

April 11, 2006

**REGULAR MEETING  
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 11, 2006 2:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** County Attorney Tommy Manning, County Clerk Kathy Arp, County Manager Kevin Poe and Assistant County Manager Sammy Rich.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Mayes called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** County Manager Kevin Poe led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bennett.

**ADOPTION OF**

**MINUTES:**

Chairman Mayes asked if the minutes were in order. County Attorney Tommy Manning stated the minutes had been reviewed and were in order. Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006 as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks.

**VOTING:**

YES                      NO

Commissioner Fricks  
"        Hufstetler  
"        Jennings  
"        Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:**

Commissioner Bennett and County Manager Kevin Poe presented Employee of the Quarter Award for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006 to Cinthia Miranda, E911. Mr. Poe stated Ms. Miranda has been very beneficial in interpreting calls placed to E911, and has

gone above and beyond the call of duty. Commissioner Bennett expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for the job that she does and the service she provides.

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE:**

Chairman Mayes presented Mr. Bill Wigley with a Proclamation recognizing Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Mr. Wigley stated this is the highest level of support employers can give to their employees who are members of the Guard and Reserves, and thanked the Board for their participation.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 77)

**OBSERVANCE OF RENEW OUR RIVERS, SCRAP TIRE RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:**

Commissioner Jennings presented Ms. Mary Hardin Thornton, Keep Rome-Floyd County Beautiful, and Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director, with a Joint Proclamation with the City of Rome proclaiming April 6 – April 15 as dates to observe and participate in Renew our Rivers, Scrap Tire Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Day. Ms. Thornton encouraged everyone to participate in these activities, and thanked the Board for their continued support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 78)

**SAINT PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH WOMEN'S DAY:**

Commissioner Jennings presented Ms. Pauline Elkins with a Proclamation recognizing May 7, 2006 as Women's Day at Saint Paul A.M.E. Church. Ms. Elkins thanked the Board and invited everyone to attend the special service at A.M.E on May 7, 2006.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 79)

**NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH:**

Commissioner Jennings presented Ms. Susan Cooley with a Proclamation recognizing April as National Library Month. Ms. Cooley thanked the Board for the support they provide to the Rome-Floyd County Library, and introduced co-workers who attended to accept the Proclamation.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 80)

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK:**

Commissioner Jennings presented a Proclamation to Ms. Beth Dabbs, Victim Witness Program Director, and Leigh Patterson, District Attorney recognizing the week of April 23 – 29 as National Crime Victims Rights Week.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 81)

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK:**

Chairman Mayes presented Ms. Patricia Smith with a Proclamation recognizing April 12 – 18 as National Telecommunicator’s Week in Floyd County to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Ms. Smith thanked the Board for their support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 82)

**NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH:**

Commissioner Hufstetler presented a Proclamation recognizing April as Donate Life Month. Ms. Carol Foster accepted the Proclamation and shared a personal story of her son’s decision to be an organ donor and asked everyone to consider being a donor. She stated if you have made the decision to be a donor you should let your family know of your decision.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 83)

**PARKINSON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH AND  
NORTHWEST GEORGIA PARKINSON DISEASE  
ASSOCIATION DAY:**

Commissioner Hufstetler presented Ms. Chris Polston, Co-Founder of the Northwest Georgia Association, with a Proclamation recognizing April 2006 as Parkinson Disease Awareness Month in honor of those stricken or affected by Parkinson Disease, and recognizing April 30, 2006 as Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association Day in honor of Local, State and National accomplishments of the Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. Ms. Polston thanked the Board.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 84)

**FIRST READINGS:  
(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE  
HELD MAY 9, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.)**

- 1. FILE #40-2006Z, REQUEST REZONING FROM S-R**

**(SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO D-R (DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DUPLEX DWELLING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 694, 696 OLD SUMMERVILLE ROAD AT HIDDEN GLEN ROAD. ZONING MAP J11Y – PARCEL 311. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 9 – 0]).**

- 2. FILE #45-2006Z, REQUEST REZONING FROM O-I (OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL) TO A-R (AGRICULTURE RESIDENTIAL) FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5979 HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH. ZONING MAP H19 – PARCEL 055. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 9 – 0]).**

Chairman Mayes stated Public Hearings would be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. for these items on First Reading.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:  
(FIRST READINGS HELD  
MARCH 14, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.)**

**1. CLOSING A PORTION OF GLENWOOD AVENUE:**

Chairman Mayes called for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chairman Mayes stated the Public Hearing is now open. County Attorney Manning stated this matter concerns a “paper road” that exists on Highway 27 North. He stated this road is between two parcels that Mr. Lumsden currently owns, and he has requested that the road be closed. He stated the hearing is to see if there is any comment from anyone concerning the closing of that road.

Chairman Mayes asked if there was anyone here to speak in support or opposition of this item. Seeing none, he called for a motion to close the Public

Hearing. Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to approve the closing of a portion of Glenwood Avenue and to authorize the execution of a quitclaim to James E. and Teresa P. Lumsden. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**ULDC REVISIONS:**

**2. REVISE ARTICLE 4.1.2 CONCERNING LOCATION OF AUTO REPAIR SHOPS. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 8 – 0]):**

No action taken.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

No report.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

**1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman**

**a. Reclassification of Juvenile Court Positions. (Deferred March 28, 2006.)**

Defer.

**2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Bennett, Chairman**

No report.

**3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Mayes, Chairman**

No report.

**4. Water Committee – Commissioner Jennings, Chairman**

No report.

**5. Special Committee Reports**

**a. Consolidation Task Force (Fricks/Hufstetler)**

No report.

**b. Parking Committee (Fricks/Bennett)**

**1) Discuss proposals for Parking Deck Agreements between Downtown Development Authority for the City of Rome and Floyd County.**

Commissioner Fricks stated the Parking Committee had met again, and had discussed possible options concerning the proposed agreement. Following discussion of several options, it was the consensus of the Board that the County Attorney continue to work on preparing a document for Board review. No Action was taken.

**c. SPLOST Committee (Jennings)**

Commissioner Jennings stated the committee is accepting proposals. He has not heard of a scheduled meeting, but when they do have a meeting the issue of the commissioners attending will be raised.

**d. Alternative Sentencing Committee (Jennings, Fricks, Mayes)**

No Report.

**e. Fire Overview Committee (Bennett, Mayes)**

**1) FY2006 Budget recommendation (Deferred February 14, February 28, and March 14 and March 28, 2006)**

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to approve the budget inclusive of the capital budget, which has the ladder truck in it. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

. YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

- 2) Discuss Relocation of Fire Station #3 (Deferred from February 14, February 28, and March 14, and March 28, 2006)

No action taken.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

County Clerk Kathy Arp stated there are two items on the Clerk's Consent Agenda, which have been reviewed and are submitted for approval. Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to approve the Clerk's Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

### **1. Tax Refunds.**

- a. Herman E. Spears, 3 Nicklaus Drive, NW, \$124.19
- b. Renita A. Glanton, 10 Westridge Circle, SW, \$40.66
- c. Kenneth & Cathy Jo Wheeler, 4 Pinecrest Drive, NW, \$12.32
- d. First Union Bank, 201 Tyron Street, Charlotte NC, \$575.10
- e. Thomas & Chau Huynh, 1724 Wilkerson Road, \$.39
- f. Craig & Mitzi Rowell, 503 Blume Road, Anderson SC, \$102.62

- g. Harry Edwards, P.O. Box 302, \$100.43
- h. Classic Bowling Center, 75 Huffaker Road, \$2893.58
- i. Thomas H. Pierzchala, M.D., P.C., 18 Riverbend Road, \$144.11

**2. Approve request from Jim Ford to relieve the tax digest of 2004 taxes in the amount of \$13.25, Tax Map I16X – 040.**

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. AWARD BID FOR SKID STEER LOADER FOR RECYCLING CENTER (DEFERRED MARCH 28, 2006):**

County Manager Poe stated they recently received bids for the purchase of two skid steer loaders for the recycling center. He stated Public Works Director Michael Skeen recommends that they go with the low bid from Metrack for both units. He stated the total cost would be a little over what was budgeted. Mr. Skeen is requesting that they take money from the security camera system that was budgeted to cover the overage in the amount of \$843.26. County Manager Poe stated, as they discussed during budget hearings, they were going to try to delay purchases of capital equipment until mid-year, but they currently have one unit that is not working and do not recommend putting repair and maintenance money towards that unit, and they are also renting a piece of equipment right now. He stated they would like to at least get that one piece of equipment replaced. He stated the bids received are good for 30 days, and if they only purchase one now they would have to go back out for bid and there is a good chance that the price could escalate between now and when they purchase the next unit. He stated the recommendation is to go ahead and purchase both units at this time from the low bidder, Metrack.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the Manager’s and the Public Works Director’s recommendations and purchase two skid steers. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**2. AMEND CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,475 TO PAY FOR ½ OF THE NEW CITY/COUNTY POLICE EVIDENCE COLLECTION**

**VEHICLE (CRIME SCENE VAN):**

County Manager Poe stated this was budgeted in last year's capital projects fund budget but the van did not come in until this year, and they did not receive an invoice until this year. He recommended that the capital projects budget be amended to pay for ½ of the new crime scene vehicle in the amount of \$45, 475.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the Manager's recommendation to amend the Capital Projects Budget. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**3. DISCUSS AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND CLEARSPAN COMMUNICATIONS dba UNILINC NETWORKS, FOR WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS IN THE FORUM:**

Assistant Manager Sammy Rich stated this would basically be a one-year agreement that would provide three access points so that they would have pretty much complete coverage inside The Forum. He stated part of what they want to do is come up with a concept of a cyber lounge in the upstairs area. He stated so the concept would be they would have a couple of chairs, just an area that if they are a client of The Forum and want to go check their email, they would have access. He stated the thought would be they would get some local businesses to donate some furniture and/or computer equipment which early indications are they should not have any problems finding that. He stated there is no cost to the county or The Forum, and it is a one-year term. He stated should the county choose to cancel within the first year, they would pay \$1,500 and all of the equipment would become the county's, otherwise it is zero cost to them and it is free internet service. Commissioner Hufstetler asked where does the money come from. County Manager Poe stated their services would be advertised at The Forum. Assistant Manager Rich stated if there were any signage Unilinc would have their logo. They saw the model utilized in a comparable facility, where they had a similar setup. He stated if they had a client who needed a secure connection then they would recommend they contact Unilinc, because they would already be in the building, and they could easily provide something. That would be at a cost to the client and the county gets 15% of that as

part of the agreement. He stated otherwise, there is literally no cost to the county. He stated they would have a 30 day cancellation clause.

Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to approve the Agreement between Floyd County and Clearspan Communications dba Unilinc Networks for wireless internet access in The Forum. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler.

VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**4. DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO PRIVATIZE FOOD SERVICE AT PRISON:**

County Manager Poe stated they discussed this during the Caucus session, and the recommendation is to privatize their food service at the prison and amend their current agreement with Trinity Services Group to incorporate the Floyd County Prison. He stated the quote they received from Trinity for a 3,500 calorie meal was \$1.182, or for a 3,200 calorie meal and they have given them a quote of \$1.082.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to accept the Proposal submitted by Trinity Services Group for the 3,200 calorie meal a cost of \$1.082 per meal, to privatize the food service at Floyd County Prison. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**5. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILROAD COMPANY RELATED TO HUFFAKER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:**

County Manager Poe stated this is an agreement between Central of Georgia Railroad Company and Floyd County related to Huffaker Road improvements. He stated basically they are meeting all the requirements of Central Georgia Railroad to be able to work adjacent to and on their right-of-ways as they improve Huffaker Road. He stated the cost that the county will have to reimburse Central of Georgia is estimated at \$7,600. He recommended that they move forward with this agreement, pending attorney's review.

Following discussion related to item #3 of the Agreement, Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to accept the Manager's recommendation and approve the Agreement with Central of Georgia Railroad related to the Huffaker Road Improvement Project subject to Attorney review, particularly of item #3. As to whether there was an argument this may not have application legally to the county. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**6. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 8A FROM LPA GROUP, REGARDING RUNWAY 7/25 IN-PLACE PAVEMENT RECYCLING AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 9A FROM LPA GROUP, REGARDING TAXIWAY "C" REHABILITATION AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 10 FROM LPA GROUP REGARDING FAA CERTIFICATION INSPECTIONS CORRECTIONS – SIGNAGE AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL AIRPORT:**

County Manager Poe stated LPA Group is the engineer of record for airport work. He stated Work Authorization No. 8A, 9A and 10 is for engineer work to get those projects ready for bid. He stated this cost is reimbursable through their DOT and FAA Grants. Commissioner Fricks asked if it is 100% reimbursable? County Manager Poe stated the county puts in 2.5% of overall costs. Commissioner Fricks asked where will these capital projects come from? County Manager Poe stated this is the engineering work that will come out of the Airport General Operating Fund. He stated once they get these submitted, have them bid, accept the bid, accept the grant, then they will have to budget their 2.5% share of the project. He stated this is just to authorize

LPA to do the engineering work. The DOT reviews their estimates for engineering to make sure they are in line with acceptable cost.

Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to authorize the execution of Work No. 8A, 9A and 10 with LPA Group for engineering at the airport. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**7. DISCUSS SUPPORT OF COOSA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOOL OF AVIATION AND AVIONICS PROGRAM AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL AIRPORT:**

County Manager Kevin Poe stated they discussed the Aviation and Avionics Program with Coosa Valley Technical College for Richard B. Russell Airport during Caucus.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION that they support, to the extent allowed by law, the funding by the county in the future of up \$1 million with the contractual arrangement with the Development Authority of Floyd County or the Rome/Floyd County Development Authority, if necessary, to be used toward the construction of a facility for use by Coosa Valley Technical College as a new aviation and avionics school to be located at Russell Regional Airport. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Fricks stated he really has an issue. He stated he has never seen a document on this and they are committing a million dollars over the next ten years and today is the first day he has actually heard of it. He stated it concerns him a lot and just referring back to that capital funding, he read in the paper the other day, they talked about fund reserve paying for it, when they discussed it fund reserve probably will not pay for it. He stated they talked about their overages, nobody could tell him what their overages are in an annual operating and if they will remember on the capital funding over the next two years they have committed, he thinks their matching funds were over about a million and a half, he cannot remember an exact number and he may be wrong but it was pretty substantial the matching funds on the projects they had slated on request for. He stated so he guesses what he is saying is let's not forget and get in a hurry and not look at the whole picture. He stated it sounds like a great project. It sounds like what they need here in Floyd County, but he has never seen them take a project in here without any documentation,

throw it in here and vote on a million dollar commitment without further thought. He stated that is kind of out of practice for them.

Chairman Mayes stated they have looked at documentation and figures. Commissioner Hufstetler stated he knows he was quoted in the paper, but he did not say the fund balance would pay for it, he said they did have a fund balance and they had a positive cash flow but as they discussed in caucus, he is not sure that the airport's funding could support all of this. He stated he thinks it could support most of it but he does not know that it could support all of it. He stated again, as they also talked about if they do this over ten years and it is \$100,000, one jet could bring in ad valorem taxes of \$45,000 and he thinks that the growth can do this. He stated unfortunately, they are in a negotiation where they are looking at either an existing building or a new building and it is hard to give details to that extent without jeopardizing their position.

Commissioner Jennings stated he interprets this motion as supporting the projects at a conceptual stage, and he expects that what is going to come back is a more specific, practical, how they are going to do this kind of thing. They will then vote on exactly where that money is going to come from and how it is going to be spent, and he is expecting what Commissioner Fricks is seeking. He stated he is expecting that it is going to come back to them, but as he understands it, in order to get to that point they have to vote that they are supportive of the concept and the project so that it can move forward to that state. Chairman Mayes stated he agrees with Commissioner Fricks and he does not think that they should write a blank check. He thinks at some point they are going to see the paperwork and be able to see the specifics. Commissioner Bennett stated he does not think they are voting to spend the money right now. He thinks, as Commissioner Jennings said, they are just voting to support the project. Commissioner Fricks stated when he reads that motion it is like they are committing to up to a million dollars, is that right? County Attorney Manning asked do they want to amend the motion?

Commissioner Bennett stated he thinks that it is in a state of negotiation in trying to figure out which would be the best way to proceed. Are they willing to commit up to a million dollars for a facility in order to provide an avionics school at Richard B. Russell Airport. He stated that is what he is voting on. He stated he is not voting to go do one building or another, or what that concept is going to be and they are committing themselves to a million dollars of that support with some hope of what Commissioner Hufstetler is talking about that the airport is in fact generating some revenue out there and it may be a long, long-term loan but he would see this money eventually coming back. Not through indirect payments. He would like to see it come back through the income of the airport itself which it has done in the past. He stated he does not know how they write that note to give specific terms, except pay them when they can, but that seems to be the way that has been done before. It is more like an advance toward the airport to help it grow an enterprise in a facility out there. Commissioner Fricks stated conceptual wise he does not mind that does not bother him a bit and he thinks it sounds great and he is 100% supportive conceptual

wise. But he thinks just the way the wording is on the motion is they are committing a million dollars, and to him there is some discussion needed. He stated potentially at one point \$150,000 a year, likely less than that but this is something that they are committing future commissions to and secondly, think about that. He stated look at what their capital projects were, and they are talking about pulling their fund reserve. They are talking about funding them and having them pull their capital projects out of their reserve so that goes away. If they remember how much volume of capital projects that they had slated and requested for matching funds it is pretty substantial. He stated it is like this, everybody wants everything but which one is the most important in his opinion. He stated are they going to be coming back to them in addition saying they need these capital projects, and they need to fund these? He thinks they can say, and he has looked at it himself, he does not know that they would be able to fund either one of the two out of their reserve. He stated they are at a surplus. Commissioner Bennett stated he does not think they can fund it out of the airport. He thinks they are going to have to advance either with a lease purchase or a long, long-term advance from the county to them and it is being done for the benefit of creating a school educational program. Commissioner Fricks stated conceptual wise it is wonderful, it is great, he just does not know. Right now his assumption would be that they just pay for it out of general fund. He stated how it comes back, he does not know, but his second concern is if they pay for that capital project what is going to happen to these that are slated in the future as well. Commissioner Bennett stated he does not know but they could allocate some of the surplus that they all have so diligently built up over the years. He stated there is a source of revenue so it is not like they are having to go to the bank, it is whether or not they believe in the project, is what it amounts to.

Commissioner Hufstetler stated the hangars were supposed to be lease purchased but because of some problems with that they were just paid out right. Assistant Manager Sammy Rich stated they bought ten portables and eighty is the number that came to mind, he could be wrong. Commissioner Fricks stated there were two purchases that totaled \$110,000 out of fund reserve last year. He stated one was the hangar that they were supposed to get the army lease on. They approved the purchase of the hangar and that was the original Tebo hangar, but it was interesting and that is the reason he says to move cautiously. He stated the one that they were supposed to get the army lease on, he went back to the minutes and referred to it and it says they were just waiting on the paperwork. The paperwork never came, and they never got an army lease, and now they are leasing it out at half the rate on a month-to-month basis just to get some revenue back out of that and they spent capital money to do it. He stated the way it was proposed to them was that they were going to get a payback from day one, because it was going to be leased for \$1,000 a month. That is the reason he says to move cautiously in committing a million dollars. Think about it and make sure they know where it is going to come from, he does not want to put the burden on anyone in the future. He stated he does think that it is a great project, and gives 100% support. He does have some questions about where they are going to come up with the million dollars.

Commissioner Hufstetler stated if Commissioner Fricks thinks that it is a good project, the choice is right now. He stated Coosa Valley Tech has got to have a commitment for it to go forward, or it does not go forward. Commissioner Fricks asked why it waited to the last minute to come to the Board? Commissioner Bennett stated they have been working on it for some time. Commissioner Hufstetler stated he had some meetings last year, and he knows Chairman Mayes has been involved in some meetings. But it got to the point where there is on-going negotiations, but if they are going to go forward they have got to make a commitment without knowing where all the funding is going to come from. He stated he looks at that \$100,000 that was spent that had it been lease purchased would have been in the fund reserve. He stated it is not, but that also frees up \$100,000 worth of cash flow over the next few years to put towards this, so there 10% of the money right there. He stated they have had a positive cash flow besides that, and he has a belief that they are going to bring in more jets. He stated they know of one already that is coming that will help provide income. He stated they could say they are going to build, or they are going to do this, and they are going to lease purchase, but he does not think they have all the answers there yet. He stated he thinks they want to do the program, he feels like he wants to support it, but he does not have all the answers on how all the funding is going to be. He does feel confident that the airport can certainly pay a significant part of that, if not all of it. Commissioner Bennett stated there is an opportunity to train children in the community for very high paying jobs in the aviation industry but nobody knew there was a program. He stated they certainly were not going to build a building in hopes of that to come. As he understands it, this got worked into this year's budget in the legislature to have a program approved for instruction, but it does not include any capital for the structures. It includes a course, and it includes the equipment that they will use to provide the course, but it does include the structure. He stated that was their understanding up front that they would not be able to work that into the cost of that program. He stated they did get it approved this year and now they are back to them to say now they have got to make this thing a go, is the county willing to help them with a structure to put on the program. If it is, give them that indication and they will go ahead and pursue putting the rest of the program together.

Commissioner Hufstetler they do not like putting out numbers that they are not comfortable with. They sort of put a maximum out there hoping that they can come in less than that but feeling like they can do it within those numbers and then try to go ahead and give Coosa Valley Tech the commitment so that they could secure the funding for this program. Otherwise, he thinks it is about two years out to try to get it again the way their cycles run at the state. He stated it is a time crunch on them because they have been getting numbers but they do not have enough numbers yet to say to the penny this is what is going to cost. He stated he does not feel comfortable with the numbers and he does not think that Commissioner Bennett does either. Commissioner Bennett stated he does not.

County Attorney Manning stated he thinks Commissioner Hufstetler's motion had in it up to a million dollars. Mr. Manning asked what if he said not more than. Commissioner Bennett stated or not to exceed. Chairman Mayes stated that the

motion could be amended to say something like that money will not be spent until they vote again. Commissioner Fricks stated because they do not really even have an agreement in operation with Coosa Valley Tech. Commissioner Hufstetler stated they do not know if it is going through the Development Authority and that is why it was if necessary with the Development Authority. He stated there is a lot that they do not know at this point, but he does think that they approve of the concept and they feel comfortable with the maximum amount that they could commit to.

Commissioner Hufstetler amended his MOTION to say not to exceed. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Fricks stated so everybody has got enough information and documentation to make a sound decision to spend a million dollars. Commissioner Jennings stated to support a concept of bringing an aviation and avionics maintenance program, that is what that does. Commissioner Bennett stated that is basically where he is coming from, they are not writing a check. He stated these funds will not be extended unless, his understanding, that avionics program is brought to the table by Coosa Valley Tech. Commissioner Hufstetler asked if he needs to add anything else to the motion to make that a little bit clearer? County Attorney Manning stated if he wants to clarify it by amending his motion to say this does not bind the county at this point in time to spend \$1 million but they are fully in support of the concept and anticipate in the future cooperating in that regard. Commissioner Hufstetler further amended his MOTION per the attorney's recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. Chairman Mayes stated they have a motion and a second on the amendment. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Hufstetler  
" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**8. AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 WITH PINSON'S GENERAL CONTRACTORS REGARDING LOCKER ROOMS AT THE FORUM:**

County Manager Poe stated they have been presented a change order from Pinson's Construction on the Locker Room Project. He stated apparently when they made the change to go to a different type of roofing system they are required to change the exhaust fans and duct work to where they went through the exterior wall of The Forum instead of just through the roofing system on the locker rooms. He stated they have a breakdown of the cost from the sub-contractor to Pinson's, and the total change order is in the amount of \$2,478.

Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to authorize Change Order No. 5 with Pinson's General Contractors regarding the Locker Rooms at The Forum. SECOND by Chairman Mayes. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Hufstetler	Commissioner Fricks	Commissioner
	" Jennings	
	" Bennett	
	Chairman Mayes	
	Motion Carried	

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Mayes reminded everyone that the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. There will not be a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of April (April 25) due to a conflict with the ACCG Annual Meeting.

County Manager Poe stated he would like to announce that they have scheduled a tour of on-going projects for April 18, 2006 beginning at 11:00 A.M. He stated they will just go around and look at different points of interest in the county and different projects.

Commissioner Hufstetler recognized the Leadership Rome participants that were present. He thanked them for attending.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

	YES	NO
Commissioner Fricks		
" Hufstetler		

" Jennings  
" Bennett  
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

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