

September 10, 2013

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 10, 2013 2:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Manager Jamie McCord, County Attorney Tommy Manning, County Clerk Kathy Arp, and Assistant County Manager Noah Simon.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Larry Maxey.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bagwell called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Mayes led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Wallace made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Caucus and Regular Meeting of August 27, 2013. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH:

Commissioner Mayes presented Mr. Tim Herrington, Assistant EMA Director, with a Proclamation recognizing September 2013 as National Preparedness Month. Mr. Herrington stated they would be hosting a Preparedness Expo on September 19, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Georgia Northwestern Technical College. WSB TV's Ross Cavitt will be the Master of Ceremonies. He stated they will have a lot of emergency preparedness information for individuals and families. He encouraged the community to come out and participate. He thanked the Board for their support and recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 32)

CONSTITUTION WEEK:

Commissioner Wallace presented Ms. Mary McGuffey with a Joint City-County Proclamation recognizing September 17 through September 23, 2013 as Constitution Week. Ms. McGuffey stated that on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution Xavier Chapter, she would like to thank the Board for promoting September 17 through September 23, 2013 as Constitution Week. She thanked the Board for the recognition of Constitution Week and their support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 33)

FIRST READINGS:

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AT 6:00 PM)**

Special Use Permits

- 1. FILE #92-2013SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW PERSONAL CARE HOME FOR SIX (6) PERSONS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON WARD MOUNTAIN ROAD. TAX MAP M13, PARCEL 198. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH CONDITION THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CARED FOR IN THE HOME NOT EXCEED SIX (6) [VOTE: 7-0]).**

- 2. FILE #93-2013SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MONOPOLE COMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON NEW ROSEDALE ROAD AT GRANT ROAD, ARMUCHEE. TAX MAP K07, PARCEL 043. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE [VOTE: 7-0]).**

Chairman Bagwell stated the Public Hearings on these items would be held on September 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments:

a. Animal Control Welfare Board.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Reappoint Christina Bucher, who is currently serving as a hold-over appointee, to the Animal Control Welfare Board for a 3-year term, Post 5, to expire September 30, 2014. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Mayes
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

b. Department of Family & Children Services.

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint Ojilvia Lom to the Department of Family & Children Services for a 5-year term, to expire on June 30, 2018, to succeed Debbie Burnett. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Mayes
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

c. Floyd County Library/Sara Hightower Regional Library Board.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Appoint Larry Hestely to the Floyd County Library/Sara Hightower Regional Library Board, to fill the hold-over slot currently occupied by Ralph White for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

d. The Forum Civic Center Citizens Advisory Board.

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint Chris Barbieri to The Forum Civic Center Citizens Advisory Board Post 5 to fill the hold-over slot currently occupied by Dean Covington, for a 3-year term to expire on August 30, 2014. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Appoint Jim Mehaffey to The Forum Civic Center Citizens Advisory Board Post 6 to fill the hold-over slot currently occupied by Mary McGuffey, for a 3-year term to expire on August 30, 2014. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

e. Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study (FRUTS) Citizens Advisory Committee.

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint Ralph White to the Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study (FRUTS) Citizens Advisory Committee to fill the hold-over slot currently occupied by David Wright which term expires

December 31, 2013, and a 2-year term to expire on December 31, 2015. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Mayes
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

a. Adopt Resolution adopting a Revised Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013 funds of Floyd County. (Deferred August 27, 2013)

Commissioner Fricks asked County Manager McCord to review the Administrative/Finance Committee items. County Manager McCord stated the revised budget was discussed in Caucus. He stated the net effect on the General Fund is a revenue reduction of about \$227,000.00 between prior year taxes, motor vehicle taxes, and the TAVT (Title Ad Valorem Tax) adjustment that took effect in March. He stated there are also some expenditure increases in a couple of line items, specifically for Public Works for additional paving. He stated the expenditure increase would cover the county's portion of the match for the LMIG program, and funding for other potential projects.

Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Adopting a Revised Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013 funds of Floyd County. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Mayes
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

b. Adopt Resolution Approving and Authorizing Employee Health Insurance Rates effective October 01, 2013.

County Manager McCord stated there are four tiers of insurance coverage. Staff is recommending a five percent increase to premiums for individual employee coverage, with a ten percent increase to the other three categories, which are employee/spouse, employee/child, and family coverage. He stated the increase is primarily due to some missed billing for claims that occurred in 2011 and 2012 in an approximate amount of \$600,000.00. He stated the amount was actually paid by Blue Cross Blue Shield, but the county was never billed. He stated that had Blue Cross Blue Shield billed the county at that time, the county would have probably already faced a rate increase. He stated that two budget cycles have closed since this happened. He stated it is a difficult situation to deal with, especially with having to increase the cost to employees. However, the county is increasing their part as well in order to keep the fund balance on schedule, and help get the county where it needs to be to sustain the insurance fund and the health insurance. He stated we have gone two years without an increase. It was a tough decision to make when any increase is significant in these times. He stated they felt that they did not have much of an option due to the fact that we were caught off guard by the billing error. He stated there would be no changes to the current insurance plan, and deductibles will not start over until January 1, 2014. However, the rate increase will go into effect October 1, 2013.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Approving and Authorizing Employee Health Insurance Rates effective October 01, 2013. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Mayes
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Mayes, Chairman

No Report.

3. Public Works Committee – Chairman Bagwell, Chairman

No Report.

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Maxey, Chairman

No Report.

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Commissioner Wallace

No Report.

6. Special Committee Reports

a. Fire Overview Committee – Commissioners Fricks and Mayes

b. Joint Services Committee – Chairman Bagwell and Commissioner Fricks

c. Joint Development Oversight Committee – Chairman Bagwell and Commissioner Fricks

d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee – Chairman Bagwell and Commissioner Fricks

e. SPLOST Committee – Commissioner Wallace

There were no Special Committee Reports.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

County Clerk Kathy Arp stated there are eight items on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda, which have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of items submitted under the Clerk’s Consent. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

1. Tax Refunds:

a. Fran Bagley, 49 Bellemont Dr SW, \$40.93

2. Request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner’s Roll, and that the taxes be relieved from the books, as outlined in

the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated September 03, 2013, in the amount of \$7,818.77

3. **Approve Alcoholic Beverage License, Natanael M. Ruiz, El Agave Restaurant, 3349 Martha Berry Highway, Rome. (New – Beer & Wine)**
4. **Quit Claim Deed between Floyd County and Marks, LLC, related to taxes for property located on what is commonly known as 7 Duke Street, Cothransboro Subdivision, and identified as Tax Map J130, Parcel 094.**
5. **Quit Claim Deed between Floyd County and Marks, LLC, related to taxes for property located on what is commonly known as 301 Waters Street, and identified as Tax Map J13P, Parcel 190.**
6. **Georgia Emergency Management Agency Statement of Subgrant Award (GEMA Project ID: OEM13-059, Federal Award Number CFDA #: 97.042) and the FY13 Performance Partnership Agreement between Georgia Emergency Management Agency Department of Homeland Security and Floyd County Emergency Management Agency.**
7. **Agreement between Floyd County and New World Communications of Atlanta, Inc., on behalf of its television station WAGA, for Webcam location at Emergency Operations Center, 409 East 12th Street, Rome, Georgia.**
8. **Intergovernmental Agreement regarding conveyance of UHF Portable Radios between Floyd County, Georgia and Floyd County Board of Education.**

MANAGER’S REPORT:

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

September 10, 2013 12:30 PM

Present: Chairman Irwin Bagwell, Commissioners Garry Fricks, John Mayes and Rhonda Wallace, County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant County Manager Noah Simon, County Clerk Kathy Arp, County Attorney Tommy Manning, and Comptroller/Finance Director Gary Burkhalter.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Larry Maxey.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of September 10, 2013.

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IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN