

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 14, 2014 2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Irwin Bagwell, Vice-Chairman Larry Maxey, Commissioners Garry Fricks, and Rhonda Wallace.

OTHERS

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

ABSENT: Commissioner John Mayes.

CALL TO

ORDER: Chairman Bagwell called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Maxey 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 Maxey made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Caucus and Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS:

Chairman Bagwell stated a Proclamation recognizing October 2014 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month will be entered into the minutes.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 63)

RED RIBBON WEEK:

Commissioner Fricks presented Annette Morris, Floyd Against Drugs and Angie Robinson, the Georgia Council on Alcohol and Drugs, with a Joint Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing October 23 – 31, 2014 as Red Ribbon Week.

Ms. Morris stated Red Ribbon Week is a national recognition because our country has realized the toll that drugs are making on our communities. She thanked Floyd County and the City of Rome stating they appreciate all that the governments do to support the fight against drug abuse.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 64)

FIRST READINGS:

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
ON OCTOBER 28, 2014 AT 6:00 PM)**

REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

1. FILE #102-2014SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A SOLAR FARM ON PROPERTY ON ALABAMA

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**HIGHWAY. TAX MAP F13Z, PARCEL 202.
SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R). (PLANNING
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE CONDITIONED ON A PLAT BEING
PREPARED AND RECORDED; AND THAT
NATURAL VEGETATION BE PRESERVED
AS A BUFFER ON NORTH, SOUTH, AND
EAST SIDES. [VOTE: 6-0]).**

Chairman Bagwell stated Public Hearings would be held on these items on October 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments:

a. Animal Control and Welfare Board.

Chairman Bagwell made a MOTION to Appoint John Lowrey to succeed Christina Bucher on the Animal Control and Welfare Board, for a 3-year term to expire September 30, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace	
" Fricks	
" 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. Floyd County Library Board – Commissioner Maxey

No Report.

7. Special Committee Reports

a. Fire Overview Committee – Chairman Bagwell & Commissioner Fricks

No Report.

b. Joint Services Committee – Chairman Bagwell & Commissioner Fricks

No Report.

c. Joint Development Oversight Committee – Commissioners Fricks & Wallace

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No Report.

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

No Report.

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

County Manager McCord stated that the SPLOST Project Overview Committee had met two weeks ago to discuss projects and funds. He stated the committee reviewed the cash flow scenarios of projects on the approved 2014 SPLOST Budget. As part of that, at least for the interim period, they are moving the land purchases toward the end of the SPLOST collections. He stated they are also looking at potential alternate funding for the Everett Springs Waterline Extension project. He stated that Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) funding is available for SPLOST projects. He stated he has had some initial conversations with GEFA, and staff will continue to explore that as a way for their cash flows to get them through the life of this project. He stated staff would continue to explore this process as they move forward.

Commissioner Fricks stated in working on that, the committee sent various scenarios to the rest of the Board to review. He stated he knows that this does not require action, but he asked if everyone was on board moving forward with the scenario that was presented. County Manager McCord stated that he has not received any objections to what they submitted. He stated he could follow up and speak with everyone individually unless anyone has an objection today. He stated they presented four scenarios. One scenario was to start every project as soon as possible. He stated another option was trying to cash flow the Everett Springs project through the water fund, but they do not have enough cash on hand to do that. The third scenario was moving land purchases down in order to move some things into the future. He stated they might be in a position in six months, a year, two years, or three years where land for economic development may be of importance to them, which is a total of eight million dollars. At that point, it would have to change or they would need to seek alternate funding. He stated he would be sure to meet and speak with everyone regarding that. Commissioner Fricks stated that would give him a bit of guidance, start times on different projects, etc.

Chairman Bagwell stated they have started one SPLOST project, which is the Jail Controls Project. He asked County Manager McCord how that project is coming along. County Manager McCord stated the project is well underway. He stated most of the work that has taken place to this point was done offsite, at the contractor's shop. He added that the contract should be mobilized and ready to start installation of the jail controls. He stated they have a process together for the perimeter lighting that they should be able to process this year. They are also working on the preliminary work for their elevator installation project as well. He stated they do have a purchase agreement with an individual on North Avenue for the Animal Control site. Environmental surveys are currently being done. He stated they hope to hear something later this week to provide an update at the next meeting.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Fricks & Maxey

No Report.

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 is one item on the Clerk's Consent Agenda, which has been reviewed, and is submitted for approval.

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

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- 1. Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) FY2014 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Floyd County Police Department EOD Canine Program. (GAN #EMW-2014-SS-00092-S01, Budget Worksheet #3135/SHO14-090).**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF BID FOR DUCTILE PIPE AND GASKETS FOR THE RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT SEWER PROJECT.**

County Manager McCord stated the award of bid is for both 8" and 12" iron pipe and gaskets for the ARC Grant project at the airport. He stated four bids were received, with the low bid being from HD Supply Waterworks, Athens, Georgia, in the amount of \$29,622.80.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Award of Bid for Ductile Pipe and Gaskets for the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport Sewer Project to HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$29,622.80. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES	NO
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Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

- 2. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF BID AND EXECUTION OF SALES AGREEMENT FOR VMWARE SERVERS, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING.**

County Manager McCord stated this is a capital budget item to upgrade the countywide mainframe servers housed for all Floyd County operations. He stated seven proposals were received and reviewed by a committee. The best solution to upgrade the servers was from A3 Communications, Inc., which was also the lowest bid, submitted at a base amount of \$99,407.00. The committee recommended adding an additional \$5,000.00 to upgrade the service response time from next business day to a four-hour response time. He stated the total price, with recommendation from the committee, is \$99,712.91. The funds were budgeted in the FY2014 Capital Budget. He stated \$125,000.00 was budgeted for that project. There will be additional items necessary after converting to the new servers and the new system.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Award of Bid and Execution of Sales Agreement with A3 Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$99,712.91 for VMware Servers, Installation and Training. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES	NO
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Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

- 3. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND HORIZON AVIATION SERVICES, LLC, FOR BUILDING/OFFICE AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

County Manager McCord stated if the agreement were approved, Horizon Aviation Services

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would be operating a commercial flight school and other aviation related services at Richard B. Russell Airport. He stated they would be housing a Cessna 172 aircraft in the big hangar, Hangar 700, and operating seven days a week, 364 days a year. This would be beneficial to the airport in the fact that there would be additional fuel sales, office rental revenue, along with housing and registration of the airplane within Floyd County. He stated the Airport Commission did approve this at their September meeting. He recommended approval of the proposed lease agreement with Horizon Aviation Services, LLC, to operate as a flight school and other aviation related services at the airport.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Fricks made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of a Lease Agreement between Floyd County and Horizon Aviation Services, LLC, for Building/Office at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

4. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AWARD OF BID FOR VAN FOR FLOYD COUNTY PRISON.

County Manager McCord stated bids were received on October 09, 2014 for a 16-passenger van for the Floyd County Prison. He stated this vehicle would be a replacement for a van that was totaled in an accident in March of this year. He stated that the low bid did not meet specifications because it was for a used vehicle and the specifications called for a new vehicle. The low bid meeting specifications was from Langdale Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,530.00. He stated the second low bid meeting specifications was received from Prater Ford in the amount of \$26,768.00. Staff is recommending the Prater Ford bid for a couple of reasons. He stated the delivery time is much shorter, one to two weeks, and this would keep their fleet consistent as they primarily have Ford vans in their fleet. The Purchasing Department agreed with the recommendation from the prison following their review. He stated the total amount from the insurance payment would be \$11,000.00, with the remaining balance of \$15,768.00 coming from the Floyd County Prison capital budget.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Award of Bid to Prater Ford for a 2014 Ford XL Super Duty Wagon, in the amount of \$26,768.00, for the Floyd County Prison. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

- 5. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND NORTH GEORGIA CONSULTING GROUP, LLC, FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.**

Defer.

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER 002 BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY, THE CITY OF ROME AND RESTOCON CORPORATION FOR SIXTH AVENUE (LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER) PARKING DECK REPAIRS

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County Manager McCord stated that while reviewing punch list items, a problem was found in an area where a joint had failed after the majority of the repair work was completed on the parking deck. He stated in investigating it was determined that additional shear connectors were needed in this area to help transfer the load between the "T" beams and the slab. These items were originally identified and recommended by the structural engineer though this was a lower priority at the time on some of the work that had been done. He stated we really do have a much-improved parking deck. It is much cleaner, much safer, and it is drier with the exception of this one area. He stated the change order, in the amount of \$10,125.00, would be split with the city and county each paying one-half of the costs. He stated it would be an additional forty-three days of construction and scheduling to allow time to complete the work. This project is funded in the capital budget, and the costs would be within budget.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of Change Order 002 between Floyd County, the City of Rome and Restocon Corporation for Sixth Avenue (Law Enforcement Center) Parking Deck Repairs. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

**7. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
AND AUTHORIZE FY2014 REVISED
BUDGET.**

County Manager McCord stated this is the second budget revision of 2014. He stated there are a couple of items that they need to clean up as they head into the end of the year. He presented highlights of some of the items being revised. He stated the first item would be an increase in Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) that is coming in. We have one full year of that tax on the books, and have obtained some trending information. He stated staff was a little conservative on projections, and it is definitely a good thing that the taxes are coming in a bit above what they projected. He stated there are only some minor revisions on the expenditure side of the General Fund. In Superior Court, they had a FICA amount go down in one courtroom and up in another. He stated the single biggest item in the General Fund would be the Sheriff's Office. In 2012, they had four frozen positions. He stated the Board agreed to unfreeze two positions in 2013, and two positions in 2014. The two positions in 2014 were not accounted for in the original budget. He stated the positions were authorized and filled, but were not included in the budget due to a communication issue that they have been working to rectify going forward for this year's budget. He stated there are some expenditures on the 2006 SPLOST fund with the tennis court project that would be going to the Tennis Center of Georgia, and a condemnation issue with the Shorter Avenue and Redmond Road intersection. He stated both of those are City of Rome SPLOST projects and additional expenditures that were not budgeted in 2014. The Recycling fund would be another area to highlight where they have had a decrease in some material sales for several reasons. He stated the market is lagging in 2014, which happens periodically. Fortunately, we do have a fund balance for this, and that it is what that fund balance was built up for. He stated there were some fires that cost them not only down time in order to process material, but also added some disposal fees that they had to deal with. That was kind of a double hit where we were having to dispose of material, as well as not being able to sort it and send it out at a lesser rate. He stated they would be increasing the use of that fund balance for 2014. He stated those are the major highlights, and he would be glad to answer any questions the Board might have.

Chairman Bagwell stated it was discussed in Caucus that there was an increase in the E911 budget. He stated they had to purchase some software at a cost of \$142,000.00. County Manager McCord stated there is a need to upgrade the equipment in the E911 Department. Some of that would move them toward a 'smart' E911 center where they can receive messages via text and email. He stated someone would be able to send a message describing what their issue may be or what they are dealing with. He stated only \$35,000.00 was budgeted initially, and the costs will be in the neighborhood of \$140,000.00 for all of the equipment. This would be increasing the fund balance use by \$31,000.00, but he does feel that this is something that needs to be done. He stated it would put us well ahead of an upgrade that has been needed for some time. Chairman Bagwell asked if that particular part of the upgrade was not included in SPLOST. County Manager McCord stated no, that was not included in SPLOST.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize the FY2014 Revised Budget as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Bagwell stated he would like to bring to attention that this is Assistant Manager Noah Simon's last meeting with the Board. He stated it is sad to see him go, but they wish him well at his new job in Lexington, Virginia. Assistant Manager Simon stated it has been a great pleasure to work with the Board, and the wonderful staff here in Floyd County for the past two plus years. He thanked the Board for that opportunity.

County Manager McCord stated he would like to thank Assistant Manager Simon for everything that he has done for him during his transition after joining Floyd County. He stated that he has been a big asset to him personally, and he wishes him all the best in his new position as City Manager in Lexington, Virginia. He stated the Board presented him with a parting gift during Caucus showing their appreciation for his service to Floyd County.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Maxey
Chairman Bagwell

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

KATHY M. ARP, COUNTY CLERK

IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
October 14, 2014 1:00 PM**

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

Absent: Commissioner John Mayes.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of October 14, 2014.

ATTEST:

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

KATHY M. ARP, COUNTY CLERK

IRWIN BAGWELL, CHAIRMAN