

storm ready. In order to do that they had to come up with certain plans to prepare the community in what they would do, how they would alert the citizens and what kind of systems that we have in place in order to prepare the community in the event that we have bad weather to come into the area. He stated Barry Gooden with the National Weather Service has helped them do this, and by doing this Floyd County has been recognized as a StormReady Community through the National Weather Service in Peachtree City. He introduced Barry Gooden to make the presentation.

Mr. Gooden stated it is a pleasure to be here. He reviewed the criteria for being recognized as a StormReady Community and thanked everyone involved for the work they had put into making this happen. Mr. Lans Rothfusz, the meteorologist in charge of the Peachtree City Forecast office, joined Mr. Gooden in presenting a road sign that will be placed in the community recognizing Floyd County as a StormReady Community.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION AND
PLAQUE RECOGNIZING JIM MEHAFFEY:**

Commissioner Hufstetler presented the Proclamation, which highlighted a few of the things that Jim Mahaffey has done here in the county over the last 40 years. He stated Jim served as Commissioner for 12 years, not all at the same time, and he has definitely been a good servant. Commissioner Hufstetler read the Proclamation and also presented Mr. Mehaffey with a plaque in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Floyd County and Northwest Georgia through his diligent and tireless volunteer efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life in the community. The Board thanked Mr. Mahaffey for his many years of service. Mr. Mahaffey thanked everyone responsible for this and stated he will never forget it.

(Resolution/Proclamation Book, page 86)

Chairman Mayes welcomed members of the Junior Service League and thanked them for being here.

RESOLUTIONS:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR A SPLOST ELECTION:**

County Attorney Tommy Manning stated the Commissioners have before them a Resolution calling for a SPLOST election.

Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to adopt the Resolution to regulate and provide for the calling of an election to determine the imposition or non-imposition of a special 1% sales and use tax. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks.
VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**FIRST READINGS
(SECOND READINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2006):**

**1. ORDINANCE TO AMEND FLOYD COUNTY CODE
RELATED TO ANIMAL CONTROL. (2006-006A):**

Chairman Mayes stated Second Readings/Public Hearings will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. for this item on First Reading.

**SECOND READINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS
(FIRST READINGS HELD AUGUST 8, 2006):**

**1. FILE #80-2006Z, REQUEST REZONING FROM
S-R (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO C-C
(COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) TO CONTINUE
COMMERCIAL USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 3669 MARTHA BERRY HIGHWAY. ZONING
MAP J11X – PARCEL 088. (PLANNING
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
WITH CONDITION OF A 15’ BUFFER IF REDEVELOPED
IN THE FUTURE. [VOTE: 6 – 0]):**

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Chairman Mayes stated the Public Hearing is now open and asked Sue Hiller, Planning Department Director, for a review of the request. Ms. Hiller stated the subject property borders on Martha Berry Highway to the east, to residential property on the west, commercial property to the north, and residential property to the south. She stated the property is currently developed with some commercial uses, and this would be an effort to make those legal conforming uses rather than legal non-conforming. She stated although this is surrounded by residential property on at least two sides, its location right in the Martha Berry corridor makes it unlikely that this would be developed for residential use in the future. It is already developed with some commercial uses right now. She stated any future development of this property of course would have to conform with the ULDC and that would include buffers, setbacks, etc. This comes to them with a recommendation to approve, but with the condition that the 15-foot buffers be placed on all sides that are adjacent residential property. She stated that ensures, that even though the 15-feet are required by the ULDC, putting it as a condition ensures that a future developer could not get a variance to reduce those setbacks and buffers to zero. That gives some protection to the existing residential property that is along that corridor.

Chairman Mayes asked if there is anyone here to speak in support or opposition of this item. Seeing none, 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

Chairman Mayes called for a motion. Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the rezoning request with the condition that was recommended of a 15-foot buffer around all sides of the property. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Discussion: County Attorney Manning stated let him ask one question just to clarify something. He stated Ms. Hiller said that the recommendation was that it have a 15-foot required buffer, adjacent to the residential property. Commissioner Hufstetler stated he should have clarified that, AMENDED his MOTION that this would be a 15-foot buffer if redeveloped in the future only around residential property. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

2. FILE #81-2006Z, REQUEST REZONING FROM D-R (DUPLICATE RESIDENTIAL) TO C-C (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) FOR MARKETING PURPOSES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3971 MARTHA BERRY HIGHWAY. ZONING MAP J11X – PARCEL 139. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH TWO CONDITIONS: 15’ BUFFER (REQUIRED BY ULDC) AND DOWN LIGHTING. [VOTE: 6 – 0]):

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Chairman Mayes stated the Public Hearing is now open and asked Sue Hiller, Planning Department Director to review the request. Ms. Hiller stated the subject property is zoned D-R on three sides. To the north, west and south are properties that also zoned D-R. To the east is property that is zoned C-C. She stated that property was re-zoned by the current applicant in March of 2006. She stated at that time it was a speculative re-zoning. Staff pointed out that in the case of a

speculative re-zoning, especially without knowing what is going there, it is important to add some protection for the residential properties that are adjacent. For that reason when it was rezoned in March they placed the conditions on it of a 15-foot buffer, so that it could not be varied by the zoning board and downward lighting that would be directed away from the residential property. She stated the current request would add the smaller slice of land to the existing C-C property and allow marketing of the entire piece of property. Staff recommendation in this case was to deny this request because it does represent a further encouragement of commercial into a residential area, and that is a viable residential area. She stated however, it comes to the commissioners with a recommendation from the Planning Commission that they approve it with the same conditions, with the understanding that they are not specifying a 15-foot buffer both on the old property and on the new property but that they be allowed to put the two pieces together and have a 15-foot buffer around the entire perimeter where it is adjacent residential property. Commissioner Bennett stated the down lighting also was another condition. Ms. Hiller stated the down lighting as well. County Attorney Manning stated so the 15-foot buffer was not on that part adjacent to what he already owns, is that correct. Ms. Hiller stated it was on the part that was re-zoned back in March but it would shift it out to the edge of this parcel instead.

Chairman Mayes asked if there was anyone here that would like to speak in support or opposition of this item. Seeing none, 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

Chairman Mayes called for a motion. Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to re-zone the parcel representing File # 81-2006Z from D-R (Duplex Residential) to C-C (Community Commercial) with the conditions that there be a 15-foot buffer around all parts of this parcel which are adjacent to residential and also that any development would include down lighting. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings

" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**3. ORDINANCE TO AMEND FLOYD COUNTY
CODE REGARDING JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES
AND RELATED NUISANCES. (2006-005A):**

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing.
SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Chairman Mayes stated the Public Hearing is now open. Commissioner Jennings stated this is the addition of some language that talks about the health hazard issue and spells it out in specific detail. He stated he requested that it be added and he thinks they all agreed to move forward with that. Chairman Mayes asked County Attorney Manning does the net effect of the amendment give any more leverage, or is it basically the same? County Attorney Manning stated he thinks it just gives them the authority to call the health department. Commissioner Jennings stated his feeling was that it could not hurt to have this in the ordinance, to specifically spell out for anyone who was looking at or concerned that this is in fact an issue that is raised with the health department. He stated he agrees that it is somewhat redundant but he thinks that it does have a place in this ordinance.

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to amend the Floyd County Code regarding the Junk Motor Vehicles and Related Nuisances ordinance by adding “subsection d” to Section 3. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Chairman Mayes stated they will not have their regularly scheduled meeting on the 4th Tuesday in September, which is the 26th , because of a conflict with ACCG Fall Policy Conference.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

No Report.

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Bennett, Chairman

No Report.

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Mayes, Chairman

a. Recommendation regarding award of bid to repair a section of Mathis Drive between Malone Drive and Longmeadow Drive.

County Manager Kevin Poe stated Michael Skeen, Public Works Director, is here tonight also to talk about this project. They have been working with the City of Rome to do some major repairs to Mathis Drive, which is a road in Garden Lakes. He stated part of the road is in the city and part of it is in the county. It is in bad shape and they have looked at different ways to try to fix that road. In working with the City of Rome Public Works Department several options have been considered. Looking at the different options they had to repair the road, they are recommending that they do what is called a full-depth reclamation. He stated they put together a scope of work and put it out for bid. They felt that that was the best option. He stated what they recommend is that they use some of the SPLOST money that was set aside for resurfacing roads and use both the city and county’s share to help fund the project. He stated they also have a LARP Contract

through the DOT to pay for the asphalt. Putting all those funds together, they would be able to fund the project through SPLOST and through their LARP funds. Two bids were received. He stated the low bid was from Blount Construction in the amount of \$162,267.60. The recommendation is to award the bid for full depth reclamation to Blount Construction. He stated if they have any additional questions, Michael has been involved with the Engineering staff, the City of Rome Public Works Director and their Engineering staff to try to come up with the different options, so he can give more detail. Chairman Mayes asked Mr. Skeen to explain what is a full depth reclamation.

Mr. Skeen a full depth reclamation is basically take the tiller and it will cut up the asphalt, mix in with the base and go down to, in this case probably about a 10 inch cut-down which will actually take you down below the gutter that is out there. He stated then it will mix up the soil, any gravel base that is there, the asphalt, which is now pulverized and chopped up, and they will also mix in lime. He stated there is a heavy concentration of clay in the soil in Garden Lakes and the lime will help to dry that out. Then they will run over it again, mixing it again to work in the concrete, which will then set up in the road. He stated there are some places that they will have to mix in a little extra gravel and some places they will have to haul it off, because they have places on this road now that are 8 or 9 inches above the gutter. He stated if cars go off the side of the road now, they will actually scrape bottom. This will take it back down below the gutter. They will come back in behind it and pave on top of this base. He stated it is not a very time consuming project, it is a fairly fast project. It will probably not take much more than a week to do this section of road. He stated it is a very wide road, 33 feet, and they will shut it off on one end so through traffic can get in with no problem then they can go in the next week and pave on it right after that. He stated it is a drivable base as well.

County Manager Poe stated they have done a lot of resurfacing in the Garden Lakes area and eventually with a poor base you just end up with the roads failing again. He stated the fact that they have already resurfaced that road a couple of times and it is not matching with the elevation of the gutter it is creating a dangerous situation with the drop off between the pavement and the gutter. He stated that is why the other options were not considered viable, plus this is a process that can be done a lot quicker. He stated the road runs from the intersection of Garden Lakes Boulevard and Redmond Road over to Technology Parkway. This process will not go as deep as they would have to go if they were to go dig it out, which was another option they considered, but everything is secure. He stated they have talked with the City Water Department regarding this project and they are ready to go.

Commissioner Hufstetler stated he knows it comes a lot, where sewer work is necessary, but then the road is in terrible shape after that, and he does not know if they have good procedures for making sure that doesn't happen. County Manager Poe stated they have a coordination committee, and every time they do

resurfacing work they try to coordinate with the utilities to make sure they do not go pave and the next thing they know some utility is cutting the road. Sometimes emergency repairs happen, but hopefully they have all that coordinated. Mr. Skeen stated they meet monthly with all the utilities, including Rome Water and Sewer, and they have discussed this project with them. Commissioner Hufstetler asked how are the finances on this done? Are they looking at LARP financing and then the city and county. County Manager Poe stated they have resurfacing money set aside in SPLOST and basically they were going to share that money based on total numbers of road miles. He stated both city and county are willing to commit some of their SPLOST funds for the project, to make up the difference between what LARP does not pay for. He stated LARP will just pay for the actual resurfacing, it will not pay for the actual base work. Commissioner Hufstetler stated so what is the break down on that. County Manager Poe stated he does not have the percentage right off the top of his head, but they are getting more of the money than the city is. He stated they took the total road mileage in Floyd County, which is 700+ mile, the city has 400+ and Cave Spring has 10 or 20 miles. They prorated it and they are going to get most of the money. He stated they will dedicate a share of theirs toward this project along with the city dedicating their share to make up the \$162,000. Commissioner Bennett stated the \$162,000 is just for the full depth reclamation, that is not for the asphalt so the asphalt will be paid for out of LARP basically and the \$162,000 is what is going to come the SPLOST paving fund. County Manager Poe stated they are working with the City of Rome to try to share the work evenly. He stated Rome will do the base work and the county will do the paving.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Director and County Manager regarding the award of bid to repair a section of Mathis Drive between Malone Drive and Longmeadow Drive. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
 " Hufstetler
 " Jennings
 " Bennett
 Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

- b. Recommendation to add resurfacing of Doyle Street in Silver Creek to the 2007 county paving list.**
- c. Recommendation to accept the following on county maintenance:**

- 1) **Broken Arrow Trail SE, Archway Court SE, Fallen Branch Circle SE, Foxboro Way SE, Outpost Trail SE and one (1) detention pond (on lot 116) in the North Quarters Subdivision, Phase I.**
- 2) **Keystone Lane NE, Round Rock Circle NE, Marble Street NE, Granite Way NE and the detention pond (located between lots 59 and 108) in the Keystone Subdivision, Phase I.**
- 3) **Field Stone Drive NE, Moss Creek Drive NE, Cohutta Court NE, Loggers Mill Drive NE and Hideaway Drive NE and two (2) detention ponds (on lots 17A and 32A) in the Timber Ridge Subdivision.**

County Manager Poe stated it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to accept and approve items b and c under the Public Works Committee Report.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve items b and c as recommended by the Public Works. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett.
VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Jennings, Chairman

Commissioner Jennings stated he just has an update on the Water Department’s work in Cave Spring. He stated a couple of weeks ago our water crew helped the City of Cave Spring deal with a pretty major leak in their main lines. Something that came out of all that was the notation that they have an inner connection point between Floyd County and Cave Spring. However, if they turn the valve on, the pressure in the county’s water lines would probably blow out more of the water lines in Cave Spring. He stated the City of Cave Spring has asked that they be allowed to take a look at that intersection of that interconnection point with the possibility of them putting a pressure reduction system in there, so if they should have a major disaster that lasted longer than 12-14 hours they could potentially supply them with water. He stated County Manager Poe has written a letter to Mayor Ware recommending that they include that as part of their assessment of the Cave Spring water system that is being done by Williams, Sweitzer and Barnum. He noted that the

county water crew worked until about 3 AM and did a great job of helping out Cave Spring.

5. Special Committee Reports

- a. Consolidation Task Force (Fricks/Hufstetler)
- b. Parking Committee (Fricks/Bennett)
- c. SPLOST Committee (Jennings)
- d. Alternative Sentencing Committee (Jennings, Fricks, Mayes)
- e. Fire Overview Committee (Bennett, Mayes)

There were no Special Committee Reports.

CLERK’S REPORT:

CONSENT AGENDA

County Clerk Kathy Arp stated there is one item on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda, which has been reviewed and is submitted for approval. Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the Clerk’s Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Bennett. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

1. Tax Refunds:

- a. John Anthony Walker, 321 Ridgedale Drive, Silver Creek, \$166.24
- b. Robert Lee Smith, P.O. Box 578, Shannon, \$15.00
- c. Spring Haven Partnership LLP, 2700 Wycliff Road, Raleigh, NC, \$1,342.96

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. AWARD BID FOR PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT. (DEFERRED JULY 25 AND AUGUST 8, 2006):

County Manager Poe stated they have a recommendation from the Sheriff's Department to purchase three vehicles, Dodge Charger pursuit vehicles, for the Sheriff's Department. He stated the total amount of the low bid is \$81,291 from Pickens Dodge. There were some questions from the commissioners about the need for the Sheriff's Department to be purchasing full size pursuit vehicles, particularly the Dodge Charger. He stated some of the questions raised were forwarded on to the Sheriff for his response. They have a received memo from the sheriff with responses to those questions, so the matter is before them for their consideration.

Commissioner Hufstetler stated he knows they had originally had approved four vehicles and by going with the Hemi, they can only get three vehicles. He stated he knows the county police are using the Chevy Impala, and they seem to be doing fine on their pursuits with them from what he understands. He stated he would think they would have the greater pursuit need on that than the county police would. Commissioner Bennett stated he agrees and he raised that question about using that type vehicle actually with the cost. He asked if they recall the cost of a Crown Victoria, which they have not been purchasing but the Crown Victoria with the same equipment? County Manager Poe stated he does have that information somewhere. Commissioner Bennett stated he thinks it was actually less expensive to buy the Crown Victoria than it is this Dodge, and the gas mileage, he had heard, was like a mile per gallon difference. Commissioner Hufstetler stated on the Crown Victoria, but on the Chevy Impala it is even more than that. Commissioner Bennett stated on the Chevy Impala it is a whole lot more, but that is his opinion. County Manager Poe stated the Crown Victoria is \$19,651 each. Chairman Mayes stated versus \$24 something. Commissioner Jennings stated the memo from the Sheriff says that the Crown Victoria is not available in the V8 Engine. Commissioner Bennett stated there is some concern that Ford is going to discontinue the Crown Vic which is a full size rear wheel drive vehicle, just like the Chevrolet discontinued their rear wheel drive vehicle. He stated the Dodge Charger is a rear wheel drive vehicle. The information they have here is that the Hemi Engine is the only V8 available, and this Dodge Charger is a police pursuit vehicle. He stated of course, they are 6 cylinder he is sure, he does not know about another V8. Commissioner Hufstetler stated that the thing about the Crown Victoria is that there is talk that it could eventually be discontinued. But it is not discontinued. Commissioner Jennings stated it has the V8 Engine. Commissioner Bennett stated it has the big V8 Engine, and it is his understanding the State Patrol is looking at, and they have in fact ordered some of these Dodge Chargers with the Hemi Engines for testing, with the State Patrol. He stated he just hates to see \$5,000 more paid to get a smaller automobile, which had been some of the original discussion they had with the police department when they went with the Impala. He stated there were two objections; one was it was a front wheel drive vehicle and number two that it did not have enough room. As it turns out it does have approximately the same room as the Crown Victoria. He stated now they are saying they want a mid-size car but they do not want a Crown Victoria so they have overcome the smallness but they are now... Commissioner Hufstetler stated they are getting a smaller vehicle that costs \$5,000 more that has poor gas mileage. He stated it just does not make sense.

Commissioner Bennett stated he knows they are not supposed to be able to tell the Sheriff what to do, and he is not trying to tell him what to do. He stated there is some point, like he said about the pursuit vehicle, but as Commissioner Hufstetler pointed out, the county police are using a V6 as pursuit vehicles and do not indicate that they have had any problems with them. County Manager Poe stated they are fine with them. Commissioner Bennett stated they are fine with using a V6 instead of a V8 Hemi for a pursuit vehicle. Commissioner Jennings stated several of them were going to meet with the Sheriff in regards to... Commissioner Hufstetler stated they tried to schedule that last week and he had conflicts and could not meet. He stated then his understanding is the Sheriff was going to be gone all this week as well, so they have not been able to meet with him.

Following the discussion this item was Deferred.

2. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS (DEFERRED AUGUST 8, 2006):

County Manager Poe stated they have several requests for positions and they deferred this last time because they were trying to set up a meeting with the Sheriff's Department and the commissioners who have not had a chance to meet with them. He stated one thing that was requested by the commissioners was a list of all the different positions that are being requested, and the actual costs. He presented a list, including the costs, assuming the normal benefits package and the annual pay. He stated this gives the commissioners some idea of what the costs would be to each department, on an annualized basis, if they were to approve the request. He stated based on the recommendation that came out of the meeting that Commissioner Mayes and Commissioner Jennings had with the Sheriff, as far as positions, if they were to give them these positions they are requesting additional positions at the first of the year. He noted the Tax Commissioner came to them today with the request for the additional Tag Clerk position so if they are ready to act on one or any of them that is for their consideration at this time.

Chairman Mayes stated he would like for them to at least act on two of those items, the Tax Commissioner and the Sheriff. Commissioner Hufstetler stated they never had the meeting with the Sheriff. Chairman Mayes stated he was thinking they were just talking about the car. Chairman Mayes stated that leaves one item.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve the Tax Clerk position for the Tax Commissioner. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings.

Discussion: Commissioner Jennings stated he will say that he understands their concern about a full-time clerk and he guesses the question is would a half time person suffice. He stated he is thinking that the problem there would be if they need somebody to deal with these insurance questions, having them there on a half time

basis is really not going to solve that problem. He stated his thinking is because of that a full-time person who is devoted to that particular area is probably the only resolution of that particular issue. They heard that a computer that is hooked up to the state system is there at a workstation has been approved in the budget for this year so they are basically adding that position. He stated it is generating somewhere around \$20,000 a year in the fines for persons without insurance and so that probably will go down at some point in the future, but hopefully it would pay for that position. Commissioner Bennett stated well the point, when he was trying to figure a way to do this, to offset some rush time within the tag office seems to come around the end of the week or the first of the month. He stated at other times the people in those positions appear to have some time when they are not under a rush and that possibly the tag clerk could fill in when the personnel were busy issuing tags at certain periods of time during the month. He stated it was not just to answer insurance questions half time, it was a temp to if there might not be a tag clerk available to answer the phone because they were waiting on customers or issuing tags, they would have a person over there that could take that load off of them. He stated understands, he and Commissioner Jennings discussed, he does not know what this particular person does other than to field calls where people have received letters from the state threatening them with their tags being canceled because of insurance information either not being recorded at the state or whatever so he does not know what they are doing except just directing people with what to do. He stated they have not discussed that with Mr. Ford. He stated he would like for them to see if they could do that with a part time person with that person working maybe Thursday and Friday of every week and maybe the first three days of the month or something like that. He stated that was just a thought.

County Manager Poe stated he thinks last year they did talk to them about a part time position and he was not acceptable to that. He stated he felt that it needed to be a full time position because of making sure they put the time and effort into getting the person trained. He stated Mr. Ford mentioned it takes like two years. Commissioner Bennett stated that is for a full time tag clerk, but for someone to answer the phone and direct someone because he got one of those himself on a brand new automobile because the insurance company had not forwarded data to the state timely or the state had not recorded it timely so the computer spit it out. He stated the solution to that was to call the tag office, which he did, where upon they instructed him to call his insurance company. He stated they did not resolve anything, but they were there to direct and to be of service, but as far as training to resolve the problem, it is not resolved in the tag office. He stated it is resolved either with the insurance company or with the state. Chairman Mayes asked County Manager Poe to correct him if he is wrong but he was thinking that Mr. Ford said this tag clerk would have more responsibilities. County Manager Poe stated he thinks he does remember that he would like for them to be a full tag clerk and be able to do anything that any other tag clerk can do so if he has somebody out sick. He stated during tax season he usually sends one of his tag clerks over to the tax office and he will continue to have a full compliment of clerks over there. He stated he has them taking insurance calls, but just having enough clerks to handle all the demand he has for... Commissioner Bennett

stated there is a rush at certain times during the month, he can see that, but at other times during the month there is not. Commissioner Hufstetler stated a full person should catch him for quite a while he would hope. Commissioner Fricks stated the way he understood when he talked to him it was going to be a multi-function position. He stated not only doing this function full time, but also backing up and expanding for growth in the other area. Chairman Mayes stated one thing about that particular department is that Mr. Ford does not come here asking quite often for extra help. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

3. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND HIGHLAND TRANSPORTATION, LLC:

County Manager Poe stated this is an amendment to the land lease agreement between Floyd County and Highland Transportation LLC related to a land lease at the airport. He stated his understanding is that this party would like to lease some additional property around the hangar that they are going to construct for parking purposes and the term would be \$.17 per square foot for that additional lease of the property. Commissioner Jennings stated has their attorney looked at this. County Attorney Tommy Manning stated Ms. Harman in his office drafted that document. Chairman Mayes stated is that in line with what they are already paying. Assistant Manager Sammy Rich stated it is basically half the rate, and it is anything outside the of building footprint itself.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the Amendment to the Land Lease Agreement between Floyd County and Highland Transportation LLC. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

4. APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$12,300 WITH TRI-STATE CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., FOR UPGRADES TO THE COUNTY'S GIS SYSTEM:

County Manager Poe stated the next item is for updates to the county's GIS System involving CAD to ARC data translation. They have about \$45,000 allocated to update the GIS System this year. The proposal to do the work that is required is \$12,300. He stated Assistant Manager Rich has been working with Bill McWhorter and Tri-State, who originally did all of the county's data conversion and everything with setting up the GIS System. Assistant Manager Rich stated the county has a GIS System that they are all proud of and it certainly rivals anything in the state, so they do try to reinvest and keep upgrading and making it better. He stated the upgrade would be on the tax side of the system. He stated as the splits are being created, this is a couple of pieces of custom software that will help facilitate the process so that when they get sent over to their GIS Department that would make it a more seamless transition, eliminate some errors, a lot of clean up and make it more efficient for them. Commissioner Fricks stated this is the original budgeted amount, they did not expend the original budgeted amount, this comes out of it? Commissioner Hufstetler stated it comes out of the \$45,000. County Manager Poe stated they budgeted \$45,000. Assistant Manager Rich stated he thinks they have about \$25,000 left when he checked. He stated they have about \$25,000 in the capital under the mapping projects. County Manager Poe stated occasionally they purchase software that helps in the GIS Department. Commissioner Fricks stated so it is not an addition to the budget. County Manager Poe stated no. Because the costs is over \$10,000, they need to come to the Board for approval, it and it is coming out of what has been allocated.

Commissioner Jennings made a MOTION to approve the expenditure of \$12,300 with Tri-State Consulting Services for upgrades to the county GIS System. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

5. APPROVE REQUEST FROM WARDEN ANNE BRINKLEY TO AMEND THE PRISON'S EQUIPMENT BUDGET TO PURCHASE A METAL DETECTOR:

County Manager Poe stated this is a request for an amendment to the Prison Equipment Budget. He stated they have the money still allocated in their original budgeted amount, because they came in under budget on a previous purchase. The Department of Corrections is requiring the prison to put a metal detector at the main entrance where the public comes in to the facility. He stated the costs about \$1,500 to purchase the detector. He stated they came well under budget on the recent purchase of the van so it would not require an additional allocation money, just an amended to the list of equipment that they are authorized to purchase.

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to approve the Manager's recommendation for the purchase of the metal detector for the prison. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

6. AWARD CONTRACT FOR JAIL COMMISSARY SERVICES:

County Manager Poe stated proposals were received from seven different companies for jail commissary and trust fund accounting services. A committee met to review all of those proposals and thoroughly investigate them. He stated after doing a very thorough review the recommendation from those on the committee is to award the contract to Southern Sheriffs Supply. He stated it is a lot more favorable arrangement to the county than what they currently have through Swanson. Commissioner Hufstetler stated he is trying to remember, did they leave Swanson or did they temporarily... County Manager Poe stated they are still using Swanson. Commissioner Hufstetler stated but they just changed their price. County Manager Poe stated these other people have better proposals and they can guarantee them a better commission. Assistant Manager Rich stated he served on the committee, so he got pretty involved in this. He stated he does not know when they originally entered into an agreement with Swanson but he thinks around 1998 there were some amendments. County Manager Poe stated he thinks it was when they expanded the jail. Assistant Manager Rich stated that would make sense, but they are basically in an arrangement with Swanson where they get 20% commission. In addition they are responsible for reimbursing them he thinks \$860 a week for the clerk position, so that is kind of where they have been. He stated now we are looking to get a minimum of 41.5%, and the clerk being paid by Southern Sheriffs Supply. He stated we are on the

order now of receiving \$40,000 to \$45,00 a year in revenue. The proposal from Southern Sheriffs guarantees commissions of \$185,000 per year.

Chairman Mayes stated he still questions, he likes the contract, but the cost of the individual items that they are going to be charging to the inmates and the inmates families, are those prices... Assistant Manager Rich stated that was a concern and ultimately the Sheriff, other than a cost of living or CPI increase, has the ultimate say on the pricing structure. He stated part of the proposal required that they submit their price structure. He stated so based on what they submitted, the cost are actually cheaper than they would be if you go out to the local market and pick up the same exact items. He stated it is pretty comparable. In some cases it may be a couple of cents more, but in looking at it for the most part it is cheaper. Chairman Mayes stated it is substantially more profit and their prices are still in line. Assistant Manager Rich stated it is a fundamentally better proposal. Commissioner Bennett stated one reason that they are able to do that is because they are covering their overhead. He stated they are providing the place to sell their product. Chairman Mayes stated but the other company was charging them more. County Manager Poe stated they were not giving them as much of the profit and they were covering one of their staff. Chairman Mayes stated and they were giving them \$875 a week to cover one of their staff.

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to award the bid for the jail commissary services to Southern Sheriffs Supply. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

7. APPROVE REQUEST TO AMEND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S EQUIPMENT BUDGET TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW COMPUTERS:

County Manager Poe stated they have a request to purchase two new computers from the Finance Department budget. He stated they have a new Assistant Finance Director and they were hoping they are going to be able to scrounge up a suitable computer for her and were unable to do so. He stated they would like to purchase a new computer for her. Additionally, for the Director, he would like to set up similar to how his computer is set up. He stated he has a laptop that has a docking station. What that allows him to do is if they go out in the county, or they go down to the conference room to meet with the auditors, or go to other departments they can

take their computer with them and have the information on there when they go about doing their work. He stated the recommendation is to amend their budget to allow the purchase of two new computers at a cost of approximately \$2,500 each, with the docking station and everything.

Commissioner Bennett made a MOTION to amend the Finance Departments Equipment Budget to purchase two new computers. SECOND by Commissioner Hufstetler. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

**8. DISCUSS GRANT OFFER FROM FAA FOR FY07
GENERAL AVIATION ENTITLEMENT GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION
OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT:**

County Manager Poe stated they have been offered a General Aviation Entitlement from the FAA through the State Department of Transportation. He stated this is a \$150,000 grant. He stated 95% of the funds come from the FAA, the state matches it 2.5%, and the county is required to match it 2.5%. He stated this money would be applied to the Taxiway C reconstruction project, which has already been authorized in anticipation of getting this entitlement grant. He recommended that they approve the grant offer.

Commissioner Hufstetler made a MOTION to approve the grant offer from FAA for the General Aviation Entitlement Grant in the amount of \$150,000 and to authorize the execution of the documents. SECOND by Commissioner Jennings. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Hufstetler
" Jennings
" Bennett
Chairman Mayes

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No Report.

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
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Commissioner Fricks		
" Hufstetler		
" Jennings		
" Bennett		
Chairman Mayes		

Motion Carried

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JOHN MAYES, CHAIRMAN