

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 27, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Scotty Hancock.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Larry Maxey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Irwin Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Bill Kerestes, South Rome Redevelopment Corporation, stated the Commissioners might have seen in yesterday's newspaper where South Rome Redevelopment Corporation just won a state award for its great efforts in redeveloping that community. He stated they have a major fundraiser coming up on Monday, November 02, 2015 at Coosa Country Club. Some of them may have played in the golf tournament before. He stated he thought it would be a good idea to invite the Board to join them at 9:30 a.m. at Coosa Country Club to watch the festivities and to show that South Rome Redevelopment Corporation not only has solidarity with the city, but with the county as well. South Rome Redevelopment has never extended any offers to the county before and he is trying to change that. He stated again, they would love the Board to come out so please join them Monday morning for the 13th Anniversary South Rome Open Golf Tournament. He thanked the Board for their time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Maxey asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were in order. County Attorney Hoyt stated the minutes have been reviewed and are in order. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Wallace to adopt the minutes of the Caucus and Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015. **SECOND** by Commissioner Fricks. **VOTING:**

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

Commissioner Bagwell presented Ms. Cynthia Ables, Floyd-Rome Retired Educators Association President, with a Joint Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing November 01, 2015 as Retired Educators Day.

Ms. Ables stated she would like to challenge each of them to either write a note or pick up the phone and call a retired educator this week in honor of Retired Educators Day to let them know the difference they made in their life or the life of their child. She promises that it will make that retired educator's day. She thanked the Board for their support and recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 90)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizen Appointments.

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a. Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority.

MOTION was made by Chairman Maxey to appoint Bob Williams to the Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority to fill the unexpired term of Bill Thornton, 3-year term to expire June 30, 2018. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

b. Floyd County Board of Assessors.

MOTION was made by Chairman Maxey to reappoint Ron Plunkett to the Floyd County Board of Tax Assessors, 3-year term to expire December 31, 2018. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioner Bagwell, Chairman

No report.

2. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Maxey, Chairman

a. Consider recommendation from the Alcohol Control Commission for the following locations:

- 1) Circle K Stores, Inc. d/b/a Circle K #2723720 (formerly Kangaroo Express #3720), 2995 Cedartown Highway, Rome.**
- 2) Fosters Mill, Inc. d/b/a Fosters, 3264 Fosters Mill Road, Rome.**
- 3) Fit Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Citgo Fuel Centre, 5646 Alabama Highway, Rome.**
- 4) Riyajill, Inc. d/b/a EZ Stop, 4466 Rockmart Highway, Silver Creek.**
- 5) Rhonda's Shopette, 1203 Cave Spring Road, Rome.**

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager McCord to provide a brief overview. County Manager McCord stated this is a follow up on the sting that was conducted several weeks ago. He stated all of these locations were cited for selling alcohol to underage minors. There was a discussion about the process and received reports from each of the Alcohol Control Commission (ACC) members. He stated they did not have an official hearing though all offenders and license holders did come in to the County Clerk's Office to sign affidavits admitting to the infraction. The members of the ACC confirmed that a letter of warning to be placed on file for each of the five locations was the recommendation to the Board for consideration. He stated again, this was a sting conducted by the state. This operation was not related to any complaint or any issues that the county was dealing with locally. He stated unfortunately, these five locations were found to be at fault on that evening. They do not have a problem with this on a county level on a regular basis. He stated they feel that the recommendation from the ACC is appropriate.

MOTION was made by Chairman Maxey to issue a letter of warning to each of the five locations as presented for sale of alcohol to a minor per the recommendation of the Alcohol Control Commission. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
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(10/27/15 - Regular Meeting)

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

3. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Wallace, Chairman

Commissioner Wallace asked County Manager McCord to provide an update on the Fouché Gap complaint that the Board received on September 25, 2015. County Manager McCord stated residents from the Fouché Gap/Lavender Trail area voiced concerns about several issues affecting their community. He stated one of the issues was illegal dumping, which has been addressed. The county has removed about a trailer load of debris from the area. He stated there was no evidence to find out who was taking part in the illegal dumping, but they are working with Public Works on that issue. The incorrectly placed 40 MPH speed limit signs have been replaced with 25 MPH signs. He stated they have had multiple discussions about street lighting. He is not sure that they are heading in that direction because of the way the county policy is written and the amount of deed footage that would be required for that community. He stated they are looking into lighting for the individual property owners. They are also working with Officer Huntin and Chief Shiflett at the Floyd County Police Department on a neighborhood watch program. He stated they are waiting to coordinate with their community representative to get that program started. They do still have a few issues with the cul-de-sac. He stated it was discussed in detail how a lot of the activity occurs in the cul-de-sac. They are trying to work on that, but it turns out that the cul-de-sac is on private property so unfortunately they are not going to have a lot of options in dealing with that. He stated they have made strides in making improvements. He feels that they are moving in the right direction. He stated Mr. Ayers, who was the spokesperson for the group, is also satisfied with the progress at this point though they will continue their efforts to improve that situation.

4. Water Committee – Commissioner Fricks, Chairman

a. Approve and Authorize Execution of Agreement between Floyd County and Williams, Sweitzer & Barnum, Inc., for Engineering Services for Water Pump Station at Autry Road and Highway 53.

Commissioner Fricks asked County Manager McCord to provide information related to the agreement for engineering services. County Manager McCord stated the interconnection with the City of Calhoun in the vicinity of Autry Road and Highway 53 was completed earlier this year to diversify their ability to obtain water from different locations. He stated when this was originally started back several years ago, they had hoped that they could manage the pressures and keep the pressures at a satisfactory level, but they are tied into the Calhoun system and they operate at a lower elevation than Floyd County. The City of Calhoun operates at a 960 elevation level while Floyd County operates at a 965 elevation level to keep pressures at the ideal service capacity. He stated they tried to do this without a pump station. They were hoping to do it by managing flows and tank heights though it has been unsuccessful so it is going to require the installation of a pump station to maintain those pressures for adequate services in those areas. He stated they are recommending the agreement with Williams, Sweitzer & Barnum on the sliding scale that was used for Everett Springs. The estimate for the project was \$200,000.00 to \$299,000.00 at a 7.7% fee if the estimate goes above or below the sliding scale provided in their packets; it could be 7.4% or 8.6% depending on the amount. He stated there would also be a 3% fee for construction inspection so with the current estimate they are anticipating \$23,099.00 for the design fee and \$9,000.00 for the design fee. He recommended approval of the agreement with Williams, Sweitzer & Barnum, Inc., as presented.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Fricks to Approve and Authorize Execution of Agreement between Floyd County and Williams, Sweitzer & Barnum, Inc., for Engineering Services for Water Pump Station at Autry Road and Highway 53. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS) – Commissioner Fricks

No report.

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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

1) Joint Letter of Support for Highway 411 Connector to Interstate 75.

Commissioner Bagwell stated they have before them today a Joint Letter of Support for Highway 411 Connector to Interstate 75. He stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has officially named this the Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor. They have been working on this for many years. He stated they had a meeting two weeks ago on September 25, 2015, that he and Commissioner Fricks attended along with other officials from Rome and Floyd County. He thinks this is a doable project, and he actually thinks they will see cars riding on that highway one day with a shorter connection to Interstate 75 than what they presently have.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to Approve a Joint Letter of Support for Highway 411 Connector to Interstate 75. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

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

1) SPLOST Project Update.

County Manager McCord stated a SPLOST Committee Update is scheduled for November 05, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Fannin Hall in Cave Spring. He stated they would also be touring Fannin Hall. The facility is complete though there is still some landscaping and parking to be done. He would also like to mention that the Jail Controls Upgrade Project is about 98% complete. He stated they do have a few punch-list issues and warranty to discuss, but that project is wrapping up. The perimeter lighting was approved at the last meeting. He stated the equipment has been ordered by Georgia Power and will be installed in the next several weeks. He added that they had a preliminary discussion about jail medical with Chief Deputy Tom Caldwell last week. He stated that is budgeted in 2015-2016 so they are on their cash flow schedule. They are having meetings with Peacock Partnership weekly every Wednesday regarding the Animal Control and Special Operations Facilities. He stated they had a public input meeting last Tuesday, October 20, 2015, which nine residents attended. They received a lot of positive comments, and there was a lot of interaction between consulting engineers, architects, construction managers, and staff. He stated they plan to have a follow up to have a preliminary design where the public can make comments. They are looking at the second week in November. A press release will be sent once the date has been determined. He stated that as an update on energy efficiency in county buildings, the Library and Law Enforcement Center (LEC) control system and chiller projects are complete. The Barron Road Project is complete and functioning well. He would like to highlight that they did spend some additional money on paving in that project. He stated the Everett Springs engineering services are underway. They are looking hard at field location along with potential tank and pump sites.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

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No report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

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

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

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

- 1. Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll, in the amount of \$5,338.27, and that the taxes for unsold property be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated October 07, 2015.**
- 2. Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll, in the amount of \$24,711.37, and that the taxes for uncollectable accounts be relieved from the books as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated October 12, 2015.**
- 3. Approve and Authorize Execution of Parking Citation Policy and Procedures Effective November 01, 2015.**
- 4. Approve and Authorize Execution of Contract between Floyd County and Midian Roofing, Inc., for Roof Replacement at the Forum. (Insurance/2013 SPLOST Forum Civic Center Facility Upgrade Project)**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. APPROVE AWARD OF BID AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND PRESLEY, INC., FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. (2013 SPLOST)**

County Manager McCord stated sealed bids were opened on October 15, 2015 for the HVAC Improvements at the Health Department, which is part of the 2013 SPLOST. He stated they received four bids with the low bid being submitted by Presley, Inc., who also did the work on the Law Enforcement Center. They are recommending the low bid in the amount of \$787,000.00 including a 10-year warranty at an additional \$35,000.00 for a total of \$822,000.00. He stated they received a recommendation from Jeff Drinkard, their local HVAC Engineer, as well as Facilities Manager Ryan Davis. It will be a Train System. He stated he would like to mention that the low bid plus warranty was lower than the number two bid. He recommended approval as submitted.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Wallace to Approve Award of Bid and Authorize Execution of Contract between Floyd County and Presley, Inc., for HVAC Improvements at the Health Department in the amount of \$787,000.00 including a 10-year warranty at an additional \$35,000.00 for a total of \$822,000.00. (2013 SPLOST). SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

- 2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR PRISON GYM ELECTRICAL SERVICE WORK.**

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County Manager McCord stated two bids for the Prison Gym Electrical Service were opened on September 24, 2015, with the low bid being submitted by Rayburn Electric in the amount of \$20,822.00. He stated this would include the removal of the overhead lines and transformers, as well as the addition of a 200-amp panel for future HVAC use. This was a budgeted capital expense for this year at the Prison. He stated this would also address a security issue that needed to be addressed. This is \$822.00 above the authorized budgeted amount. He would recommend as part of this that they take the overage of \$822.00 from the funds saved in a van purchase approved at a previous meeting. He stated they had \$8,225.00 remaining to cover that amount with the Board's approval.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to Approve and Authorize Award of Bid for Prison Gym Electrical Service Work to Rayburn Electric in the amount of \$20,822.00. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

3. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRARS TO FILL THE POSITION OF FLOYD COUNTY ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR.

County Manager McCord stated they have before them a recommendation from the Board of Elections. He stated Mr. Steve Miller, Board of Elections Chairman, was present at Caucus to review their recommendation for the replacement of Evon Billups who will be retiring at the end of the year after a long career with Floyd County. The Board of Elections has recommended Willie Green III to fill the position of Floyd County Elections Supervisor in the amount of \$36,091.90, Paygrade 14 – Step 25 per Civil Service Policies. He stated Mr. Green comes to the county with a very good resume and experience. He has an undergraduate degree in Political Science with a master's degree in Urban Planning. He also has experience in other jurisdictions such as Fulton County, Georgia and Dublin County, North Carolina where he served as Deputy Director of Elections. He had a short stint here with the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department with his background in Urban Planning and has some GIS experience working Marshall Plant, their former GIS Director. He stated again, the Board of Elections and Registrars recommends Willie Green III to fill the position of Floyd County Elections Supervisor with his starting date after approval being October 28, 2015.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to Approve the Recommendation from the Floyd County Board of Elections and Registrars for Willie Green III to fill the position of Floyd County Elections Supervisor in the amount of \$36,091.90, Paygrade 14 – Step 25. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Maxey recognized Leadership Rome participants in attendance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. ENTER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AS PROVIDED BY O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4).

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Fricks to Enter in Executive Session for discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4). SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		

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" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION was made by Chairman Maxey to reconvene the meeting at 7:41 p.m. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

October 27, 2015 5:00 PM

Present: Commissioners Irwin Bagwell, Garry Fricks, Larry Maxey, and Rhonda Wallace, County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Attorney Wade Hoyt, and Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong.

Absent: Commissioner Scotty Hancock.

Mr. Steve Miller, Board of Elections and Registrars Chairman, was present to review the recommendation from the Board of Elections and Registrars to fill the position of Floyd County Elections Supervisor.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of October 27, 2015.

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LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

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