

June 10, 2008

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

OTHERS

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Chad Whitefield, and County Manager Kevin Poe.

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 Lumsden.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Christina Holtzclaw, Disability Link Northwest, stated a Northwest Georgia Public Transportation Focus Group meeting will be held June 18, 2008 at the Rome-Floyd County Library in the Oostanaula Room from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She stated the purpose of the meeting is to find out what kind of public interests there is in public transportation, and get some numbers and statistics. She invited everyone to come.

Chairman Jennings stated this will be an opportunity for everyone to learn and participate in transportation issues for the disabled.

Victoria Vest, stated she is here on behalf of Disability Link where she used to do some volunteer work, and she is a consumer there now. She stated she was been injured in a car wreck a couple of years ago and she has had to change her career. She stated here is a need for countywide transit. She stated there are a lot people that are disabled who live outside the city limits, but work inside the city limits of Rome and need transportation back and forth to work. She stated she thinks it is very important to have the transportation countywide. She stated one way for the RTD to recoup funds is to also run a shuttle service between the mall and the transit center downtown, and between Georgia Highlands and the transit center. She stated she just wanted to stress the importance of the transportation for the general population because she thinks it would help the quality of life here in Rome. She stated she thinks it would benefit a lot of industries, as well as people.

She thinks the funds have already been provided by the federal government and it would take a cooperative effort between the city and county to have the committees make the transportation more affordable and accessible.

Chairman Jennings thanked Ms. Vest for her comments. He stated the commission established a transportation committee that is working on some of the issues that she has addressed, and this focus group at the library will be a good opportunity to learn about the needs that are out there.

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 27, 2008. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER:

The Board presented Employee of the Quarter Awards to Bruce Ledbetter, Floyd County Prison, Joy Peterson, Public Information Officer, and Blaine Williams, Assistant County Manager. Chairman Jennings thanked them for their high level of professionalism, exemplary performance and conscientious service exhibited to the public.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Bill McWhorter, Tax Assessor, made a power point presentation describing an overview of the Tax Assessor's Office operations and functions. Mr. McWhorter also presented information related to the preparation of the Tax Digest and property valuations. Chairman Jennings opened the floor for questions and comments following the presentation. Several citizens in attendance commented about their property valuations and asked Mr. McWhorter questions related to the valuation process.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Whitefield, Chairman

No Report.

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Lumsden, Chairman

No Report.

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Mayes, Chairman

No Report.

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Fricks, 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)

f. Transportation Committee (Whitefield)

There were no Special Committee Reports.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

4/5 Vote Required to add Item #3 & #4

Chairman Jennings called for a motion to add Item #3 and #4 to the agenda. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to add item #3 & #4 to the Clerk's Consent Agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

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

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

1. Tax Refunds:

- a. Buford E. Robinson, 1345 Buttermilk Road, Cave Spring, \$192.63
- 2. Authorize execution of P-Hangar, Quonset Hut and Hangar-Land Leases at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport (see list in folder).**
- 3. Temporary Malt Beverage License, Kristen Funk/Opi's Grille LLC, 7080 New Calhoun Highway. (Beer)**
- 4. Authorize execution of a Location Agreement between Floyd County and M2 Pictures to allow filming of a movie at the Rome-Floyd Law Enforcement Center, 5 Government Plaza.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

**1. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND NORTHWEST
GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE
INMATE WORK CREW:**

Assistant Manager Williams stated this is a request to approve the renewal of the contract with Northwest Georgia Regional to provide an inmate crew.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to Authorize the Execution of the Agreement between Floyd County and Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital to provide an inmate work crew. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

2. AWARD OF BID FOR DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Manager Williams stated this bid comes to them as a single source request for a digital recording system for the Police Department. He stated the recommendation is to accept the bid from DECA, AMR Business Products in the amount of \$13,845.00.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to approve the recommendation to approve the purchase of the digital recording system for the Floyd County Police Department. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

**3. AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR
DCA WATERFIRST COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANT:**

Assistant Manager Williams stated this is to authorize submittal of an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs WaterFirst Community Program. He stated this is a program that is a voluntary partnership between local governments, state agencies, and other organizations to increase the quality of life through the wise management and protection of our water resources. He stated with the designation as a WaterFirst Community, Floyd County would be eligible for technical

assistance from state agencies. Further, there are financial benefits in the form of a reduced interest rate from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, should the county seek additional infrastructure such as water.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to approve and authorize the submittal of the application for a DCA WaterFirst Community Program Grant. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

4/5 VOTE REQUIRED TO ADD ITEM #4

**4. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF FAA GRANT OFFER
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,612.00, FOR RUNWAY
INCURSION MARKINGS-ENHANCED CENTERLINE
MARKINGS AND ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT- AIRFIELD
ELECTRICAL VAULT REPLACEMENT FOR RICHARD
B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT:
(PROJECT NO. 3-13-0098-14-2008)**

Chairman Jennings called for a motion to add this item to the agenda. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to add the item to the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Lumsden. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

Assistant Manager Williams stated Congressman Gingrey recently presented the county with a check from the FAA, in the amount of approximately \$136,000.00, as a grant for two airport improvement projects. He stated that is enhanced taxiway markings and then the upgrade of the electrical vault that dates back to the 1940's that serves the entire airfield. He stated when the bids came in the costs were in excess of the original cost estimates. The FAA has agreed to increase the grant

from \$136,000 to \$151,000 to cover the overrun in cost associated with the taxiway markings. He stated they also see the need for updating the electrical vault, but simply do not have the money in this year's budget to underwrite that overage. He stated what they are asking is if the county would advance \$90,000 toward the completion of that project in this calendar year, they would in turn reimburse us from our annual \$150,000 FAA entitlement next year. He stated this grant is a 95% FAA match, 2.5% state match and 2.5% comes from local funding. He stated after talking with the County Manager and the Finance Director, they believe that there is enough savings in the Capital Equipment budget this year that we would be able to float that \$90,000 for the remainder of this year. He stated they would then treat the \$90,000 as a receivable in next year's budget. He stated the recommendation is to advance the \$90,000 this year, then be reimbursed next year from the FAA entitlement, and authorize the Chairman to execute the FAA grant offer.

Commissioner Lumsden made a MOTION to accept the Assistant Manager's recommendation to Authorization the Execution of the FAA Grant offer. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. CONSIDER VOTE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION:

County Attorney Manning stated he would suggest that the Commission defer a vote to go into Closed Session at this time to discuss pending litigation. He stated that may take place at the next Commission meeting.

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:

Commissioner Fricks
" Lumsden
" Mayes
Chairman Jennings

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

JERRY JENNINGS, CHAIRMAN