

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 12, 2015 2:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Manager Jamie McCord, County Attorney Wade Hoyt, and Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong.

ASBENT: Commissioner Rhonda Wallace.

CALL TO

ORDER: Chairman Maxey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Hancock led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC

PARTICIPATION:

Sheriff Tim Burkhalter thanked the Board for allowing him to speak with them. He stated that he would like to offer a challenge during the current misunderstanding that they are going through right now, something that they could do to possibly work out some of their issues. He invited each one of the Commissioners to ride along with one of their officers out on the road. He stated he thinks part of the problem they have is that the Commissioners do not really understand exactly what they do at the Sheriff's Office; the jobs they do and how they do them. The Commissioners visited the Jail before, and he would like to encourage them to do that again, but maybe one night they could also ride along with one of the officers in warrants to see the job that they do, the dangers that they face. He stated each one of the officers standing before them would die for them tonight. Officer Studdard has been with the county a long time, and he sits through every one of the commission meetings for their protection. He stated Officer Studdard might agree with them, he may disagree with them, he may not like what they are talking about, he may even hate it, but if a bad guy were to come through the door like they have done at commission meetings across the country with trouble on their mind, he would die for them. None of the officers before them wants to die, but they would because that is their job. He stated he wants the Commissioners to understand what they do at the Sheriff's Office. He thinks that the more dialog they have with one another, the more likely it is that the Commissioners understand what they do at the Sheriff's Office. He stated he would also like to take this opportunity to engage in public, whether it is a public forum, debate, town hall meeting, or whatever they would like to do, and however they would like to do it. He feels that talking about it in public would be a good way for both parties to get their message out. He stated he believes that would be a fair way to handle it since it is quite a public issue. It is his job as Sheriff to bring these issues to the Commissioners attention. He stated he is going to do his part to ensure that they do not forget their public safety. This is not something that is going to go away. He stated he has officers working for him that are near poverty level, and the county police do as well, which is just not right. He appreciates the Commissioners giving him time to speak, he appreciates the officers coming out to show their support, and he appreciates Officer Studdard.

Chairman Maxey stated the Board would like to express their appreciation, as this is the week to appreciate the public safety and law enforcement officers.

**RECOGNIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
STAFF FOR RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE
OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE
IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION (GFOA).**

Commissioner Bagwell presented a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to the Finance Department. He stated he would like to thank every member of the Finance Department for the hard work they put in to keep the department running. They all do an excellent job. He stated he does not remember a year that they have not received this award. Gary Burkhalter, Comptroller/Finance Director stated the Finance Department would like to thank the Board and the County Manager for all of their support as well as their guidance on financial matters. He stated the person most responsible for this award is Assistant Finance Director Susie Gass. She has been the one to lead the department through the last year and half or so. Under Ms. Gass' leadership, the department has been able to perform to the level worthy of receiving this award. He stated the Finance Department is a good team and he appreciates all of the efforts the department puts forth, and their hard work.

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Chairman Maxey congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. County Manager McCord stated he would like to add his thanks as well. He stated they have done a lot of hard work this year with a bit of a reorganized operation, especially not seeing the Finance Director as much as they used to. They have all picked up extra duties, and he certainly appreciates that.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Maxey asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were in order. Mr. Hoyt stated the minutes had been reviewed and were in order. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to adopt the minutes of the Caucus and Regular Meeting of April 28, 2015. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

**FIRST READINGS
(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
MAY 26, 2015 AT 6:00 PM)**

REQUESTS FOR REZONING & SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- 1. FILE #51-2015Z. REQUESTS REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) TO CONSOLIDATE FOR RESIDENTIAL /AGRICULTURAL USE ON PROPERTY ON REECEBURG ROAD. TAX MAP J18, PARCEL 021. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 7-0].)**
- 2. FILE #53-2015Z. REQUESTS REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION ON PROPERTY ON AUTRY ROAD. TAX MAP O09, PARCEL 025 (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 7-0].)**

ULDC TEXT AMENDMENTS

1. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 3.4 TABLE 3.2, ARTICLE 4.1.31, AND ARTICLE 8 CONCERNING MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PARKS. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 6-0].)
2. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 3.4 TABLE 3-1 AND TABLE 3-2; AND ARTICLE 4.1.16 CONCERNING SPECIAL EVENTS/SPECIAL EVENTS VENUES IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C), OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL (O-I), AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) AND SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) ZONING DISTRICTS. (2015-004ULDC) (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 9-0]).

Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearings on these items would be held on May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments.

a. Tallatoona Community Action Partnership Board.

Chairman Maxey made a MOTION to Appoint Donna Wilson to replace Sandra Hudson on the Tallatona Community Action Partnership Board due to a perceived conflict of interest to complete the 4-year term to expire December 31, 2018. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Bagwell, Chairman

a. Approve and Authorize Final Revision of FY2014 Budget.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize Final Revision of FY2014 Budget. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

b. Approve and Authorize First Revision of FY2015 Budget.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize First Revision of FY2015 Budget. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Maxey, Chairman

Chairman Maxey stated they plan to have a Called Public Safety meeting this coming week to discuss some other issues, and hope to have something more to report at the next commission meeting. County Manager McCord stated the Public Safety Committee meeting this week was very productive. He stated he thinks they made good progress on the discussion of incentive pay and educational supplements.

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Wallace, Chairman

No Report.

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

No Report.

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Commissioner Fricks

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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

- 1) Adopt Resolution Approving and Authorizing Amendment to the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department Fee Schedule as Recommended by the Joint Development Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Bagwell stated the Joint Development Oversight Committee met this week, and out of that meeting came the recommendation to amend the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department Fee Schedule.

Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Amendment to the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department Fee Schedule as Recommended by the Joint Development Oversight Committee. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

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

No Report.

e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Bagwell

County Manager McCord stated the SPLOST Committee met on May 07, 2015 to review progress of the projects. He stated a representative from Cave Spring indicated that their project is ninety percent complete with a tentative June 2015 completion date. The City of Rome laid out the Tennis Center plans, and their intent to issue bonds. He stated county projects were discussed as well. There was a lot of input and concern regarding Animal Control. He stated they are in the request for qualifications (RFQ) process. They received twelve requests for qualifications. He stated they have already had a staff level review, and commission review currently underway. They plan to move forward to the proposal process very quickly. He stated he fully expects to have several qualified applicants, so they are feeling good about that project.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

County Manager McCord stated May 22, 2015 is the deadline to receive applications for the Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority Director Position. He stated he and City Manager Sammy Rich would begin sorting through those applications next week to move forward with filling that position as soon as possible.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong stated there are five items on the Clerk's Consent

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Agenda, which have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize Execution of items submitted under the Clerk's Consent, as presented by the Interim County Clerk. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Fricks	
" Bagwell	
" Hancock	
Chairman Maxey	
Motion Carried	

1. Tax Refunds.

a. David and Denise Taylor, 2505 Fouche Gap Rd NW, \$78.33

2. Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll, in the amount of \$668.76, and that the taxes be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated May 05, 2015.

3. Declare List of Items and Equipment Submitted by the County Clerk's Office as Surplus.

4. Approve request from Coosa Valley Regional Services to transfer 2007 Ford Transit Van (VIN #1FMNE11W07DB25224) used for Meals on Wheels Program to Surplus to be replaced with 2009 Ford Transit Van (VIN #1FBNE31L19DA00374) from the Area Agency on Aging.

5. Application for Precious Metals Dealer License, Edwin G. Lemus/Rome Pickers, 2523 Shorter Avenue, Rome. (Renewal)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

**1. CHANGE ORDER BETWEEN
FLOYD COUNTY AND BLACK
CREEK INTEGRATED SYSTEMS
CORPORATION FOR THE JAIL
CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT.
(2013 SPLOST)**

County Manager McCord stated there are seven items that were discussed during a detailed, two-hour meeting with county staff, Roberds Engineering representatives, and Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation representatives in relation to the Jail Controls Upgrade Project. He stated they reviewed some of the changes that were proposed in the change order. It was determined that four of the seven items would require a change order. He stated the other three items either need additional information, or would actually be included in the contingency budget, which was approved up to a certain amount. They made good progress this morning on clarifying some of the changes, why the changes occurred, and where they should be charged. He stated this is basically just a bit of housecleaning and due diligence on the county's part to ensure that the things that are being deducted are being deducted from the base contract or the contingency, whichever they need to be charged to in order to have a good tracking system on what is added and what is taken away. They hope to have the change order request ready for Board consideration at the next meeting once they obtain the additional information from the engineer. He stated again, they feel good about four of the seven items discussed. They need to do further research on one of the three remaining items. He stated the project is eighty to eighty-five percent complete.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lisa Sapp, 3 Faith Drive, addressed the Board with questions and concerns regarding public safety and law enforcement officers' salaries and pay increases.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES	NO
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Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

**JAIME L. ARMSTRONG,
INTERIM COUNTY CLERK**

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
May 12, 2015 2:00 PM**

Present: Commissioners Irwin Bagwell, Garry Fricks, Larry Maxey, and Scotty Hancock, County Manager Jamie McCord, County Attorney Wade Hoyt, Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong, and Comptroller/Finance Director Gary Burkhalter.

Absent: Commissioner Rhonda Wallace.

Major Bob Sapp with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and Facilities Manager Ryan Davis were present to provide an update on the Jail Controls Upgrade Project (2013 SPLOST).

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of May 12, 2015.

ATTEST:

**JAIME L. ARMSTRONG,
INTERIM COUNTY CLERK**

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LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN