

May 22, 2007

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 22, 2007 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Jennings, Commissioners Garry Fricks, Eddie Lumsden, John Mayes, and Chad Whitefield.

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Attorney Tommy Manning, County Clerk Kathy Arp, County Manager Kevin Poe, and Assistant Manager Blaine Williams.

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Mayes led the Invocation.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Jennings asked if the minutes were in order. County Attorney Tommy Manning stated the minutes had been reviewed and were in order. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

MEMORIAL DAY:

Commissioner Lumsden presented Rev. Warren Jones with a Proclamation recognizing May 28, 2007 as Memorial Day in honor of the hundreds of thousands of Americans who gave their lives to secure the freedoms enjoyed in the United States. Rev.

Jones gave a brief review of the events planned for the holiday and invited everyone to attend. He stated they are grateful for the recognition from the city, county, and state.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 104)

**FIRST READINGS:
(SECOND READINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2007 AT 2:00 PM)**

1. BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Defer.

**SECOND READINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:
(FIRST READINGS HELD MAY 8, 2007)**

**1. FILE #02-2007Z, REQUEST REZONING FROM D-R
(DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL) TO M-R (MULTI-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL TO CONSTRUCT MULTI-FAMILY
DWELLINGS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT
122 WILSHIRE ROAD. ZONING MAP K13Z –
PARCEL 396. (PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 7 – 2]):**

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Chairman Jennings asked Phil Helton, Rome-Floyd Planning Department, to give a brief overview of this request. Mr. Helton stated the property is located on Wilshire Road. He stated to the north, east and west is zoned S-R (Suburban Residential) with single-family and duplex residential use. To the south is M-R (Multi-family Residential) zoning, which is vacant at this time. He stated the applicant provided the Planning Commission with a site plan.

Support: Fred Moore, 687 Hampton Place, Marietta, stated they would like to rezone the piece of property from duplex to multi-family so that he can

complete the project that he started a number years back. He stated he started this project 10 or 12 years ago and at that time the county did not have zoning, so he put a 5-unit multi-family apartment on the property. A few years later zoning was implemented and the property was zoned single-family residential at that time. He stated they had to object to that since they had put multi-family there. He stated the Planning Department switched it multi-family to go along with it, but it was a mistake because they zoned it D-R instead. He stated that is why he is requesting the change, so he can finish this project. He stated he has been to several meetings with Sue Hiller in the Planning Department, and it went through the Planning Commission to minimize the density of this type of zoning. He stated the plan is for only three more buildings with six more units.

Support: Martha Whatley, 236 Wilshire Road, stated they are the only single-family resident that will be next to Mr. Moore's apartments. She stated as the record stated the first hearings that they had, they opposed until they had a private conversation with Mr. Moore. She stated her husband could not be here so he asked that she come and state that they are in favor of it because they have talked with Mr. Moore. She stated the criteria that they had asked of Mr. Moore, he has stated that he would abide by them. Chairman Jennings asked so her concerns have been addressed by Mr. Moore. She stated yes they have.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve the request of rezoning from D-R (Duplex Residential) to M-R (Multi-family Residential) to construct a multi-family dwelling on property located on 122 Wilshire Road. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

2. **FILE #53-2007SUP, REQUEST A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MANUFACTURED HOME ON SUBDIVISION LOT IN THE S-R (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 LOVELL STREET. ZONING MAP J11Y – PARCEL 153. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 9 – 0]):**

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Chairman Jennings asked Phil Helton, Rome-Floyd Planning Department, to give a brief overview of this request. Mr. Helton stated this request was brought to the Planning Commission by Mr. Richard Hollingsworth. He stated the property is located on Lovell Street, which is in Armuchee. He stated the surrounding properties to the east, west and north are zoned S-R (Suburban Residential) with single-family residential use. To the south and further to the west it is zoned D-R (Duplex Residential). He stated no site plan is required since it is a residential use. This is a Special Use permit, not a rezoning of the property. Chairman Jennings stated that is in regards to the change that they recently made to the ULDC regarding manufactured homes in existing subdivisions.

Support: Richard Hollingsworth, 17 Lovell Street, stated he resides at the property shown, 17 Lovell Street in Armuchee. He stated the request that he has is for a new manufactured home. The property has been in their family for four generations. He stated he is buying the property by the wishes of his mother because she wants it to continue in the family, but they need to upgrade it. He stated he has talked to the neighbors all around and no one has contested to them upgrading it. He stated that minus the apartments on the street, it is a fifty-fifty ratio with five manufactured homes and five regular built homes. Mr. Hollingsworth thanked the Board for their time.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to approve the request for Special Use Permit for manufactured home on subdivision lot in the S-R (Suburban Residential) zoning district on property located at 17 Lovell Street. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

ULDC REVISIONS:

- 1. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 2 CONCERNING BUILDING CODE/BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS [VOTE 9 – 0]):**

County Attorney Manning stated he would recommend they go ahead and hold the Public Hearing and then if that matter is taken care of through the Building Code Ordinance Amendment the Commission will be in a position to go ahead and vote on the ULDC Amendment at a subsequent meeting. He stated that will have fulfilled the flow requirements of the ULDC to have handled that matter. Chairman Jennings asked if Mr. Manning is suggesting that they open the Public Hearing to allow any comments, close the Public Hearing, and then table it. County Attorney Manning stated yes, and if the Commission takes no action the matter is considered tabled. Chairman Jennings stated in their next meeting, assuming they can work it out in the ordinance, they then would just take a formal vote.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Chairman Jennings asked if there is anyone who wishes to speak in support or opposition of this revision of Article 2 of the ULDC concerning Building Code/Building Permit requirements for agricultural buildings. Seeing none, Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

No Action taken.

2. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 9 REGARDING AN OVERLAY FOR RIVER CORRIDORS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROME BOUNDARIES. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: DENY [VOTE: 6 – 2]):

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield

Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Chairman Jennings stated the Public Hearing is now open. Eric Lindberg, Environmental Services Director, stated this ordinance came about through the River Development Committee, which has members from Rome and Floyd County on it, out of the desire to take better advantage of their riverfront. He stated it is a very small percentage, land mass wise, of the city and the county, but it has a huge impact on their economics and their quality of life. He stated the desire was to place an overlay zone. He stated any development within 200' of the river that is of commercial nature would go through a special review panel and be put under the conditions of this ordinance. He stated the goal of this is to enhance the river, enhance the development and to encourage development. The City Commission did pass this and put it into effect within the city. He thanked the Board for bringing it up here. He stated this has been an ongoing process that has taken about eighteen months, between the River Development Committee and the Planning Commission. There were several concerns that some of the members of the Planning Commission had and they were good concerns. He stated agricultural operations have been specifically included as appropriate for this overlay zone. Again, they made it very specific that residential activities are also exempt from any oversight. He stated this is specifically for commercial operations.

Chairman Jennings stated right now in unincorporated Floyd County they have a one-hundred foot buffer that would apply to any operation close to their rivers and this overlay corridor is not in the unincorporated area. He stated he does not know that they anticipate doing anything along those lines because they do have the buffer.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Discussion: Chairman Jennings stated there have been some concerns, but he thinks Mr. Lindberg has cleared most of that up. He stated when they are talking about purely commercial buildings, there is nothing worse than to be canoeing or kayaking down the river and have a concrete block building with grocery carts and stuff thrown down the bank so he thinks this addresses those kinds of issues. Mr.

Lindberg stated this tries not to be heavy handed but it does try to help guide. Chairman Jennings stated they are not required to officially vote on this, but he thinks it would be a good idea to know that there has been further clarification to support the City Commission in this regard.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to accept, along with the city, the Resolution for the overlay river corridor within the city limits of Rome. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

1. Discuss Upcoming Appointments.

Chairman Jennings stated this would be discussed at the next meeting. He stated Ms. Arp is compiling a list of persons who have completed profiles for appointments and we will also advertise for those appointments that are coming up in the next six months. He stated they would hopefully get additional citizens who are interested in serving on those boards.

2. Shortfall in funding for the District Attorney’s Office.

Chairman Jennings stated they are aware that the State of Georgia has not fully funded the operation of the District Attorney’s office, specifically in regards to state employees. He stated he has a request from their District Attorney that the county pick up the funding for those furloughed employees. He stated that figure is \$12,100 for picking up that one-week’s salary for those furloughed employees. He stated personally he believes that between the governor and the state legislature, they are going to find some way of funding these positions. These are long-term employees of Floyd County and the state. He stated our judicial system depends upon them and he thinks the state is going to do the right thing. He suggested that they as Floyd County Commissioners recognize the importance of these employees and agree to fund their furloughed positions for that week. He stated if the Board instructs him to he will send as strongly worded a letter as he possibly can to the powers that be in the state that they do not think this is right. They appreciate these employees. They know they need these employees and the county is willing to step up to the plate to fund these positions for that week.

Commissioner Fricks asked what their justification in doing that was. He stated if they are going to issue a strong letter of opposition, they need to understand their reasoning behind it. Chairman Jennings stated he thinks this just got caught up in the budget fights that existed between the house, the senate and the governor's office. He stated they know that the governor had a line item veto on the \$140 million property tax rebate, and he does think any agreements came to the supplemental budget items. He stated the \$500,000 for the airport was part of that supplemental budget. The Adult Literacy program was caught in this bind. He stated apparently the Department of Adult Education has been able to rearrange funding to keep those positions and his understanding is that that has not been done in the District Attorney's office to this point. Commissioner Whitefield asked did he also understand that in the event that the state does not provide for those funds that the District Attorney would work within her budget constraints to try to save that same amount of money. Chairman Jennings stated she has given him that assurance that she believes that through prudent management of the office she can save an equal amount of money.

Chairman Jennings made a MOTION to appropriate \$12,100 to fund the state positions in the District Attorney's office for the one-week furlough that is currently anticipated. He stated this would be a one-time fund and in no way construed as being something that would go beyond this particular week. He stated that his motion is also conditioned on the failure of the state to fund these positions for this period. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield.

Discussion: Chairman Jennings stated he knows that they are not happy to do this, and he does not know that they understand why some kind of compromise could not have been reached to ensure that the state employees get paid for this week. He stated he thinks it is the right thing for them to do for some important persons in their community. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

3. Support letter for Coosa Valley Regional Development Center Clean Cities Program.

Chairman Jennings stated the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center is intending to apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission for a start-up program

that is a Clean Cities Program for Northwest Georgia. He stated he is requesting that the Commission authorize him to send a letter to Philip Eidson, Chairman of the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, and Elaine Jackson with the Appalachian Regional Commission that supports this effort of the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center. He state we are obviously in the non-attainment zone and this would be a good grant that would help them improve the air quality in our community.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to authorize the Chairman to write a letter of support for Coosa Valley Regional Development Center Clean Cities Program. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Whitefield, Chairman

No Report.

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Lumsden, Chairman

a. Approve funding for setting up an Emergency Response trailer to house two back-up radio repeaters and other communication equipment.

Commissioner Lumsden stated they already have the trailer and they have a couple of the repeaters, which will need a little maintenance to put them in proper working condition. He stated there will also be the need to purchase a repeater for fire purposes. He stated the reason for this back-up being for Emergency Response as he said they already have the trailer and the cost to make those adjustments and purchase that equipment is \$6,200.00. County Manager Poe stated to add to that, the main cost to this is to purchase a new back-up repeater for the Fire Department. He stated they do have a repeater that they can have for the police portion of this thing. He stated based on that, he recommended that they get this funding from the fire fund to pay for putting together and installing this Emergency Communications trailer. Chairman Jennings stated if they recall on their meeting with the Grand Jury there was this concern for not

having a back-up repeater system so this would address at part the communications issue.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to approve funding for setting up an Emergency Response trailer to house two back-up radio repeaters and other communication equipment. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Commissioner Lumsden stated for information that Animal Control will be looking at sending one of their officers to mandate training because of some issues relative to the enforcement of animal control laws. He stated everything is in place to do that, but he wanted to make the Board aware of it. County Manager Poe stated it would most likely be the animal control supervisor/shelter manager that would complete the training. He stated it would require no reclassification of position or no paygrade change, but this person would go through mandate training to be able to handle certain situations with the same powers as a county police officer.

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

a. Request to upgrade HVAC tech and plumber to journeyman status.

Commissioner Fricks stated County Manager Poe would present this item. County Manager Poe stated several years ago they created a journeyman type position for different positions in Facilities Management. He stated one of the criteria was that they were to get a state certification. The state certifies plumbers, HVAC technicians, as well as electricians. He stated one issue is when someone comes to work for the county they are not working directly under a certified electrician, plumber or HVAC technician. Therefore, because they are not working directly under somebody like that, they do not qualify to be able to apply for certification. He stated they can get all the experience, but because they are not working under that kind of person, they would not qualify for certification. Therefore, the request is to change our criteria. He stated mainly that they have the certain number of years of experience and that they demonstrate to the Facilities Management Manager that they have the necessary skills to be considered Journeyman. He stated the two positions they initially did this on were electrician and carpenter. The electrician was a certified electrician. He stated the

state does not certify carpenters, but their carpenter had enough years of service, training, and experience in the skills that would put him into what would normally be considered a journeyman status.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to upgrade the HVAC tech and plumber to journeyman status. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

b. Accept the following roads in Emerald Oaks Subdivision, Phase 1A, and detention pond onto county maintenance:

- 1) **Oak View Drive, NE (317' from station 0+00 to 3+17)**
- 2) **Royal Oak Drive, NE (585' from station 13+91.05 to 19+76.1)**
- 3) **Sleepy Oaks Trail, NE (320' from station 0+00 to 3+19.3)**
- 4) **English Oaks Boulevard, NE (814' from station 0+70 to 8+84)**
- 5) **Emerald Oaks Way. NE (320' from station 0+00 to 3+19.7)**
- 6) **Detention Pond occupying lots 33-36.**

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to accept these roads in the Emerald Oaks Subdivision, Phase 1A onto county maintenance. County Manager Poe stated he would like to mention that it does include the detention pond, and it is only for those sections of the road that they have listed. He stated some of those roads just have portions of them completed. They will be extended or connected to other roads in the future, but they are just taking the portions of the roads that are listed specifically in the letter from the County Engineer. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Mayes, Chairman

No Report.

5. Judicial Services Committee – Commissioner Jennings, Chairman

No Report.

6. Special Committee Reports

- a. **SPLOST Committee (Lumsden)**
- b. **Work Release Committee (Lumsden, Mayes)**
- c. **Fire Overview Committee (Lumsden, Whitefield)**
- d. **Joint Services Committee (Jennings, Whitefield)**
- e. **Joint Development Oversight Committee (Mayes, Whitefield)**

No Special Committee Reports.

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 Fricks made a MOTION to approve the Clerk’s Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

- 1. Self-Service Fuel Application for Ashok A. Patel, North Ridge Stop-N-Shop, 2355 Old Calhoun Road, Rome, Georgia (Convenience Store) (Ownership Change).**

- 2. Malt Beverage Application for Rhonda Ayers, Rhonda's Shopette #10, 581 Chulio Road, Rome, Georgia (Convenience Store – Beer only) (New).**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. APPROVE CAPACITY AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO HOUSE STATE INMATES AT THE FLOYD COUNTY PRISON:**

County Manager Poe stated this is an extension of the current contract with the Department of Corrections. He stated they would continue to board 340 state inmates for the State of Georgia and the term of the Agreement is from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to approve the Capacity Agreement with the Department of Corrections. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

- 2. DISCUSS REQUEST TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 OUT OF JAIL SURCHARGE FUNDS TO INSTALL NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT THE FLOYD COUNTY JAIL:**

County Manager Poe stated the Sheriff has requested that the Board consider authorizing installation of a new phone system at the jail. He stated they have been having a lot of problems with the current system. He stated they looked at going to a Voice Over IP (VOIP) system if they did an improvement, similar to what has been done in the Administration Building and in renovating other county facilities downtown, particularly the District Attorney's Office and at the Historic Courthouse. He stated they looked at the savings and what kind of payback they would have. He stated it will cost roughly \$24,000 for all the equipment installation. They looked at the fact that they could eliminate 22 phone lines that they currently have. With just the phone lines in general they would save \$14.54 per line per month. He stated they went through every phone line they had, figured out where they could cut phone lines or certain services that they had on the phone and came up with a savings of at least \$1,700.00 per month. He stated when they work all that up the payback is actually

going to be in less than a year and a half. He recommended approval to spend \$25,000.00 to put in a new VOIP phone system at the jail and that they use money from the jail surcharge account to do this work.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to accept the Manager's recommendation for the use of Jail Surcharge funds for a new phone system at the Floyd County Jail in the amount of \$25,000.00. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

3. APPROVE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN JONES & GOULDING TO DEVELOP CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE TOWN GREEN SPLOST PROJECT:

County Manager Poe stated as they have been working on this project with the City of Rome, the firm of Jordan Jones & Goulding has been retained to do a lot of the conceptual plans for this project. He stated the feelings were that it would be better to stay with Jordan Jones & Goulding to complete that, and develop a full set of construction plans to move forward with the project. He stated therefore, they did not include that design element in the proposals that they sent out earlier for the parking decks and the actual construction of the Town Green. He stated they have received a consulting agreement from Jordan Jones & Goulding to do the design work in the amount of \$123,100.00. The total budget cost of the Town Green SPLOST is \$1.5 million, so this is a little less than ten percent of the overall cost. He stated they did have Adams Management, as project manager, review the proposal and they felt that the amount requested is reasonable for the work they are asking them to do. County Manager Poe recommended approval of the consulting agreement submitted by Jordan Jones & Goulding in the amount of \$123,100.00.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to approve the Consulting Agreement with Jordan Jones & Goulding for the \$123,100.00 as outlined by the County Manager. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden

" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

**4. DISCUSS COOSA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
HANGAR/CLASSROOM PROJECT:**

County Manager Poe stated in regards to the discussion in Caucus regarding the Hangar/Classroom Building for the Coosa Valley Technical College Aviation and Avionics program, the building would be located at the Richard B. Regional Airport. He stated this involves financing a 30,700' hangar/classroom building to be located at the western end of the closed crosswind runway, with an estimated cost of \$2.3 million. He stated they are requesting approval from the Board to move forward with the project as discussed in Caucus, and that they direct the County Attorney to prepare necessary legal documents for them to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Fricks stated after considering this, he knows the first plan being presented it was going to be the Tebo buildings and then after review by FAA they decided they could not do that. He stated that made that transaction null and void even though they had started proceeding like that. He stated they are saying now until they break ground they will not get a review from FAA if it is going to be acceptable. He asked if they are ordering the building right now, are they subject to have the same thing happen here. County Manager Poe stated nothing is definite. He stated he thinks they feel comfortable with the discussions they have had. He stated it is that way with most federal agencies. Commissioner Fricks stated his question is when they bought the \$370,000 buildings to go toward this project, are they at a better comfort level now than they were then about proceeding. He stated he did not think about this earlier. County Manager Poe stated that he cannot answer that because he was not totally involved in the original concept. He stated he knows in working with the project up to this point, and the way they are looking at placing the building and trying to deal with the through the fence intrusions that FAA has this concern with, he thinks they have come up with the best location to address any concerns that the FAA might have. Chairman Jennings stated he thinks it is the same issue the Atlanta airport faced when they spent billions of dollars on that fifth runway. He stated it was not officially accepted by the FAA until that was pretty well completed. Commissioner Lumsden stated he thinks they have a lot more information to go on at this point than they did back when they first acquired the Tebo building.

County Attorney Manning stated there were a few legal issues that they discussed in Caucus. He stated the Board could instruct him to move forward with those to present to the Commission to formally adopt at a later point and they would not have to take official action today unless they feel it necessary. County Manager Poe stated the County Attorney would come back with those documents and that is when the Board would take official action. Chairman Jennings stated they do not need

a formal motion just the authorization to move forward and asked Commissioner Fricks if he is comfortable with that. Commissioner Fricks stated yes, he just had a concern.

5. AWARD BID FOR SKID STEER LOADERS FOR RECYCLE, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER DEPARTMENT:

County Manger Poe stated they are not going to recommend any action on the skid steer loader for the Recycle Department, but they are for the Public Works Department and the Water Department. He stated they received two bids for skid steer loader with attachments for the Public Works Department. He stated the low bid was from Metrac in the amount of \$56,066.00 and that was within their \$60,000.00 budget. He stated the Water Department also received two bids from the same company. He stated again the low bidder was Metrac and the amount for the Water Department equipment was \$45,916.12. He stated that was almost \$4,000 over the budgeted amount, but he would recommend that they approve the purchase with the assurance from the Water Department Director that they will make up that \$4,000.00 in other equipment purchases they make throughout the year.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to accept the Manager's recommendation concerning the bid award for skid steer loaders for the Public Works and Water Departments. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

6. APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FLOYD COUNTY FOR PLANT MIX RESURFACING OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY PARKING LOT. (PR00-5009-00 (765):

County Manager Poe stated that this is the armory off Wilshire Road. He stated they have been working with them for the past year to assist them in expanding their parking area. He stated they are about to do an addition to their facility. He stated a few years ago, they worked with the DOT and they actually put in a new entrance road off the bypass behind the armory. The DOT has provided a contract where they would cover the actual material cost and the county would provide the

labor and equipment. County Manager Poe recommended approval of the contract as submitted.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to accept the Manager's recommendation concerning the Department of Transportation contract. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

7. APPROVE PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH AN EXISTING GRANT FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL:

County Manager Poe stated this is an application for additional funding through an existing grant from the Children and Youth Coordinating Council. He recommended approval for the application to be submitted for additional funding.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to approve the Purchase of Services for Juvenile Offenders Application. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION BY ROME AREA HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

County Manager Poe stated that last week the Rome Area Heritage Foundation invited him to a meeting, and asked him to host a tour for the Rome Area Heritage Foundation Group through the Administration Building. He stated after the

tour they recognized the Floyd County Board of Commissioners for their efforts in restoring this building. He stated they presented him with a nice plaque, which he accepted on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to put up in the building for the work the Board did in restoring the building. He stated particularly they were all interested in the Board meeting room and he was able to give them a little bit of history about the room. He specifically recognized Robert Noble who was the architect on the project, Berry Construction who was the contractors, and of course, Commissioner Fricks who had a lot to do with the actual selection of paint schemes, curtains, and all the interior design on it. He stated all of those people, as well as the entire Board should be recognized for preserving history in Rome and Floyd County.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No Report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Jennings stated he just wanted to remind the Commissioners they have a follow-up of the Planning Retreat, Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at The Forum He stated the Department Heads would be in the process of learning about creating a strategic plan and goals and ways of measuring the goals for their departments.

Commissioner Mayes stated they should consider another off-site commission meeting. He stated Commissioner Fricks got them started on a tradition about 6-years or so ago. Chairman Jennings stated he thinks their plan was to do that once a quarter. He stated because the clerk has been on medical leave he has not really pushed that point, but hopefully in the June – August quarter they can do that. He stated one of the places he had thought about was the Senior Citizens Center would be good perhaps. He stated then maybe when schools get back in they can choose a school during the regular school year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Whitefield
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

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JERRY JENNINGS, CHAIRMAN