

July 24, 2012

**REGULAR MEETING  
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 24, 2012                      6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**                      Chairman Irwin Bagwell, Commissioners Garry Fricks, and John Mayes.

**OTHERS**

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

**CALL TO  
ORDER:**

Chairman Bagwell 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 Bagwell asked County Attorney Tommy Manning if the minutes were in order. Mr. Manning stated the minutes had been reviewed and were in order. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2012 and the Called Meeting of July 19, 2012. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes.  
VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
"                      Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING 2012  
MILLAGE RATE FOR FLOYD COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION M&O AND  
FLOYD COUNTY GOVERNMENT M&O,  
FIRE PROTECTION AND SOLID WASTE.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Setting the 2012 Millage Rate. He sated the Millage Rates for Floyd County Government will be set at 8.67 mills for Maintenance & Operations (M&O), 1.669 mills for Fire Protection, and .664 mills for Solid Waste. He stated that these rates are the same as the previous year. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**Discussion:** Commissioner Fricks stated that he would like to note that this not only leaves the millage rate the same as last year, but actually reduces the amount of property tax generated. He stated he does not believe that people are aware of that sometimes. County Manager Williams stated the assessed value of the digest decreased by one percent, which is equivalent to about \$220,000.00. Commissioner Fricks stated that everything is staying the same. However, revenues are reducing because of the decrease in the digest. Chairman Bagwell stated they are actually decreasing taxes to the citizens of Floyd County. He stated he believes that is two years in a row. Commissioner Fricks stated it has been consistent since 2008. County Manager Williams stated the millage rate has been consistent, but the digest has declined for the second consecutive year. Chairman Bagwell stated he thinks they are all committed to working with the funds made available. He stated that the Commissioners realize that we are in tight budget times, and we hope for better times.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING  
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT  
FOR 2012 TAX YEAR.**

Chairman Bagwell stated as they discussed in caucus, in order to keep the bill the same from Georgia Power, and pay out the same, the assessment needs to be set at fifty-three (\$.53) cents per foot. County Manager Williams stated there are residents that receive street lighting services. He stated the county is actually just a conduit between Georgia Power and those residents. The assessments go out with the tax bills, though separate from taxes. He stated the county does not realize any revenue from this whatsoever. It is just a pass through cost. He stated the Finance Director has analyzed the cost through the first six months of the year. The expenses are running ahead of revenues. He stated the way to remedy that, so that at the end of the year they are not subsidizing those services, is for the assessment to be raised from fifty-two (\$.52) cents per foot to fifty-three (\$.53) cents per foot. Chairman Bagwell stated that Georgia Power has increased their fee. He stated if Georgia Power had not increased their fee, they would certainly be looking at decreasing that fee.

Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Setting Street Lighting Assessment for 2012 Tax Year at fifty-three (\$.53) cents per foot. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

Chairman Bagwell requested that the Consent Agenda be moved up on the Agenda, before the Chairman's Report. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to move the Consent Agenda as requested by the Chairman. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

### **Consent Agenda**

County Clerk Kathy Arp stated there are five 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 Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

### **1. Tax Refunds:**

- a. Nancy W. Brown, 2013 Booger Hollow Road, Lindale, \$135.37
- b. Edwin Allen & Betty Sitten, 8 Bedford Court, Cartersville, \$143.71

- c. Joe Howell & Jim Howell, 514 Shorter Avenue, \$230.78
  - d. James P. Howell III & Charles Howell, 116 Margo Trail, \$98.80
  - e. Charles Howell & Terrell B. Howell, 514 Shorter Avenue, \$178.57
  - f. David C. Spence, 7 Pine Park , \$9.13
  - g. Time Payment Corp., 16 New England Exec Park, St. 200, Burlington, MA, \$93.25
  - h. John Dempsey & Wife, 5 Bells Ferry Road NE, \$204.63
  - i. Montine Cowan Bartlett, 303 Dodd St NW, \$22.86
2. **Approve Alcoholic Beverage License, Parvaiz Ramzanali, North Ridge Stop N Shop, 2355 Old Calhoun Road, Rome. (Ownership Change, Beer & Wine.)**
  3. **Approve Self-Service Fuel License, Parvaiz Ramzanali, North Ridge Stop N Shop, 2355 Old Calhoun Road, Rome. (Ownership Change.)**
  4. **Authorize Execution by Chairman of FY2013 Agreement for Transportation of the Elderly between Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and Floyd County.**
  5. **Adopt Resolution Amending the Policies and Procedure for Citizen Boards, Committees, Commissions and Authorities of Floyd County, Georgia.**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

**1. Appointments:**

**a. Board of Adjustments.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint Phillip Burkhalter to succeed Ben Harrison, 4-year term to expire September 30, 2015. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**b. Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Board of Directors.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Reappoint Mark Eubanks, 1-year term to expire September 08, 2012. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks

" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**c. Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint Sonya Blankenship to succeed Kelvin Ratliff, 5-year term to expire June 30, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**d. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Reappoint Charles Jackson and Ronnie Kilgo, 5-year term to expire August 20, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

- a. **Recommendation to accept Gowen Drive, SW and Detention Ponds located on Lot 17 (Pond “B”) and Lot 27 (Pond “A”) within the Kingswood Estates Subdivision, onto county maintenance.**

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to accept Gowen Drive, SW and Detention Ponds located on Lot 17 (Pond “B”) and Lot 27 (Pond “A”) within Kingswood Estates Subdivision, onto county maintenance. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

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

No Report.

**5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Commissioner Lumsden**

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.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- 1. **RECOMMENDATION FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 26 BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND LPA GROUP, INC., FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN UPDATE FOR RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL**

**AIRPORT.**

County Manager Williams stated the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has recently updated the requirements for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). He stated that the county is required to comply with the EPD standards. He stated the Airport Commission has recommended approval of Work Authorization No. 26 with The LPA Group, Inc., to update the existing SWPPP for the airport at a cost of \$7,475.00. He recommended approving the work authorization with the LPA Group, Inc.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Authorize Work Authorization No. 26 between Floyd County and The LPA Group, Inc., for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Update for Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**2. RECOMMENDATION FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1 BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND LONG FENCE COMPANY, INC., FOR RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT FENCING PROJECT. [GDOT PROJECT NO. AP011-9017-34(115)]**

County Manager Williams stated they received federal grant money to put a fence around the southern perimeter of the airport. He stated the purpose of that fence is to keep both humans and wildlife off the runways due to safety issues. It has been a successful project. He stated there was so much fence involved that they bid it out by quantities. This change order reflects the actual fence that was installed, versus what the estimated quantities were. He stated this would be a decrease of \$6,042.76 from the original contract price. He recommended approving the change order with Long Fence Company, Inc.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Authorize Execution of Change Order #1 between Floyd County and Long Fence Company, Inc., for Richard B. Russell Regional Airport Fencing Project, for a

decrease of \$6,042.76 in the total contract price. [GDOT Project No. AP011-9017-34(115)]. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**3. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION  
OF CHANGE ORDER 005 TO THE  
SYSTEM PURCHASE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND  
HARRIS CORPORATION THROUGH  
ITS RF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.  
(2009 SPLOST PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT)**

County Manager Williams stated this relates to the countywide Public Safety Communications System, and the contract with Harris Corporation. He stated they are approaching the build-out of all of the sites. The equipment installation is underway. He stated they had previously thought that we would be on the meter with Oglethorpe Power at the Rocky Mountain site, but Oglethorpe Power advised that the county should have a separate meter. We have installed a transformer, and make some electrical improvements there, which were not originally contemplated in the contract. He stated that Change Order 005 would be an additive change order of \$58,521.00. He stated we are carrying credits from previous deductive change orders, and the current credit amount is \$277,000.00. If Change Order 005 is approved this would leave a credit balance of \$218,937.00. He recommended approving the change order with Harris Corporation.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Change Order 005 to the System Purchase Contract between Floyd County and Harris Corporation. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Bagwell recognized Junior Service League members in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Fricks  
" Mayes  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN**