

further devaluation of their properties if these homes are allowed to remain in the subdivision.

Ms. Early stated they are concerned about the patients, as well as the property owners. They read in the newspapers and hear on the news of patients not receiving proper care when these hospitals are closed and private health care corporations take over the care of the patients. She stated they wonder are these private corporations employing the best-qualified and caring employees. They have to make a profit in order to remain in this business. She stated these patients deserve the best of care, and their needs are of the utmost importance. There are many children in the subdivision that walk, play, ride bikes, and walk to the school located next to their subdivision. She stated some of the patients might not be used to being in this type of environment. At the hospital, they could be outside, but within a safe, confined, and familiar supervised area. She stated they realize that this was mandated by the US Department of Justice entering into a settlement with the State of Georgia that was executed on October 12, 2010. This resulted in the closing of Georgia Mental State Operated Hospitals with the first to close being Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital. She stated community leaders should study and get input from patient's families, from employees at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, and from the taxpayers. This is affecting subdivisions like Deerfield Estates, Northwoods, Garden Lakes, and other areas throughout the county. She stated putting a health care business in a subdivision, which has a covenant providing a business is not the answer. They ask that any license or permit issued to operate a personal care home at 169 Walenda Drive, or any other location in Deerfield Estates, be rescinded. She thanked the Board for their attention to this matter, and stated she looks forward to working with them to find a solution for the community.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES:**

Chairman Lumsden asked County Attorney Tommy Manning if the minutes were in order. Mr. 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 March 22, 2011. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagwell		
" Fricks		
" Mayes		
" Whitefield		
Chairman Lumsden		

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

PARKINSON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH:

Commissioner Mayes presented Mr. James Trussell, Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association President, with a Proclamation recognizing April as Parkinson Disease Awareness Month. Mr. Trussell stated it is an honor to accept this proclamation on behalf of the Parkinson's disease community of Rome and Floyd County. He stated that eight years ago they established a support group here in Rome. Since that time, they have grown to cover not only the Northwest Georgia area, but also the entire state. He stated the support that the Rome and Floyd County community has given to the Parkinson's disease issue has resulted in an honor that will be bestowed on Floyd County in the fall. The National Parkinson's Foundation has chosen Rome as one of the host cities for the inaugural Moving Day Walk Event. He stated they chose a moving day because Parkinson's affects every part of movement in the human body. They are going to highlight different modalities of movement, as well as a walk to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease on October 22, 2011. He stated Rome was chosen along with Washington, DC and Pittsburgh. If they look at the size of those cities and the size of Rome, it is quite an honor to be a part of that. He thanked the Board for their recognition and support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 190)

DONATE LIFE MONTH:

Commissioner Bagwell presented Ms. Heidi Taylor, donor recipient, with a Proclamation recognizing April as Donate Life Month. Ms. Taylor stated she had a double transplant nine years ago. She stated she would not be here had she not been able to receive this life saving gift. She cannot say thank you enough to the family, and person, who helped her. She stated she feels the best way to do that is to spread awareness and possibly save other lives. She thanked the Board for their support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 191)

RESOLUTIONS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FLOYD COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:

County Manager Kevin Poe stated they were required to update their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to meet the programmatic requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Mitigation Planning Criteria. He stated the plan was submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, which has been reviewed and approved, and in order to complete the process, his Resolution needs to be adopted.

Chairman Lumsden called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Floyd County Multi-

Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell.
VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

**ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
AND ADOPT STATE COURT JUDGES
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS INTO
THE GEORGIA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT
(GJRS) SYSTEM:**

County Manager Poe stated they are working with the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS) regarding the contributions that the county makes into that system for the Juvenile Court Judge. He stated this resolution details how the county handles the Juvenile Court Judge's retirement contributions.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to adopt the Resolution to Approve and Adopt State Court Judges Retirement Contributions into the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS). SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

**FIRST READINGS:
(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
ON APRIL 26, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.)**

- 1. AMEND THE CODE OF FLOYD
COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADD FIRE
REGULATORY PERMIT AND FIRE
DEPARTMENT SERVICE FEES, AND**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE
FEE SCHEDULE BOOK OF FLOYD COUNTY.
(2011-007A)**

- 2. FILE #42-2011SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AGRICULTURE RESIDENTIAL (A-R) ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON LEONARD ROAD. ZONING MAP I18, PARCEL 176. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 9-0]).**

- 3. FILE #43-2011SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AGRICULTURE RESIDENTIAL (A-R) ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON FIRE TOWER ROAD. ZONING MAP N11, PARCEL 018. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 9-0]).**

ULDC TEXT AMENDMENTS

- 1. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 3 AND ARTICLE 4 TO ALLOW KEEPING OF LAYING HENS WITH LIMITATIONS IN SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R), LOW DENSITY TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL (LT-R) AND HIGH DENSITY TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL (HT-R) ZONING DISTRICTS. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: DENY. [VOTE: 9-0]). (2011-003ULDC)**

Chairman Lumsden stated the Public Hearings will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee**

a. Authorize Execution of Third Party Administrator Service Agreement for Workers' Compensation Program (Hewitt, Coleman & Associates, Inc.).

Commissioner Whitefield stated they have a new agreement from their Third Party Administrator, Hewitt, Coleman & Associates, Inc., for the Workers' Compensation Program. He stated they were able to renegotiate the contract, and reduce the fee for provider hospital bill review by 15%, which should be a savings to the county.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to Authorize Execution of the Third Party Administrator Service Agreement for Workers' Compensation Program with Hewitt, Coleman & Associates, Inc. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell

" Fricks

" Mayes

" Whitefield

Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

2. Public Safety Committee

No Report.

3. Public Works Committee

No Report.

4. Water Committee

a. Discuss Recommendation Regarding Water Department Reorganization.

Commissioner Fricks stated this reorganization of the Water Department would effectively create more efficiency in the department, and result in cost savings of the overall salary budget. County Manager Poe stated in the motion, they need to accept the reclassification of positions that were included in the document before them. He stated it lists the position number, the title, the existing paygrade, and the new paygrade. They are also agreeing to eliminate two Water Maintenance Worker positions along with the position upgrades listed.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to approve Reorganization of the Water Department, to accept the reclassification of positions, and abolish two

Water Maintenance Worker positions, as submitted before them. SECOND by Commissioner Whitefield. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)

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

County Clerk Kathy Arp stated there are seven items on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda that have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to approve the Clerk’s Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

1. Tax Refunds:

- a. Wade Alan Hawkins, Jr., 1239 Booger Hollow Road, Lindale, \$166.94
 - b. George Harper, 11 London Lane SE, \$267.15
 - c. ABG Construction, 175 North Edenfield Ridge Drive, \$199.82
 - d. Charles & Rhonda L. Ford, P.O. Box 3296, \$8.41
 - e. Aline Conway, 225 Hatfield Road, \$624.87
 - f. Sidney Van Dyke, 8273 New Calhoun Highway, Adairsville, \$2,210.13
 - g. Billy Timms, 1203 Cave Spring Road, \$555.79
 - h. Mossy Ridge Real Estate, LLC, 175 North Edenfield Ridge Drive, \$214.21
- 2. Approve request by Tax Commissioner Kevin Payne for Purging of Tax Bills from the Floyd County Tax Digest.**
- 3. Authorize execution by Chairman of 2011-2012 ACCG Safety Discount Verification Form.**
- 4. Authorize execution of Contract with Convergent Technologies for Courthouse Security Project.**
- 5. Authorize Resolution concerning Tax Refund for Suzuki Manufacturing of America Corporation and for Other Purposes.**
- 6. Approve Precious Metals License for John Carter Richards, Sr., Coosa Valley Pawn, 6 Shorter Industrial Blvd. (New)**
- 7. Approve Temporary Permit for Malt Beverage License for Alejandro Perez, La Conquista, 3989 Martha Berry Highway. (May 05, 2011).**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. AWARD OF BID FOR TRACTOR WITH BOOM MOWER FOR FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

County Manager Poe stated they recently received sealed bids for the purchase of one tractor with boom mower for the Public Works Department. He stated four bids were received, and the recommendation is that the bid go to the lowest bidder. The lowest bid was received from Cobb County Tractor in the amount of \$62,959.55. He stated this was a budgeted expenditure in their Capital Improvements budget. The budgeted amount was \$85,000.00. He stated they came in well under budget on this purchase.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Award the bid for Tractor with Boom Mower for Public Works to Cobb County Tractor in the amount of \$62,959.55. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH HARRIS CORPORATION CONCERNING P25 DIGITAL PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NETWORK: (2009 SPLOST)

No Action.

3. DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH TUSA CONSULTING SERVICES: (2009 SPLOST)

County Manager Poe stated there will be no action taken on item #2 and item #3. He stated there will be a Called Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to address these two items.

4. DISCUSS AMENDING PRISON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO INCLUDE SECURITY CAMERA UPGRADE AT FLOYD COUNTY PRISON:

County Manager Poe stated during Caucus, they discussed the need to upgrade and improve the security camera system at the Floyd County Prison. He recommended amending the Prison's Capital Improvement budget to include these upgrades, and that their budgeted amount for improvements be amended from \$21,000.00 to \$51,000.00. He stated the additional funding would come through the Jail Surcharge fund, which is a separate account. A portion of the fines and forfeitures collected go specifically go for capital maintenance needs at the Jail and Prison.

Commissioner Whitefield made a MOTION to Amend the Prison's Capital Improvement budget from \$21,000.00 to \$51,000.00. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No Report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Lumsden recognized Leadership Rome participants in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagwell
" Fricks
" Mayes
" Whitefield
Chairman Lumsden

Motion Carried

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