,952 from Dexter Fortson Associates, Inc. Commissioner Jennings stated that the equipment is designed for an automatic system for controlling the amount of water in the water tanks. There will be a central location where this information will be fed. We will be able to control the amount of water which is consistently in the tanks. Currently someone has to go to the tanks, and if they overflow, someone has to go there and turn off the valve. MOTION was made by Commissioner Jennings to accept the low bid on the telemetry for the water tanks in Floyd County in the amount of \$156,952 from Dexter Fortson Associates, Inc. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

BIDS

Dexter Fortson Associates, Inc.	\$156,952
Revere Control Systems	\$278,801

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR STORM
WATER MONITORING FOR
PIRELLI DRIVE.**

Acting County Manager Tom Tully presented the contract for Storm Water Monitoring for Pirelli Drive. Storm water monitoring has become a state requirement for every construction project throughout the state. The amount of the contract is \$14,010 for a lump sum fee for William Sweitzer and Barnum. Acting County Manager Tully noted that Williams, Sweitzer and Barnum had designed the road and are working with the

water system on the line relocation, so there is merit to them handling the storm water monitoring. This would involve monitoring construction to insure that all State Storm Water Monitoring requirements are met. MOTION was made by Commissioner Mahanay to approve the contract for Storm Water Monitoring for Pirelli Drive in the amount of \$14,010. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Mahanay asked if this figure had been reflected in any of the cost estimates for this Road. Acting County Manager Tully replied that it is in addition to the budget figures which had been prepared, it had been considered, but they did not know what the amount would be. It was noted that state law requires a licensed engineer monitoring on a daily basis the storm water of a construction project and submitting inspection reports to EPD. On this particular project the monitoring time will be four months.

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR
PINSON'S GENERAL CONTRACTORS
ON FLOYD COUNTY PRISON.**

Acting County Manager Tom Tully stated the bulk of the expense on the Change Order is for the removal of rock as construction got below the surface level. This is one of the items in a construction project on which a "best estimate" can be made, but it is not surprising at this location since there is a quarry nearby. There have been things done by Public Works and the Prison in a effort to speed the project and they have kept up with the expenditures, both man hours and any supplies used outside the typical responsibility. That cost is reflected in the \$8,000 credit on the Change Order. The net amount of the Change Order is \$55,906. Commissioner Hufstetler asked what more can be expected from this and if soil boring tests had been done on this site, if so were they adequate or inadequate and whose responsibility was that. Chairman Mayes noted that he had visited the site early the previous morning and the rear foundation (in front of the old gym) is already getting ready to be another change order. They are approximately 15 feet deep trying to dig a foundation and already they are into bad soil. The area was a gravel storage area at one time and they are digging down deep and have not hit solid ground yet. Chairman Mayes talked with the footing contractor and the Pinson's contractor and they are unsure about what will be needed. There were not many boring done and obviously they did not detect the problem. He had been told by the contractors that they would have had to bore every 10 feet to detect every potential problem. There was concern about the potential cost for these problems. Acting County Manager Tom Tully stated that he could not answer the question of methodology and borings, but when you start digging underground as a construction project, that is when we are the most vulnerable. It was noted that the architect is responsible for looking out for the interest of the county and is required to sign off on any change orders. Commissioner Hufstetler asked what incentive the architect has to verify accuracy. County Attorney Wade Hoyt replied that he would be breaching the contract. Commissioner Mahanay stated that at Prison Construction Meetings he had attended, the architect mentioned that a contractor would be subject to a fine if a certain item was not done. Commissioner Fricks asked who draws the standards for the number of borings that are made. Acting County Manager Tully speculated that

there is an industry standard which is used. He also noted that there is a cost for each boring which is done so the architect would have to weigh the number of borings with the project cost. County Attorney Hoyt stated that the architect is who needs to answer Commissioner Hufstetler's question regarding anticipating this and why a better guaranteed price was not obtained. He suggested that the Acting County Manager or County Manager contact the architect for an answer. Acting County Manager Tully stated that this can be deferred and he will obtain additional information. He noted that there was a line item for rock excavation and to undercut bad soil, and these have gone over the budgeted amount. It was the consensus to defer this item.

AWARD BID FOR FENCING MATERIAL FOR WATER TANK SITES.

Acting County Manager Tom Tully stated that all of the water tanks are not fenced and as a security measure, they need to be fenced and secured. Requests for quotes for fencing material had been sent out with the low bid being submitted by Atlas Fence Company and was also recommended by the Water Department, in the estimate of \$3,837.04 per site. The total would not exceed \$30,000 and the installation and labor will be provided by Public Works, so this is for the actual fence material. MOTION was made by Commissioner Jennings to accept the low bid of Atlas Fence Company for fencing material for the nine water tank sites, not to exceed \$30,000. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Hufstetler		
" Fricks		
" Jennings		
" Mahanay		
Chairman Mayes		

Motion Carried

BIDS

Atlas Fence Company	\$3,837.04
Circle A Fences	\$3,863.34
Progressive Fence	\$4,160.43
Dalton Fence	\$4,660.66
Georgia Fence	\$3,947.96

AWARD BID FOR RECYCLING CENTER SORTING SYSTEM WITH CHANGE ORDER #1. (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

DISCUSS FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER BOND GUARANTEE. (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to place the Recycling Center Bid and Floyd Medical Center Bond Guarantee on the Agenda. SECOND by Mahanay. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Acting County Manager Tom Tully presented information on the bid for the **Recycling Center Sorting System**. The Solid Waste Commission has recommended the purchase of a sorting system along with an infeed conveyor and hoppers for the Recycle Center to get the baler which has already been purchased up and running prior to January. Acting County Manager Tully stated that the Solid Waste Commission recommended awarding the bid on items A, B and D to the low bid, Norcom, along with Change Order #1, which is a deduction of \$5,190.82, with a net of \$110,902. Commissioner Hufstetler noted that this will come from the General Fund rather than Solid Waste. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler to accept the bid results of items A, B and D and Change Order #1 outlined by the Acting County Manager. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler
" Fricks
" Jennings
" Mahanay
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSS FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER BOND GUARANTEE.

County Attorney Wade Hoyt stated that Floyd Medical Center will soon begin extensive renovation and upgrading of their facilities. The Hospital Authority of Floyd County has requested that Floyd County consider guaranteeing a bond that they will be using to finance the renovations and upgrade. The guarantee will be for approximately \$35 million for approximately 30 years. There is a proposal dated October 22, 2001, which was submitted by Floyd Medical Center/Hospital Authority of Floyd County. If this is approved, they will be providing Floyd Medical Center an annual savings of approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 for the full extent of the bonds, which is a substantial savings. All that is being done today is to accept should the guarantee agreements be to your satisfaction, which will be prepared by County Attorney Hoyt and the attorney for the Hospital Authority. Final approval would be when the guarantee agreements are prepared. The following MOTION was made by Commissioner Hufstetler:

1. That the issuance of the Revenue Anticipation Certificates (i.e., Bonds) by the Hospital Authority of Floyd County as contemplated in the Authority's Proposal dated October 22, 2001 (a copy of which will be attached to the minutes of this meeting) is approved in concept; and
2. That the County Attorney be directed to work with the Authority's attorney in the development of a definitive written guaranty agreement for consideration and action by the County Commission at a future date; and
3. That the commitment by Floyd County to serve as guarantor of the Bonds as contemplated in the Proposal is subject to a future vote of approval by the Floyd County Commission following the development of the aforesaid written definitive guaranty agreement.

SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. Commissioner Hufstetler stated that he and Commissioner Mahanay had worked closely with them and, as the attorney stated, this will save Floyd Hospital over the life of the bonds \$12 to \$15 million. This will not be a cost to the taxpayers, but it will mean that they pay a lower interest rate, so the \$12 to \$15 million that would not be leaving our county and going to an out of county bondholder. The Floyd Hospital has never missed a bond payment and there will be restrictions as to how they will accomplish this which will protect us in the arrangement. Regarding the Hospital Budget, they have prepared future budgets that will be a conservative and more aggressive budget. Under the most conservative scenario the hospital will be able to meet their bond obligations. For the month of October, the Hospital made that most aggressive budget. This is for a new surgical center, the current facilities are from the 1940's and replacement is long past due. There will also be improvements made in radiology. This will mean that the facilities and the CT Scanners will be located adjacent to the Emergency Room. Also included will be a new power plant which will pay for itself over the life of the system in energy savings. Commissioner Mahanay mentioned that the recent audit reflected the turnaround and the strong financial improvement. Commissioner Hufstetler stated that if the facilities are not brought up-to-date, they will not continue to be competitive. Commissioner Mahanay stated that health is a big part of the quality of life for this community. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler

" Fricks

" Jennings

" Mahanay

Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Jennings congratulated Representative Buddy Childers on being selected as Youth Advocate of the Year. He asked that the Clerk write a formal letter of congratulations from Floyd County.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Hufstetler

" Fricks

" Jennings

" Mahanay

Motion Carried

MICHELE FOUNTAIN, CLERK