

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 10, 2015                      2:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:**                      County Manager Jamie McCord, County Attorney Virginia Harman, and County Clerk Kathy Arp.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Maxey called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE:**              Commissioner Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Maxey asked County Attorney Virginia Harman if the minutes were in order. Ms. Harman 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 February 24, 2015. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Commissioner Wallace presented Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth Coordinator Carol Willis with a Joint Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Ms. Willis stated she would like to thank the Board for all that they do for this community. She stated one role that the Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth believes in, and one of their responsibilities, is to report to the Board periodically on what they are seeing regarding the well-being of the children and youth in their community. She stated both city and county schools graduation rates are significantly higher than the state average. She stated the teen pregnancy rate has gone down for six straight years. She stated that the issue of child abuse and neglect is a crisis in our community. The abuse and neglect of these children result in them being taken out of their homes and put in foster care, not only in our community but in many other communities as well. She stated this is something that they hope will get the attention of the whole community, so that everyone can find at least one way to be a piece of the puzzle in solving this issue and turning this around.

Ms. Tina Bartleson, Exchange Club of Rome, thanked the Board for giving this subject the attention that it so desperately needs. She stated they had 337 confirmed cases of abuse and neglect in 2014. The number increased from 205 in 2013. She stated they are asking the community to do not big things, but do little things to help. She stated some of the suggestions they have is to simply pick up the phone, call the Rome-Floyd Commission on Children and Youth, and ask what they can do to help.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 73)

**MARCH INTO TENNIS MONTH**

Chairman Maxey stated a Joint City of Rome and Floyd County Proclamation would be entered into the minutes recognizing March 2015 as March into Tennis Month.

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(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 74)

**MASTER GARDENER EXTENSION  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**

Commissioner Bagwell presented Cathy Dollar, Floyd County Master Gardener Volunteer, with a Proclamation recognizing March 21, 2015 as Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Day. Commissioner Bagwell stated that the Board appreciates all that the Master Gardeners do for our community.

Ms. Dollar thanked the Board for recognizing the volunteers. She stated they have about twenty-one members in their group. She stated some of their projects in the last year included planting and maintaining a native plant garden at the ECO Center, rejuvenation of the boxwoods at Chieftains Museum, and conducting monthly community workshops at The Forum, Lavender Mountain Hardware, and the Visitors Center. She stated they also plant and maintain a residence garden at Winthrop Court, and offer presentations, and help with plant selections, at the Chieftains annual plant sale. She stated the Master Gardeners host a tent each year at the Chiaha Festival where plants propagated by the Master Gardeners, as well as native plants, may be purchased. She thanked the Board again for their support and recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 75)

**PUBLIC HEARING:  
(FIRST READING HELD  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015)**

Chairman Maxey reviewed the procedures for Public Hearings.

**AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**1. AMEND CHAPTER 2-14, SECTION 2-14-32  
REGARDING COMPENSATION PLAN,  
AND SECTION 2-14-37(a) REGARDING  
WORKING TEST AND PERMANENT  
STATUS, OF THE CODE OF FLOYD  
COUNTY, GEORGIA. (2015-001A)**

Chairman Maxey asked County Attorney Virginia Harman for a review of the amendment. Ms. Harman stated the amendment before the Board would revise Chapter 2-14, Section 2-14-32 relating to the Compensation Plan, and Section 2-14-37(a) relating to Working Test and Permanent Status of the Code of Floyd County, Georgia. She stated as discussed in Caucus, there are some additional matters that need to be addressed in terms of the impact of the proposed amendment on the actual paygrade assigned to each level of pay. She stated there are currently three separate tracts for employment plans. In reviewing the proposed amendment, they believe that this is an opportunity to get those in order so that they can be sure that the impact of the proposed change to the probationary period does not adversely affect the grades. She stated it is one of those situations where they want to be sure that there are no unforeseen adverse consequences. They want to take the time to be sure that they have a table that accurately reflects each paygrade. She stated the recommendation is to move forward with the Public Hearing, and that a vote on the amendment be deferred until the next meeting.

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the request. Seeing none, he declared the Public Hearing closed, and called for a Motion.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Defer the Amendment to Chapter 2-14, Section 2-14-32 regarding Compensation Plan, and Section 2-14-37(a) regarding Working Test and Permanent Status of the Code of Floyd County, Georgia. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace.

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

Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

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1. Citizen Appointments:

- a. Consider nomination from the Hospital Authority to appoint John Bennett to fill the seat on the Board of the Hospital Authority of Floyd County recently vacated as a result of the resignation of Jerry Norman, with the term of appointment of Mr. Bennett to expire on April 01, 2017.

Chairman Maxey made a MOTION to approve the nomination by the Hospital Authority of Floyd County to appoint John Bennett to fill the seat on the Board of the Hospital Authority of Floyd County recently vacated as a result of the resignation of Jerry Norman, with the term of appointment of Mr. Bennett to expire on April 01, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Bagwell, Chairman

No Report.

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Maxey, Chairman

County Manager McCord stated there was discussion at the Public Safety Committee meeting held this morning regarding some issues with the fire panel at the jail. He stated it was brought to the Sheriff’s attention yesterday during a safety inspection by the fire marshal, and he thinks that there has been mention of the issues in previous reports. He stated they have an aged fire control system at the jail, and it is in need of upgrading. He stated it is not a very stable system, and although it is dated and aged, it does still work. He stated it is definitely something that we need to be looking into. He stated they are working on getting a scope of work from the consultant, ATS Fire Protection, who does fire protection system consulting. Mr. McCord stated we will need a scope of work to determine what we will have to do to move forward and get in compliance after this inspection. He stated that they hope to have information later this week, and plan to facilitate this as quickly as possible. He stated that a lot of the jail control work that is currently being done through the SPLOST, is the reason for these inspections through the state Fire Marshal’s Office. He stated we are probably 45 to 60 days away from substantial completion on the Jail Controls Upgrade Project. He stated he would keep everyone posted as this process continues with the fire control system.

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Wallace, Chairman

No Report.

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

No Report.

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Commissioner Fricks

No Report.

6. Floyd County Library Board – Commissioner Hancock

No Report.

7. Special Committee Reports

- a. Fire Overview Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

No Report.

- b. Joint Services Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Bagwell

No Report.

c. Joint Development Oversight Committee – Commissioners Bagwell & Wallace

No Report.

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

Commissioner Wallace stated there are a couple of things before the Board for consideration today brought forward from the recent Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee meeting. She asked County Manager McCord to review those items.

1) Adopt Resolution to Approve and Authorize recommendation from the Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee to accept the proposal submitted by Golder Associates, Inc., dated December 29, 2014, for Professional Services to continue groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Walker Mountain Landfills.

County Manager McCord the proposal is for continued monitoring services by Golder Associates at Site 1 (Phases 1-3), which is the original section of Walker Mountain Landfill, and the area that they are currently working in, and Site 2 (Phases 4-9). He stated the proposal also includes construction and demolition for two additional years. He recommended approval of the proposal for professional services at Walker Mountain Landfill.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize the recommendation from the Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee to accept the proposal submitted by Golder Associates, Inc., dated December 29, 2014, for Professional Services, in the amount of \$129,000.00, to continue groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Walker Mountain Landfills. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Bagwell stated he would like to add that as discussed during the Solid Waste Committee meeting, this is a three percent decrease in the contract price from the previous contract. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

2) Adopt Resolution to Approve and Authorize recommendation from the Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee to accept the proposal submitted by Golder Associates, Inc., dated December 29, 2014, Professional Services to continue groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Berryhill Landfill.

County Manager McCord stated Berryhill Landfill has been closed, but it still requires post-closure monitoring. He stated this proposal is for a continuation for semi-annual monitoring for both the spring and fall of 2015 and 2016. He stated the total amount of the proposal was \$64,000.00, which was also a reduction from the previous contract. He recommended approval of the proposal for professional services at Berryhill Landfill.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize the recommendation from the Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee to accept the proposal submitted by Golder Associates, Inc., dated December 29, 2014, for Professional Service to continue groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Berryhill Landfill. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

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**e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Bagwell**

County Manager McCord stated he would like to follow up on the previous discussion about the Jail Controls Project. He stated the HVAC replacement at the Law Enforcement Center is about forty to fifty percent complete and the HVAC engineering at the Health Department is well under way. They hope to be in the process of getting that unit straightened out and re-engineered before the warm weather, which should show additional savings. He stated they have been diligently working to get a request for qualifications (RFQ) to put out later this week for the Animal Control site design build for both Animal Control and the Special Operations Center. He stated he anticipates a quarterly update maybe sometime later this month with Chairman Newby for the SPLOST Citizens Committee.

Commissioner Bagwell stated they discussed in Caucus that due to the Fire Marshall’s report on the fire protection system at the jail, that they were made aware of today, they might use SPLOST dollars to take care of that. He asked County Manager McCord if that is correct. County Manager McCord stated yes, that would be a capital improvement and would be allowed under the current SPLOST language as written. He stated they could have that system upgraded as part of this same SPLOST project at the Jail. Commissioner Bagwell stated he is glad that they, as a Board, were able to take action and be proactive on this issue as soon as it was brought to them.

**f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks**

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 are ten items on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda, which have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Wallace 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 Fricks. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

- 1. Professional Services Agreement between The Schneider Corporation also doing business as qPublic, and Floyd County, Georgia in relation to data services for the Floyd County Tax Assessor’s Office.**
- 2. Request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner’s Roll, in the amount of \$1,606.66, and that the taxes be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated February 16, 2015.**
- 3. Affidavit Affecting Title related to James Harold Adcock Warranty Deed.**
- 4. Agreement between Floyd County and Pitney Bowes, Inc. for Purchase of Postage Machine for Administration Building.**
- 5. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License, Shifa H. Tejani, Axis Food Mart LLC, 839 Park Avenue, Lindale. (Ownership Change)**
- 6. Application for Self-Service Fuel Dispensing Stations, Shifa H. Tejani, Axis Food Mart LLC, 839 Park Avenue, Lindale. (Ownership Change)**
- 7. Transfer 1998 Dodge Pickup (VIN #1B7HC16X6WS756739) from Facilities Management to Surplus.**

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- 8. Transfer 2001 Ford F150 (VIN #3FTZF17241MA61790) from Surplus to Facilities Management.
- 9. Location Agreement between Floyd County and ABC Studios, for the purpose of Photographing and/or Recording Scenes for a Television Series Project on property owned by Floyd County.
- 10. Resolution Declaring Certain Property of the County Unserviceable and Authorizing Transfer of Said Property to the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AWARD OF BID AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, FOR PARKING LOT LIGHTS AT THE FLOYD COUNTY JAIL. (2013 SPLOST PROJECT)

County Manager McCord requested that the lease agreement with Georgia Power pertaining to parking lot lights at the Jail be removed from the agenda at this time in lieu of their discussion related to the fire panel control system.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Delete Item #1, Adopt Resolution to Approve Award of Bid and to Authorize Execution of Lease Agreement between Floyd County and Georgia Power Company, for Parking Lot Lights at the Floyd County Jail, from the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

- 2. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF REVISED FLOYD COUNTY PAY PLAN.

County Manager McCord requested this item be deferred, per the County Attorney’s recommendation.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Defer Item #2, Adopt Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of Revised Floyd County Pay Plan. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Wallace stated for clarification, by them deferring the item, it just allows the attorney time to reevaluate the paperwork to ensure that everything is right as far as the class codes for individuals. She stated it does not mean that they are not moving forward with the request to move the pay. County Manager McCord stated that is correct. Commissioner Bagwell stated it is the intent of the Board to increase starting pay by adding the 2.5%, rather than as it is currently added at the end of a six-month probationary period, and that the probationary period will be changed to one year. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

County Manager McCord stated that he would like to compliment the public safety agencies for all working together this past week when an inmate from the Floyd County Prison escaped from a work detail. He stated he would also like to compliment the Public Works Department and public safety crews who did a really good job during the snow last week. Public Works Director Michael Skeen had some

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contractors on stand-by to help with snow plowing. He stated he thinks they all did a great job managing that this past week. Chairman Maxey stated he received many calls from people saying that their road was plowed the very first day of the snow, and they could never remember that happening. Commissioner Wallace thanked Michael Skeen and his crew for their insight, as well as Emergency Management Director Tim Herrington for the awesome job he did. Commissioner Bagwell stated the County Manager had some private contractors come in. He stated they all worked well together, and Emergency Management Director Tim Herrington, Public Works Director Michael Skeen, and County Manager McCord all did a fantastic job.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Maxey recognized Leadership Rome Class 32 participants in attendance.

**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		
" Bagwell		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

<b>ATTEST:</b>	<b>FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>KATHY M. ARP, COUNTY CLERK</b>	<b>LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN</b>

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS  
March 10, 2015      2:00 PM**

Present: Chairman Larry Maxey, Vice-Chairman Garry Fricks. Commissioners Irwin Bagwell, Scotty Hancock, and Rhonda Wallace, County Manager Jamie McCord, County Attorney Virginia Harman, County Clerk Kathy Arp, and Comptroller/Finance Director Gary Burkhalter.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of March 10, 2015.

<b>ATTEST:</b>	<b>FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>KATHY M. ARP, COUNTY CLERK</b>	<b>LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN</b>