

December 16, 2005

PRESENT: Chairman Chuck Hufstetler, Commissioners Tom Bennett, Garry Fricks, John Mayes, and Jerry Jennings.

OTHERS

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hufstetler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Mayes led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fricks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Serpentfoot, 324 Forsyth Street NE, stated they have probably heard it said to get rich find a growing place and grow with it. She stated some of the founders of this city did that. She stated you think Alfred Shorter, they spent a bunch of his money to help promote the Baptist religion with that school, but he was also a very greedy person that found a growing place and got richer with it. She stated the case that she gave them a copy of the other day, Shorter and others vs. Bill Smith, he wanted exclusive rights to the ferry that had been stolen from Chief John Ross of the Cherokees. He did not even want free passage for anybody that was just walking around the city. She stated what it says is would it not be strange for the courts of this county at this day to enforce a doctrine that had its origin in the feudal system justly characterized and aggregating to itself all privileges which increase the mass of wealth in the feudal lords at the expense of the public. They did not care about the peasants just a privileged few and they have got the same thing here today. She stated they have spent a bunch of their money, wasted a bunch of taxpayer money, on that study whether they want to consolidate with Rome. She stated they know Floyd County does not want to consolidate with Rome. She stated one reason it does not is that the people here, the developers in Rome, these greedy developers just like in the beginning, they do not think of anybody but themselves. They do not consider the county. They do not have a bypass out there at Livingston and Coosa. They do not have the same things they have here. They need to get rid of their zoning department, their building codes, all that, and let people do what they want to with their own property. If they want to build a 10-story building out at Coosa, Livingston, Shannon or wherever, let them do it as long as they do it with their money. But do not take one penny of their tax money to help these rich, greedy developers get a little richer. Do not do that. She stated some people on the city commission may think she is not grateful.

They condemned her house four times between 2002 and 2005. Like Judge Salmon, they are trying to get her out of this county she guesses. They finally dropped it and she guesses they think she is not grateful now because she did not sit home and shut up. She stated just because they are not tearing down her house does not mean she is going to shut up and let them tear down other peoples houses. She is not going to be bought by that and she hopes they will consider something besides what makes them comfortable. County Manager Kevin Poe has even picked up that phrase, he is not comfortable with that. She stated it does not matter about their ease and comfort, when you are a public servant do what the public needs. A lot of them out here do not have their ease and comfort. She stated remember they have got to vote and remember something besides their political contributors.

Brian Douglas Holland, 8 Maplewood Drive SE, stated this date is a very historical date, as any other day is. This is a day that the Lord hath made, that is what he believes. He stated as a citizen of Rome and Floyd County he wants to say to the Commissioners that he has no immediate financial benefit from this project. He took the last week or two to read the paper and to educate himself a little bit on this project. He wants to speak for himself and not the community as a whole. As a taxpayer and a family man it is important to him. He is in construction and he wants to see development happen in this area. He also wants to make sure that the people that are in this business can work in this community and there are projects that they can build and be proud of. With that said he would appreciate both the Commissions coming to a historical event today and voting in calling to a motion to accept the agreement that was hopefully put before them by the West Third Committee. He stated he does agree and does want to go on record to say that there are many things that need to be answered to the public as far as how things are going to work out but he does not believe that that has any consideration to the bonds in itself. He stated he appreciates their time.

WEST THIRD STREET PROPOSALS:

County Attorney Tommy Manning reviewed the proposed Resolution rescinding the Resolution dated October 11, 2005 and consenting to inclusion of certain Floyd County ad valorem taxes in the computation of the Planned Tax Allocation increments for the TAD Number One – City of Rome – subject to a Resolution to be adopted by the City of Rome, subject to an Intergovernmental Agreement to be entered into by the county and City of Rome satisfying certain requirements approved hereby and subject to an agreement to be entered into by the county, the City of Rome, and Atlanta National League Baseball Club, Inc. satisfying certain requirements proved herein and for other related purposes. Following a lengthy discussion Chairman Hufstetler called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution with the changes the Board has identified today and subject to attorney's review. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Fricks		
"	Mayes	
"	Jennings	

Bennett

Commissioner

Chairman Hufstetler

Motion Carried

FY 2006 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Chairman Hufstetler called for a motion. Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to approve the Fire Department Operating Budget and to specifically identify that they will defer the Capital Budget until a later reasonable date. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Mayes
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Hufstetler

Motion Carried

**2006 MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL,
SAFARAZ CHUNURA, DALTON FOOD MARKET, INC.,
4970 ROCKMART ROAD, SILVER CREEK
(CONVENIENCE STORE – BEER):**

Chairman Hufstetler called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Mayes
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Hufstetler

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Mayes
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Hufstetler

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF
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**CHUCK HUFSTETLER,
CHAIRMAN**