

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 11, 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 Wade Hoyt, and Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong.

CALL TO

ORDER: Chairman Maxey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Chairman Maxey led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

RECONGIZE HARRY PIERCE:

Commissioner Hancock presented Harry Pierce, CEO of Big Time Products, with a Proclamation recognizing his profound generosity in donating \$10,000.00 to the Warrants Division of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of twenty-five (25) Wolfcom Vision body cameras and server.

Mr. Pierce stated he would just like to thank everyone on the Board for their recognition. He stated he and his wife, Terry, were more than honored to make that donation. They all saw Ferguson, Missouri again two nights ago, and it is a shame that their society has turned to where it seems like the police officers that are protecting them are guilty until proven innocent instead of the other way around. He stated unfortunately they have all been pulled over once or twice, but he was raised in the day that when an officer said something the response was "yes, sir", or "yes, ma'am", and treated them with respect. It is unfortunate that there was not a camera there then. He stated there is always going to be a bad apple and those bad apples have to be taken care of though he would say that 99.9% of the men and women out there are doing their job. It is a tough job for not a lot of pay. He stated hopefully this would help. He would also like to thank the other people, Roger and Diane Manis that stepped up for the county police department. He stated he put a little challenge out there in the beginning, and from what he understands, someone may be about to step up for the city, which was the rumor anyway. He stated he hopes that will happen, and if not, let him know and may be they can do something there. He thanked the Board again for the recognition.

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FIRST READINGS

(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD AUGUST 25, 2015 AT 6:00 PM)

REQUESTS FOR REZONING & SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- 1. FILE #81-2015Z. REQUESTS REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) FOR MARKETING OF PROPERTY ON CALHOUN ROAD. TAX MAP K13W, PARCEL 042 (PART). (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 8-0].)**

Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearing for this item would be August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments

a. Forum Advisory Committee.

Chairman Maxey made a Motion to appoint Tony Daniel, Post 7, for a 3-year term to expire August 31, 2018. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Fricks

" Bagwell

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" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Bagwell, Chairman

Commissioner Bagwell stated they discussed during Caucus their group health insurance. He stated Finance Director/Comptroller Gary Burkhalter reviewed the details of that, and to summarize that review, it appears that they will not have to have an increase in their premiums this year, which is good news for Floyd County and the employees of Floyd County.

2. Public Safety Committee-Maxey, Chairman

Chairman Maxey stated they met this morning, though he would like to focus on the committee assigned to work out the details for compensation of their officers at the Sheriff's Office and Police Department. He stated Commissioners Wallace and Bagwell served on the Law Enforcement Compensation Committee with Commissioner Wallace serving as chairperson. He asked Commissioner Wallace to provide an update. Commissioner Wallace stated as reviewed in Caucus, the recommendation is for a three-year plan. She stated the three-year plan receives an annual amount of \$204,118.00, and that amount would be distributed beginning on February 01, 2016, which would be reflected in the February 19, 2016 pay period. This will come after they pass their budget in January 2016. She stated this recommendation came with lots of hard work from a lot of people including Sheriff Tim Burkhalter, Chief Deputy Tom Caldwell, Police Chief Bill Shiflett, Major Tom Ewing, and Major Mark Wallace. They actually made recommendations to County Manager McCord and Finance Director/Comptroller Gary Burkhalter. She stated with those recommendations they considered length of employment, and positions, as well as education. Once they had those numbers, they did an average and that is how they came up with this dollar amount. She stated the equitable dollar amount that they came up with for the police department to be fairly distributed to those officers was based on the compensation information received from the city as well as other surrounding areas, which was a dollar amount of \$275,515.00. They divided that amount by three and that is how they came up with that plan. She stated they did the same thing for the Sheriff's Office, and that dollar amount is \$336,838.00, which will also be divided by three as part of their three-year plan. She did want to make sure that the group knew that this was based on the current number of employees. She stated this was not additional employees for the Police Department or the Sheriff's Office. This is for the actual number of employees that they currently have. She stated again, their proposal is a three-year plan, and the annual amount for the three-year plan is \$204,118.00. She noted that they do not need to take any action on that today. She stated this is just a recommendation from the Law Enforcement Compensation Committee, and will be included in the budget when they start the budget process. Commissioner Bagwell served on that committee with her. She asked if there is anything he would like to add.

Commissioner Bagwell stated Commissioner Wallace summed everything up very well, included all of the details. He stated at the end of the day they accomplished what they set out to, which was to increase the pay of their public safety officers, the ones on the front lines. They kept it within a manageable amount that they will be able to afford next year. He stated he thinks that it is evident that they are looking at giving all employees more raises, and they have stressed to the department heads to look at their budgets in order to possibly equating those savings into employee raises. They all know working together works the best. He stated he would like to Sheriff's Office and the folks at the Floyd County Police for working with them. They went above and beyond in providing them with what they needed and working with them. He stated he thinks they have a great plan that the whole community can be proud of. Commissioner Wallace stated that is exactly right, and she knows that they have all heard from other departments in the county, so she would like to stress that their committee was just appointed to do these two department. She stated that does not mean that the rest of the departments in the county would not be considered for a raise when they start their budget process.

Chairman Maxey stated he would like to thank everyone that participated in this committee. He stated he thinks that they did a great job and finished in a timely manner. He commended them on a job well done.

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 Bagwell & Fricks

No Report.

b. Joint Services Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Bagwell

No Report

c. Joint Development Oversight Committee – Commissioners Bagwell & Wallace

County Manager McCord stated they met a few weeks ago since their last commission meeting. He stated there is nothing unusual other than to report that their building inspection fees are well ahead of budget for the year. They are in the \$50,000.00 range through mid-year, which is a good thing, and a good sign that maybe there is some movement going on with housing, renovation, and even commercial as well. He stated they were very proud to hear that, and everything else was just business as usual.

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

No report

e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee – Commissioner Maxey & Bagwell

County Manager McCord stated they had a site visit since the last commission meeting with the Animal Control project. He stated they have finalized dates, and today is actually the last day for questions regarding the request for proposal (RFP) and the four proposers that they have entered into an agreement with. They will be receiving those at the end of this month on August 31, 2015, and then they have interviews set up for September 10, 2015. He stated their anticipation is they have the ten days prior to the interviews to review the proposals. They have the interviews on September 10, 2015; they will conduct four in the morning and four in the afternoon. He stated they will make a recommendation at the September 25, 2015 meeting to get that project underway to start the design process. As a reminder, it is a design build so there will be a design phase and they will move into construction in the fall. He stated they have also done really well with the Jail Controls Upgrade Project. It is approximately ninety-five percent complete. He stated they had a meeting with the contractor, Black Creek, last week to clear up a few items that he will be bringing to them at the August 25, 2015 meeting to clean up a couple of change order debits and credits that just need to be credited back to different accounts. They do appear to be on track for completion at the end of the month. He stated they are also going to be within the allotted budget. This is a major improvement to the Floyd County Jail, and is really going to help with the control systems and the safety of their officers and staff in a lot of different ways, so they are very excited about that as well. He stated that the Barron Road traffic signal was completed about ten days ago. They had a successful start to county schools last week, specifically in the Shannon-Model area. He stated they have had an addition of a southbound left turn lane off Old Calhoun Road, which improved things. They received confirmation from Officer Jerome Poole who was working that area. He stated they appreciate his input on that, and they have received a couple of calls actually commenting on how much better it is. They will be monitoring that signal. He stated as a note of reference, they received an update from Water Committee on engineering of the Everett Springs project, which is progressing. They are still looking for tank sites as well as pump sites. He stated right-of-way is not an issue, but those will be off right-of-way and they have certain elevations that they have to meet. He will provide them with updates in meetings to come on the project.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

No report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong stated there are nine items on the Clerk's Consent Agenda, which have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve and

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Authorize Execution of items submitted under the Clerk’s Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

- 1. Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner’s Roll, in the amount of \$1,198.91, and that the taxes be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated August 04, 2015.
- 2. Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License, Eddie Hasko, Bella Roma Italian Grill, LLC, dba Bella Roma Italian Grill, 770 Braves Boulevard NE, Rome. Event Location: Wings Over North Georgia Airshow, 304 Russell Field Road, October 03 and 04, 2015. (Beer & Wine)
- 3. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License, Saleem Sadruddin, Nick’s Food Mart, 4392 Calhoun Road. (New. Beer)
- 4. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License, Hilary Elizabeth New, Food Lion Corporation Service Company, LLC dba Food Lion #1288, 3365 Martha Berry Highway. (Manager Change. Beer & Wine)
- 5. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License, Paresh Patel, Parth Silver Creek, Inc., dba Silver Creek Mini Mart, 5729 Rockmart Highway, Silver Creek. (Ownership & Manager Change. Beer & Wine)
- 6. Award of Bid for Traffic Paint and Sign Material for Public Works Department.
- 7. Award of Bid for Household Hazardous Waste Day Support for Rome-Floyd Recycling Center.
- 8. Approve and Authorize Execution of Contract for Employment for Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority Director.
- 9. Approve and Authorize Execution of Vehicle Policy for Floyd County Sheriff’s Department.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 1. **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND WINGS OVER NORTH GEORGIA, LLC, FOR THE WINGS OVER NORTH GEORGIA AIRSHOW AT RICHARD B. RUSSELL RIEGIONAL AIRPORT.**

County Manager McCord stated their three-year agreement with Wings Over North Georgia, LLC, expired at the end of 2014. He stated they did tweak the contract just a little bit. It is basically the same contract with the exception that Wings Over North Georgia was entitled to a percentage of their (*the county*) fuel sales and the county was entitled to a percentage of profits if there were profits on the event. They have removed those two items and have agreed that the county would take a hundred percent of the fuel sales and Wings Over North Georgia, LLC, would take a hundred percent of profit. He stated he believes that is a cleaner contract for them to consider. The contract will be for 2015 through calendar year 2019. He stated it is a one-year agreement with four additional one-year terms expiring in December of 2019. They also have some safe-falls in there. He stated Wings Over North Georgia, LLC, is responsible for parking at the event and external parking. They do have liability insurance for the additional parking required per the contract. He stated he feels good about these tweaks, which has been discussed and approved by the Airport Commission.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Hancock made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize Execution of Agreement between Floyd County and Wings Over North Georgia, LLC, for the Wings Over North Georgia Airshow at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace	
"	Fricks
"	Bagwell

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" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

2. **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE BUDGET REVISION FOR GYMNASTICS EQUIPMENT FOR ROME-FLOYD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY.**

McCord stated this budget revision is actually a cleanup that they needed to do. He stated per the bid approved by the authority back in March 2015, the Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority would receive forty percent of the Georgia USA Gymnastics State Championship, which net profits are required to be used to purchase equipment for the gymnastics center in the 2015 calendar year. The equipment has been purchased and received, so basically all that is remaining is the payment for the invoice. He stated this requires them to do a budget revision to increase the budget account number by \$3,310.00, and will be expended in that same amount to cover that equipment purchase. The net bottom line effect for this will be zero dollars as was discussed in Caucus.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Approve and Authorize Budget Revision for Gymnastics Equipment for Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion Carried

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

August 11, 2015 1:00 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.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of August 11, 2015.

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