

(07/14/15 - Regular Meeting)

Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Bagwell presented Maia Santamaria, NWGA Center for Independent Living Executive Director, with a Joint Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing July 22, 2015 as American with Disabilities Act Awareness Day. Ms. Santamaria thanked the Board for their support and recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 84)

**FIRST READINGS
(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
JULY 28, 2015 AT 6:00 PM)**

ULDC TEXT AMENDMENTS

- 1. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 3.4 TABLE 3-2 CONCERNING HOME OFFICE/HOME BUSINESS AS AN ACCESSORY USE. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH THE ADDITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL & OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL. [VOTE:9-0])**

Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearings would be held on July 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments

a. Airport Commission.

Chairman Maxey made a Motion to reappoint Chip Hood to the Airport Commission for a 4-year term to expire June 30, 2019. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

b. Gordon-Floyd Joint Development Authority.

Chairman Maxey made a Motion to reappoint Greg Wood to the Gordon-Floyd Joint Development Authority for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

2. Discuss possible implementation of Energy Excise Tax.

Chairman Maxey made a Motion pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-110 to begin the process of discussions with the City of Rome and the City of Cave Spring regarding possible implementation of Energy Excise Tax. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

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Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell

Commissioner Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Failed

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Bagwell, Chairman

No report.

2. Public Safety Committee-Maxey, Chairman

County Manager McCord stated he met with the Fire Marshal on Friday, July 10, 2015, and they received good reviews compared to the previous meetings. He stated the Fire Marshal is pleased with the progress. Certified technicians who are currently working on the second phase have replaced all common area sprinklers. He stated that they plan to utilize the entire \$30,000.00 previously approved, and come back with a report at a later meeting. Phase I plumbing upgrades are complete, and Phase II (Sections I-L) should be completed this week. He stated the upgrades should improve the energy efficiency, control water consumption, flooding, and other deterioration that inmates sometimes do in those areas. The Jail Control Upgrades project is around 85-90% complete. He stated it should be complete by the end of the month or first of next month. County Manager McCord acknowledged E911 Director John Blalock and his staff for receiving an almost perfect score on the ISO ratings.

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 Bagwell & 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

No Report.

e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Bagwell

County Manager McCord stated that information for the Animal Control proposal is currently being gathered, and all information should be ready to review by the next meeting.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

County Manager McCord gave a brief review on the interview process for the Rome-Floyd

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County Parks and Recreation Director stating that they have communicated with twelve of the ninety-three applicants, and they plan to continue with the process this week. He stated he hopes to have a recommendation by the next meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll, in the amount of \$13,185.18, and that the taxes be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated June 23, 2015.**
- 2. Approve authorization and execution of Work Authorization #34 between Floyd County and Baker Engineering covering Professional Services for the Runway 1 Easement Project.**
- 3. Approve request to declare list of miscellaneous items and equipment submitted by the Purchasing Department as surplus and authorize disposal of property.**
- 4. Approve and authorize award to Parker FiberNet, LLC, for Fiber Connectivity at Floyd County Prison, Work Release Center and Public Works Department in the quoted amount of \$32,255.00.**
- 5. Approve and authorize award of bid for Janitorial and Paper Products as recommended by the Purchasing Department.**
- 6. Approve and authorize award of bid for Tractor with Mower for the Public Works Department.**

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Wallace 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 Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE BUDGET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00 FOR AN ADDITIONAL ADA FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (POSITION NUMBER 430-026)**

County Manager McCord stated that District Attorney Leigh Patterson was awarded an additional ADA by the state. He stated she has requested a salary supplement of \$7,881.38 annually for the additional ADA, which will be assigned to the Floyd County Juvenile Court. She specified that this is a new state approved ADA whose main salary is paid by the state. The county has supplemented all state paid ADA's to date. He stated a budget increase of \$8,500.00 would cover the local supplement of \$7,881.38 as well as FICA.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize a budget increase of \$8,500.00 for an additional ADA for the District Attorney's Office. (Position Number 430-026) SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

- 2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ROME-FLOYD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY TO REFLECT HEART OF THE COMMUNITY GRANT**

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FUNDS DONATED AND TO BE EXPENDED FOR \$10,000.00 FOR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION.

County Manager McCord stated the Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority received funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Heart of the Community Grant, which needs to be added to their budget. He stated the grant funds would enable them to rent vans or buses to transport senior adults or special needs participants on trips, or to different programs. The funds will be restricted to seniors and special needs programs. He stated here is no time limit on spending so they intend to make it last as long as possible. The Finance Department will enter the funds into a restricted account for allocation purposes, and to allow the fund balance to be carried over.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize the budget amendment for Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority to reflect the Heart of the Community Grant Funds donated and to be expended for \$10,000.00 for Senior Transportation. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

3. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ROOFTOP HVAC UNITS AT THE FLOYD COUNTY PRISION THROUGH GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT.

County Manager McCord stated the purchase of three HVAC units is needed for Floyd County Prison. He stated one 10-ton unit is needed for the kitchen, one 12.5-ton unit for the dorm, and one 20-ton unit for the dining hall. The recommendation is to utilize the General Services Administration to purchase the units, which will replace the original units that were installed in 2002. He stated the proposed contract for this purchase is sixty-one percent below retail for a total amount of \$24,218.23, which is within the approved budget. The remainder will be spent on a crane that is required to place units on top of the prison.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize purchase of rooftop HVAC units at the Floyd County Prison through General Services Administration (GSA) contract in the amount of \$24,418.23. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

4. UPDATE ON ROME-FLOYD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR INTERVIEW PROCESS.

County Manager McCord stated that the update on the interview process for the Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Director was covered under RFPRA Task Force Committee.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING MILLAGE RATE.

County Manager McCord stated that the mileage rate was discussed in Caucus, and they are all aware of the present situation related to sales tax. He stated Floyd County depends on SPLOST revenue to maintain the budget. He stated the general fund will be affected by approximately \$850,000.00. The budget should be fine, but will need to be reevaluated mid-year. He stated again, they are facing several things, mainly the issue of the sales tax repayment, the deficit under the current year budget, and law enforcement compensation that will have to be funded in some way. The Board has several difficult decisions to make over the next few days. He stated that they have been very diligent in keeping the mileage rate as low as possible. A called meeting may be necessary this week to consider options for the millage rate.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING SALES TAX REPAYMENT.

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County Manager McCord stated they had a discussion in Caucus regarding the sales tax repayment. He stated that the State has given them two options. The first option would be to deduct collections from July and a third of August to cover the amount owed. He stated the second option would be to pay the amount back over time at twelve percent interest. He recommended taking action to authorize the Finance Department to communicate with the Department of Revenue to withhold payments for July and a third of August. Commissioner Bagwell asked what would happen to the revenue if no action was taken. County Manager McCord stated they would take it either way, and if we do not notify them, then we do not have any recourse. This is something they all need to agree on and handle it. He stated no one is pleased about it, but currently there are no other options available.

Chairman Maxey called for a MOTION. Commissioner Hancock made a MOTION to allow the Department of Revenue to withhold July and a portion of August funds to cover sales tax repayment, and to submit a letter expressing their concern and dismay to the Department of Revenue, the Governor and the Legislative Delegation, as well as requesting the opportunity to collect their own sales tax. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

Commissioner Wallace stated she would like to publicly thank Senator Chuck Hustler for all of his hard work. She stated that he has been very active in helping with this situation. He has spent many hours talking to the Commissioners trying to help them understand, and letting them all know that he will do everything in his power to help.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report.

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

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
July 14, 2015 12:00 PM**

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

Fire Chief Troy Brock was present to provide a brief overview of the recent ISO Ratings. Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Senior Planner Charles Jones and Brad Davis from Alta Planning were present to review the recently conducted Cave Spring to Cedartown Trail Feasibility Study. Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Al Hodge was present to discuss energy excise tax exemption and voice concerns of possible implementation of said tax along with representatives from local manufacturing companies.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of July 14, 2015.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN