



Commissioner Fricks presented Ms. Angie Robinson with a Proclamation recognizing May as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Ms. Robinson introduced members of their Teen Pregnancy Task Force and Peer Group Educators in attendance.

Ms. Regina Ricker, a senior at Rome High School, stated they would like to thank the Board for recognizing them, and to reinforce how vital sexual education is in the schools today. The support of the Board of Commissioners is appreciated.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 162)

#### **RECOGNIZE REVEREND WARREN JONES:**

Commissioner Bagwell presented Reverend Warren Jones with a joint City-County Proclamation recognizing him for his recent designation by the Georgia House of Representatives as Georgia's Distinguished Older Georgian for 2010, and for his service to the citizens of Rome and Floyd County through volunteer service on numerous Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities for more than four decades.

Reverend Jones stated he is experienced and available should they need help with anything. He thanked the Board for this moment of honor and recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 163)

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A PRE-APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY ALONG THE BACK OF SUMMERVILLE PARK. (DEFERRED APRIL, 13 2010)**

County Manager Poe stated they had some discussion during Caucus about the purpose of this grant, how the money would be used, and from where the matching funds would come from. He stated if the Board were to approve this Resolution, it would require a cash match of \$100,000.00. They have worked out a potential proposal with the City of Rome, that the city would pick up half the cash match, and the county would pick up the other half. He stated their was discussion during Caucus that with the way the budgets are, and the way the economy is, would this be a good time to proceed with this project. That being said the matter is before the Board for their consideration.

Commissioner Bagwell stated he has concerns about the \$50,000.00 cash portion that they will have to match to meet the \$100,000.00. He stated county employees are going through furloughs and have not had a raise in two years. Sales taxes are down, and property taxes are not coming in as quickly as they need them to cover cash expenses. He stated he just has grave concerns due to budgetary constraints about committing to this

grant, and trying to come up with that type of money at this point in time. He stated he sees the validity in having a good trail system in the proper places, but the overriding concern, in his mind, is the cash money that the county does not have. They had to borrow \$200,000.00 from the Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority savings account just to fund them this year alone. He stated next year does not look any better. Commissioner Fricks asked what if they went ahead and proceeded with the grant on the basis that the cash match come from the City of Rome. He stated that way the city can choose if they want to process the grant, because this is the last meeting the county has to decide. County Manager Poe stated the city would have to take formal action before the grant could be submitted. Commissioner Fricks asked do they have anything from the city now. County Manager Poe stated they have a memo from the City Manager in regards to splitting the \$100,000.00. He stated that would put the ball in their court, and they would have to do something this week because the paperwork is due April 30, 2010.

Commissioner Bagwell stated if the city is willing to fund the cash portion of the grant, and it is not going to cost the county any money, he would not have a problem with that. He stated he just cannot vote to commit \$50,000.00 of county funds, when he knows we are going to be short. If the city wants to fund it one-hundred percent, that is fine. He asked if they give them that opportunity, does the Commission even have to take any action. County Manager Poe stated the city could pull everything together and submit the grant themselves. Commissioner Fricks asked if the grant is ready to be submitted. Assistant Manager Williams stated it is about seventy-five percent complete. Commissioner Fricks asked would the city have to start over with the application process. Assistant Manager Williams stated not necessarily, but the city would need to have a special called meeting to pass a Resolution. He stated that is one of the things that are required in the process. Commissioner Fricks stated if the county took action, with the city providing the match, they could submit it by the deadline. County Manager Poe stated, or would it be better for them to say they are not moving forward with it. He stated that would still give the city a couple of days to put something together and submit it if they feel like it is important enough. Commissioner Bagwell stated if the county does not take action, then the city can take action on it, and get the ball rolling. County Manager Poe stated they can let the city know that the county is not going to be submitting an application.

No action taken.

#### **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ORCHARD STREET:**

County Manager Poe stated they have before them a Resolution to close a portion of Orchard Street, which is basically a procedural step necessary to close what they call a "paper-platted" street. He stated back before they had subdivision regulations, there was a lot of property that was subdivided, and they dedicated certain portions of the property for future streets. Many of those streets were never built, so all they have is the paper-platted right of way. He stated these people are looking to take control of that piece of property for some real estate transactions. The property owner who fronts on any portion of that street that is officially closed gets half of the right of way. He stated the people who

are moving forward with the request that this road be officially closed and quitclaimed to them are bearing the cost of the advertising that is also required.

Chairman Whitefield called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve the Resolution to Close a Portion of Orchard Street. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

County Manager Poe stated there will be a Public Hearing at the May 11, 2010 meeting to hear any final comments regarding this matter. He stated that will be the last procedural step before this can be finalized.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION/  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GORDON COUNTY/FLOYD  
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING  
THE EXECUTION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN GORDON COUNTY, FLOYD COUNTY  
AND GORDON COUNTY/FLOYD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY:**

Defer.

**FIRST READINGS:  
(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD  
ON MAY 11, 2010 AT 2:00 PM)**

- 1. AMENDMENT TO FLOYD COUNTY CODE §2-18  
RELATED TO WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICE.  
(2010-001A)**

Chairman Whitefield stated the Public Hearing will be held on May 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:  
(FIRST READING HELD  
APRIL 13, 2010)**

- 1. FILE #45-2010SUP, REQUEST SPECIAL  
USE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A**

**COMMUNICATION TOWER IN SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON WELCOME HILL ROAD. ZONING MAP I17X, PARCEL 043. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF ONE TOWER ONLY AND A MINIMUM OF 50-FEET OF MATURE VEGETATION BUFFER. [VOTE: 8-0]):**

Chairman Whitefield declared the Public Hearing open. He asked Ms. Sue Hiller, Planning Department Director, to give a brief overview of this item. Ms. Hiller stated the subject property is located on Welcome Hill Road along Cedartown Highway across from the campus of Georgia Highlands College. She stated the construction of the bypass segment is going on just south of the property. The tower that will be placed on the property is a 50-foot single microwave tower to promote internet access in the area. She stated the applicant was at the Planning Commission meeting, and indicated that with the mature vegetation on the property, he did not feel that the tower would be visible. No one was present to speak in opposition of the project. She stated the Planning Commission recommendation is that they approve this request for one tower only with a minimum of 50-feet of mature vegetation on all property lines. She said the tower has to be a minimum of 50-feet from property lines anyway, but leaving that mature vegetation places fairly important terms of invisibility of the tower from the adjacent properties.

Chairman Whitefield asked if there is anyone who wishes to speak in support of or in opposition of this request. Seeing none, he declared the Public Hearing closed, and called for a motion.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to approve the special use permit on File #45-2010SUP with the conditions of one tower only and a minimum of 50-feet of mature vegetation buffer, as recommended by the Planning Commission. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

No Report.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

**5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Chairman Lumsden, Chairman**

No Report.

**6. Special Committee Reports**

**a. Fire Overview Committee**

**b. Joint Services Committee**

**c. Joint Development Oversight Committee**

**d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee**

There were no Special Committee reports.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Consent Agenda**

Deputy Clerk Jaime Foster stated there are two items on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda that 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 Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**1. Tax Refunds:**

- a. Donald Hubert Anderson, 2821 Kingston Highway NE, \$1,346.58
- b. Mary L. Legler, 1306 Radio Springs Road, \$55.44

**2. Authorize execution of Contract of Employment for Sandra L. McCollum as Wellness Coordinator.**

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND DAVIDSON-SOUTHERN, INC., FOR NORTH FLOYD PARK COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,543.17: (2006 SPLOST) (DEFERRED APRIL 13, 2010)**

County Manager Poe stated they have a request for approval of Change Order No. 5 between Floyd County and Davidson-Southern, Inc., for North Floyd Park Community Center project in the amount of \$7,543.17. This is a 2006 SPLOST project. He stated the change order has been reviewed is submitted for approval.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to approve Change Order No. 5 between Floyd County and Davidson-Southern, in the amount of \$7,543.17, as recommended. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**2. RECOMMENDATION FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND WALKER & WHITESIDE, INC., FOR TAXIWAY "A" LIGHTING PROJECT AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT (GDOT PROJECT NO. AP090-9911-30(115) FLOYD):**

County Manager Poe stated this is a recommendation from the Airport Commission for approval of Change Order #1 between Floyd County and Walker &

Whiteside, Inc., for Taxiway "A" Lighting project at the Richard B. Russell Airport. He stated the contract was set up on quantity basis, and as they have completed the project, some quantities ran over and some ran under. The total amount of the project is looking to be increased by \$31,654.15. He stated there is a cost share on this project between FAA, DOT, and Floyd County. He recommended approval of Change Order #1 as presented.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve Change Order #1 with Walker & Whiteside, Inc. as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell  
" Fricks  
Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**3. RECOMMENDATION FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PACKAGE FOR TAXIWAY "A" LIGHTING PROJECT AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT (GDOT PROJECT NO. AP090-9911-30(115) FLOYD):**

County Manager Poe stated now that the Board has approved the change order with Walker & Whiteside, Inc., that project has been completed, and he recommended that they authorize the Chairman to sign all appropriate documents related to the Contract Closeout Package for this particular Taxiway "A" Lighting project at the Airport.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve the Contract Closeout Package as presented, and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell  
" Fricks  
Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**4. APPROVE UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY FOR ARMUCHEE CONNECTOR**

**PROJECT (2006 SPLOST):**

County Manager Poe stated the Utility Relocation Agreement between Floyd County and Georgia Power is related to the relocation of their facilities that are in conflict with the proposed new construction work on the Armuchee Connector. He stated the total cost will be not to exceed \$166,977.00. They do have money allocated in the budget for the Armuchee Connector to cover this cost.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to approve the Utility Relocation Agreement as recommended by the County Manager. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell  
" Fricks  
Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**5. AWARD OF BID FOR FORKLIFT  
FOR RECYCLING CENTER:**

County Manager Poe stated they have a recommendation for the purchase of a forklift for the Recycling Center. He stated sealed bids were recently accepted, and the recommendation is to purchase a 2010 Doosan D205-5 forklift with the standard warranty, and an additional 60-month power train warranty or 10,000 hours at a total cost of \$23,386.00.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to approve the bid for the purchase of a forklift for the Recycling Center as presented by the County Manager. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell  
" Fricks  
Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

No Report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Whitefield recognized Leadership Rome participants in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

Chairman Whitefield

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**EDDIE LUMSDEN, CHAIRMAN**