



Commissioner Fricks presented Floyd County Emergency Management Acting Director Tim Herrington with a Proclamation recognizing February 03 – February 07, 2014 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Mr. Herrington reviewed events scheduled for each day of the week in which they will be providing the public with pertinent information on properly preparing for emergencies. He stated they would be conducting an actual statewide tornado drill while covering Tornado Safety on Wednesday. He thanked the Board for their support and recognition.

County Manager McCord stated he would like to compliment Mr. Herrington and the Emergency Management staff, Public Works Director Michael Skeen and the Public Works crews, and Police Chief Bill Shiflett and his officers, for their dedication during the unexpected snowstorm that came through last week. He stated they were dealing with a tough situation Tuesday evening with children being stuck and unable to get home from school. He stated that between 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm all the children were delivered home safely. The Floyd County School Board was extremely appreciative, and sent a very big thank you to all Floyd County forces that helped. He stated even though this was an unexpected situation, these guys did their job and took care of business. Chairman Bagwell stated Public Safety is a big umbrella with lots of very intelligent, dedicated personnel. He stated the Board appreciates what they do every day, not just during emergencies.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 39)

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT A CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLE (2010 FORD ESCAPE, VIN #1FMCU4K3XAKD01585) FROM THE STATE LAW REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF A DECAL OR SEAL IDENTIFYING THE COUNTY ON SAID VEHICLE.**

Chairman Bagwell stated this resolution exempts County Manager McCord from the requirement of displaying a county decal on his county-owned vehicle.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to exempt a certain county-owned vehicle (2010 For Escape, VIN #1FMCU4K3XAKD01585) from the state law requiring the placement of a decal or seal identifying the county on said vehicle. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks  
 " Mayes  
 " Maxey  
 Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**2. ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING  
 2014 QUALIFYING FEES FOR THOSE  
 COUNTY OFFICES THAT WILL APPEAR  
 ON THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND/OR  
 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR  
 2014.**

Chairman Bagwell stated the Qualifying Fees are as follows:

**2014 QUALIFYING FEES**

<u>County Office</u>	<u>2013 Salary</u>	<u>FEE</u>
<b>Floyd County Board of Education</b>		(3% of Gross
Salary)		
<b>District 1</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>
<b>Floyd County Commissioner</b>		(3% of Base
Salary)		
<b>Post 1</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 216.00</b>
<b>Post 4</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 216.00</b>
<b>Post 5</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 216.00</b>
		(3% of Gross
<b>Juvenile Court Judge</b>	<b>\$ 106,590.38</b>	<b>\$ 3,297.71</b>
Salary)		

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution Setting 2014 Qualifying Fees for those county offices that will appear on the General Primary and/or General Election Ballot for 2014. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace  
 " Fricks  
 " Mayes  
 " Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**3. ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR  
DECLARATION OF INTENT  
TO REIMBURSE COSTS OF  
SPLOST PROJECTS  
(2013 SPLOST).**

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Mayes made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution for Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Costs of SPLOST Projects. (2013 SPLOST) SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

" Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM  
ANY PERSONS WISHING TO BE  
HEARD ON THE PROPOSED  
FY2014 BUDGET.**

Chairman Bagwell declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak regarding the FY2014 Budget.

**Amanda Edgins, Highland Rivers Women's Outreach resident,** stated she came to speak to the Board today about what the program has done for her and her life, and how it saved her. She stated any help that they can continue to give Women's Outreach, any funding, would be greatly appreciated. She stated Women's Outreach has saved, and will continue to save many lives. She asked the Board to see fit to continue funding, and possibly extend more funding. She thanked the Board for their time.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**1. Appointment of Commissioners to various Committees.**

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Approve appointments to the various committees for the year 2014, as presented in the list prepared by the County Clerk. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

" Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

### **2014 Board of Commissioners Appointments**

#### **Chairman Irwin Bagwell**

Fire Overview Committee

Joint Services Committee

Public Safety Committee (Chairman)

Rome-Floyd County Development Authority

2013 SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Transportation Police Committee (TPC)

Work Release Committee

#### **Vice-Chairman Larry Maxey**

Floyd County Library/Sara Hightower Regional Library Board of Trustees

Greater Rome Convention & Visitors Bureau

Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority

Rome-Floyd Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

Water Committee (Chairman)

Work Release Committee

#### **Commissioner Garry Fricks**

Administrative & Finance Committee (Chairman)

Airport Commission/Avionics Program

Fire Overview Committee

Joint Development Oversight Committee (Building Inspection)

Joint Services Committee

Rome-Floyd Solid Waste Committee

2013 SPLOST Project Overview Committee

**Commissioner John Mayes**

Alcohol Control Commission  
Animal Control Board  
Department of Family & Children Services  
Gordon County-Floyd County Joint Development Authority  
Hospital Authority of Floyd County  
Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful  
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Council  
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Council of Chief Elected Officials

**Commissioner Rhonda Wallace**

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)  
Floyd County Board of Health  
Highland Rivers Community Service Board  
Joint Development Oversight Committee (Building Inspection)\  
Public Works Committee (Chairman)  
Rolling Hills RC&D Council  
Rome-Floyd Commission on Children & Youth  
Rome-Floyd Solid Waste Commission  
The Forum Civic Center Advisory Board

**2. Highway 411 & Interstate 75.**

Chairman Bagwell stated that during Caucus the Board discussed mailing a letter of support for the Highway 411 and Interstate 75 interchange in Bartow County. He stated he believes the intent was to authorize the Chairman to sign a joint letter of support to that effect.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Authorize the Chairman to sign a Joint Letter of Support from Floyd County, the City of Rome, the City of Cartersville, Bartow County and their respective Chambers of Commerce supporting the Highway 411 and Interstate 75 interchange. SECOND by Commissioner Mayes. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace  
" Fricks  
" Mayes  
" Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

**3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Wallace, 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 – Chairman Bagwell & Commissioner Fricks**

**b. Joint Services Committee – Chairman Bagwell & Commissioner Fricks**

**c. Joint Development Oversight Committee – Commissioners Fricks & Wallace**

**d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee – Commissioners Fricks & Wallace**

**e. 2013 SPLOST Project Overview Committee – Chairman Bagwell & Commissioner Fricks**

There were no Special Committee Reports.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Consent Agenda**

**Adopt Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of**

**Items Submitted Under the Clerk’s Consent Agenda:**

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

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

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace  
" Fricks  
" Mayes  
" Maxey  
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

- 1. Revised list of Surplus Weapons Confiscated by the Floyd County Police Department as shown on attached Exhibit “A” and authorize sale of same to licensed dealers by approved method.**
- 2. Fourth Amendment to Building Lease Agreement between Floyd County and Redmond Park Hospital, LLC d/b/a Redmond Regional Medical Center, Emergency Services Department, at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.**

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE FLOYD COUNTY FY2014 BUDGET.**

County Manager McCord stated he believes that they have put together a good budget and would like to review a few trends that the county has been experiencing. He stated that expenditures have exceeded revenues in three of the last four years. He stated it would have been four for four if not for the refinancing of a bond in 2012. He stated the bond refinance was a one-time thing that made 2012 look better in comparison to the other three years. He stated General Fund expenditures were trending upward from 2008, but the staff and Department Heads have done an excellent job in getting expenditures to a more acceptable level to try to match the loss of revenues. He stated that the recommended fund balance has fallen below the 35% recommendation three of the last four years, which again is due to several factors. He stated assessed values have decreased, or remained flat since 2009. The total debt has increased primarily due to the Third Avenue parking deck

construction and Town Greene joint projects with the City of Rome, as well as some avionics debt. He stated the lease purchase debt has decreased, which is one positive. The Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) steadily decreased from 1989 to 2006. He stated in 2006, this seventeen-year trend ended with a serious dip in the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) affecting the budget. He believes another thing worth mentioning is interest earned. He stated interest peaked in 2006 when the county was able to earn \$650,000.00 in interest on accounts and cash that was in the bank. He stated in 2013 interest earned was \$21,000.00, with the maximum in the last five years being \$27,000.00. He stated the budget as submitted does reflect a General Fund Balance of \$1,329,835.00. The balance includes a \$50,000.00 reduction to the Sara Hightower Library, and a \$100,000.00 reduction to the Parks & Recreation Authority.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Adoption of the Floyd County FY2014 Budget.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Wallace noted that the budget, as presented, includes the 1% raise for all employees with a \$500.00 increase for certain employees. County Manager McCord stated county employees have been asked to do more with less for several years. He stated we are at a point where we do need to recognize the employees to let them know that they are appreciated. Chairman Bagwell stated he would like to add that this is the second year in a row that employees have been given a pay increase. He stated they have also included six vehicles each for the Sheriff's Department and the Police Department in the budget. He stated as County Manager McCord mentioned, departments are doing the same or more with less employees, and he feels that every department should be commended for the jobs that they are doing. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Mayes		
" Maxey		
Chairman Bagwell		

Motion Carried

Commissioner Fricks stated County Manager McCord has learned about five years' worth of experience in the first six months as County Manager in dealing with SPLOST, storms, budget, and such. He stated the Board appreciates everything the manager has done on behalf of the Board. County Manager McCord thanked the Board. He stated he appreciates the support from the Board as well as the staff. Chairman Bagwell stated they appreciate his dedication and hard work. He stated that he believes the Commissioners made a good choice in choosing a new county manager. He stated that he hears nothing but good news coming from people in day-to-day operations.

**2. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION  
BY CHAIRMAN OF DOCUMENTS  
RELATED TO FY2014 APPLICATION  
FOR GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION GATEWAY  
GRANT.**

County Manager McCord stated this grant is something that the county has done in the past. He stated the GATEway Grant relates to beautification around the Welcome to Rome and Floyd County signs that are placed throughout the county. He stated they met with Public Works Director Michael Skeen, Planning Director Sue Hiller, and their Transportation Planner to come up with a project for some beautification and tree planting along US 27 south and the bypass. He stated the Georgia Department of Transportation GATEway Grant application is in the amount of \$50,000.00, and if awarded will be used for tree planting at the interchange of the newly completed South Rome Bypass. He stated the grant is 100% funding, but the county would responsible for the maintenance and upkeep.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution by Chairman of documents related to FY2014 Application for Georgia Department of Transportation GATEway Grant. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

" Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

County Manager McCord stated that he would like to comment on the snow, ice, and other issues that they have dealt with the past few days. He stated the call volume was extremely high. He stated over 900 calls were received Tuesday between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm with another 500 calls coming in after 4:00 pm, totaling 1,400 calls for the day. The call volume generally averages 600 to 800 calls per day. He stated there were approximately 294 accidents that were reported. He stated he would like to compliment the Public Safety staff across the board including Acting Emergency Management Director Tim Herrington, Public Works Director Michael Skeen, Police Chief Bill Shiflett, as well as Facilities Manager

Ryan Davis for getting the facilities open, running, and addressing a few issues such as frozen pipes. He stated he would like to commend the staff and what they did to get everyone home safely.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Mayes

" Maxey

Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN**

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CAUCUS**

**January 31, 2014 12:00 PM**

Present: Chairman Irwin Bagwell, Vice-Chairman Larry Maxey, 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.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for meeting of January 31, 2014.

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN**