

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 12, 2016 2:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS

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

CALL TO ORDER:

County Attorney Hoyt called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Wallace led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

County Attorney Hoyt stated the first order of business is the appointment of a Chairman for the Floyd County Board of Commissioners. He called for a motion to appoint a Chairman.

Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner Maxey as Chairman. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

County Attorney Hoyt turned the meeting over to Chairman Maxey.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Hancock made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner Wallace as Vice-Chairman. SECOND by Chairman Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

3. APPOINTMENT OF:

A. COUNTY MANAGER

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY

C. COUNTY AUDITOR

Chairman Maxey called for a motion to appoint the County Attorney for 2016. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagwell to appoint The Hoyt Firm as County Attorney for 2016 with a \$500.00 a month retainer fee increase. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

Chairman Maxey called for a motion to appoint the County Manager and County Auditor for 2016. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to appoint Jamie McCord as County Manager and Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, as County Auditor for 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Willie Green, Elections Supervisor, presented a PowerPoint handout, and provided an update on the Department of Elections and Registration's preparation for presidential preference primaries of 2016. He reviewed the mission statement of the Department of Elections and Registration along with goals and strategies to be implemented in 2016.

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 December 08, 2015, and Caucus and Called Meeting of December 22, 2015. SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO THE COLLECTION OF TAXES.**
- 2. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES OF FLOYD COUNTY.**
- 3. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY ISSUED PURCHASING AND/OR CREDIT CARDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

Chairman Maxey called for a motion to adopt the resolutions. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to adopt the Resolution regarding Matters Related to the Collection Taxes, Resolution regarding Designation of Depositories of Floyd County, and the Resolution regarding County Issued Purchasing and/or Credit Cards for Elected Officials. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace

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" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

FIRST READINGS

(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 6:00 PM)

AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

- 1. AMEND CHAPTER 2-9, ARTICLE II, PURCHASING, OF THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCUREMENT CARD AND CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS. (2016-001A)**
- 2. AMEND CHAPTER 2-14, SECTION 2-14-32, OF THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING COMPENSATION PLAN. (2016-002A)**

Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearing on this item would be held on January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(FIRST READINGS HELD DECEMBER 08, 2015)

Chairman Maxey reviewed the procedures for Public Hearings.

REQUEST FOR REZONING & SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- 1. FILE #112-2015SUP. REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY ON PLEMONS ROAD. TAX MAP L18, PARCEL 262. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 8-0].)**

Chairman Maxey asked Ms. Sue Hiller, Rome-Floyd County Planning Department Director, to review the special use permit request. Ms. Hiller stated that the subject property is approximately 87.99 acres in size. She stated the property is currently zoned agricultural residential (A-R), and is developed with several structures that include a residence, a garage, and some barns. The properties surrounding it are also zoned agricultural residential (A-R). She stated a significant feature that they cannot really make out on the map is that one of the properties to the north has a runway for airplanes to fly in and out. Services and utilities are available to the property except public water and sewer, and the need for those two things is not generally affiliated with communication towers. She stated the property fronts on Plemons Road. It is not shown as being within a flood hazard zone, and the property is shown on as agricultural on the future land use map. She stated construction of a tower generally does not interfere with continued use of remainder of the property for agriculture. Once constructed, towers typically generate little traffic, noise, dust, or light pollution. However, they are highly visible. She stated the applicant did indicate their willingness to retain existing mature vegetation that might help provide a screen. No one spoke in opposition at the Planning Commission meeting though there were some questions from some adjacent property owners. She stated this comes to the Board from the Planning Commission with a unanimous recommendation to approve the special use permit.

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the request.

Kiersten Lurer stated she is the applicant for the special use permit. She stated she just wanted to remind everyone that the application does meet or exceed all code requirements. As Ms. Hiller indicated, they did not initially show a landscape buffer simply because it was not required in the code, but they are happy to do so, and/or maintain an agreed amount of possibly a ten-foot buffer. They have no issues with that. She stated as far as the airport designation, they have already received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determination of no hazard, which is included in the application. She would be happy to answer any questions they may have about the application. She thanked the Board for their time.

Chairman Maxey asked if there is anyone else wishing to speak. Seeing none, he declared the Public Hearing closed, and asked if there is any discussion.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to adopt an ordinance to approve the request for Special Use Permit to construct a communication tower on property on Plemons Road. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

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Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

ULDC TEXT AMENDMENTS

- 1. REVISE TABLE 3.1, RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS, AND TABLE 3.2, NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, PERTAINING TO PERMITTED PRINCIPAL AND ACCESSORY USES. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 8-0].)**

Chairman Maxey asked Ms. Sue Hiller, Rome-Floyd County Planning Department Director, to review the proposed text amendment. Ms. Hiller stated Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 are the tables in the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) that outline the uses that are allowed in each of the zoning districts with Table 3.1 being residential and agricultural districts and Table 3.2 being the non-residential districts. The non-residential covers the commercial, industrial, and institutional zoning districts. She stated the committee that worked on this met three different times. They spent a great deal of very thoughtful time going line-by-line over the two tables reviewing things that they felt needed to adjusted or changed. She stated they added uses to some districts, and even removed uses from some districts. She thinks that their request to the Board for revision to the tables is reasonable. She stated it was well thought out, and it comes to the Board with a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve.

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 asked if there is any discussion.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell to adopt an ordinance to revise Table 3.1, Residential and Agricultural Districts, and Table 3.2, Nonresidential Districts, pertaining to Permitted Principal and Accessory Uses. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM ANY PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THE PROPOSED FY2016 BUDGET.**

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the proposed FY2016 Budget. Seeing none, he declared the Public Hearing closed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- 1. Citizen Appointments.**

- a. Animal Control Welfare Board.**

Chairman Maxey made a MOTION appoint Greta Willoughby to the Animal Control Welfare Board to fill the unexpired term of John Lowrey, 3-year term to expire September 30, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Bagwell

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" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee

No report.

2. Public Safety Committee

No report.

3. Public Works Committee

a. Everett Springs Project update.

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager McCord for an update on the Everett Springs Project. County Manager McCord stated the Saturday after Christmas, flooding occurred, which caused a bridge to fail in the Everett Springs area. He stated the bridge was closed for almost a week while trying to determine the appropriate action. The bridge closure affected twenty to thirty households in Floyd County; one person in particular had a seventy-mile commute to and from Rome. He stated he would like to compliment the Public Works Department on their quick response in getting out to the bridge on the day that it failed to secure it so no one would be in danger trying to cross it. He would also like to compliment them on their conversations with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and especially Michael Skeen and Denton Wright on the resourceful idea to use of an old weighbridge from the asphalt plant several years ago that they were able to put into place to open up a one-lane bridge for that area. This solution provided crossing for not only the residents and emergency vehicles, but addressed issues such as mail delivery. He stated they have been working with the Engineering Department and the Public Works Department to come up with a permanent replacement solution. The good thing is the one-lane opening allows them time to procure this to make the right call and not have to make such a quick decision. He stated they have evaluated five different options that vary in price with the lowest price being around \$65,000.00 and the highest price being a little over \$100,000.00. The work time varies on these as well. He stated they have ordered a geotechnical survey to be done on the bridge abutment on both sides to determine what treatment would be required to hold up the bridge among other things that would factor into choosing the right application. They hope to have a solution to bring back before the Board in the couple of meetings.

4. Water Committee

No report.

5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)

No report.

6. Floyd County Library Board

No report.

7. Special Committee Reports.

a. **Fire Overview Committee**

No report.

b. **Joint Services Committee**

No report.

c. **Joint Development Oversight Committee**

No report.

d. **Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee**

No report.

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e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

- 1) Update on 2013 SPLOST Projects.

Assistant Manager Burkhalter stated they have several SPLOST projects ongoing at the present time. He stated one of those projects is replacement of the Forum roof, which is being done as they speak. They are working around the weather, but that project should be complete in the next thirty days. He stated they are also working with Peacock Partnership and Safari Hospitality on the Forum interior upgrades. The Jail Controls Project is almost complete. He stated there is some training of staff to be done in order to understand how the controls work and how to work on those pieces of equipment. They have one payment left. He stated that the final payment will be made to the contractor once the training has been done, and that will complete the project. They had the groundbreaking for the Animal Control Facility on Wednesday, January 06, 2016, and completion of that project is still on target for October of this year. He stated the request for proposals (RFP) have been received for the case management software. A committee is being established to review the requests, and that information will be presented to the Board at a later date. He stated a tank site has been selected for the Everett Springs Project.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

No report.

g. Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) – Commissioners Bagwell & Fricks

- 1) Discuss Turner McCall Bridge Project.

County Manager McCord stated several months ago it was brought to their attention that the Turner McCall Bridge there at the Home Depot and CVS Pharmacy area was placed on a maintenance schedule to potentially have a major replacement of the deck. He believes the announcement of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) that the funding from the new transportation tax and the five dollar hotel fee implemented this year is going to put money into those coffers to enable this project along with others is what brought more attention to this lately. He stated the situation that was brought up was that they had a previous SPLOST project that allowed for widening of that bridge. It was expanded beyond the scope of what the initial project was intended to be, which was a three-lane bridge on each side to improve the intersection and throughput through Riverbend Drive up to East 1st Street and SR53. He stated they had mentioned at the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting that month to DeWayne Comer, the GDOT District Engineer, that they would like to see not just a rehab of a four-lane bridge, two lanes on each side, but an improvement to that intersection by adding two lanes as they do the maintenance. He stated the focus is that they need that throughput though understands that it involves additional permitting and activities. He stated they needed the improvements ten years ago, they obviously need it worse today, and they would just like to keep that on the front burner as a priority.

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 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		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

- 1. Purchase of Neptune water meters, accessories, and parts from Delta Municipal Supply Company, Inc., as sole source provider for all 2016 purchases of Neptune products by the Floyd County Water Department.**
- 2. Georgia Emergency Management Agency Statement of Subgrant Award (GEMA Award Number SHM16-014) for FY2016 Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant.**

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3. **Amendment V to Agreement between Floyd County and Valley Services, Inc., for Inmate Food Services at Floyd County Prison for the period of October 01, 2015 through April 30, 2016.**
4. **Approve request from Tax Commissioner for removal of bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll, and that the taxes be relieved from the books, as outlined in the memo from the Tax Commissioner and attached list dated December 16, 2015, in the amount of \$1,219.00.**
5. **Application for 2016 Alcoholic Beverage License, Shamsha Sundrani, Nick's Food Mart, 4392 Calhoun Road. (Beer)**
6. **Application for 2016 Alcoholic Beverage License, Akbar A. Jiwani, Cagles Stop & Shop, 3200 New Rosedale Road, Calhoun, pending approval by the Floyd County Police Department and Tax Commissioner. (Ownership Change. Beer)**
7. **Application for 2016 Self-Service Fuel License, Akbar A. Jiwani, Cagles Stop & Shop, 3200 New Rosedale Road, Calhoun, pending approval by the Floyd County Police Department and Tax Commissioner. (Ownership Change)**
8. **Approve authorization and execution of Work Authorization No. 35 (Avigation Easement Project – Phase I) between Floyd County and Baker Engineering covering professional services for the Runway 1 Easement Project.**
9. **Sixth Amendment to Building Lease Agreement between Floyd County and Redmond Park Hospital, LLC d/b/a Redmond Regional Medical Center, Emergency Services Department, at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **APPROVE TAD REQUEST FOR WEST 3RD HOTEL PROJECT – COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, DUKE LODGING ROME, LLC, AS RECOMMENDED BY ROME REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

County Manager McCord stated they have had multiple discussions over the past several weeks about the West 3rd Hotel Project and the TAD request. He stated this went before the Rome Redevelopment Agency, and was recommended to both the city and county commission. The city commission passed the TAD request at their first meeting in December 2015. He stated the TAD request was received from Duke Hospitality. Mr. Wes Dowdy with Duke Hospitality attended Caucus to provide an update on the project. He stated the request is for a twelve-year TAD that would be up to \$2.5 million maximum for the development of the West 3rd Hotel Project, which will be a Marriott Hotel on the West 3rd property. They have reviewed multiple scenarios from Duke Hospitality outlining the impact of sales tax and the number of jobs. He stated at this point, it is up to the Board to vote to authorize resolution to approve the TAD I for the West 3rd property. Again, this would be for \$2.5 million over a twelve-year period, which would include city schools, city M&O, and county M&O on a schedule of \$208,698.24 per year. He stated the Floyd County M&O at the current millage rate would be \$56,064.00 per year; the Rome Board of Education would be \$101,908.00, and the City of Rome M&O would be \$50,726.00.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Fricks to approve TAD I request for West 3rd Hotel Project – Courtyard by Marriott, Duke Lodging Rome, LLC, as recommended by Rome Redevelopment Agency pending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement that would be tied to the request.

County Manager McCord clarified that the City of Rome approved the Intergovernmental Agreement at their meeting the night before. He stated they received that agreement this morning, and they would have to approve it as a condition of this TAD approval. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Fricks
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

Commissioner Wallace abstained.

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Chairman Maxey noted that he has been opposed to this for quite a while, but he has realized that it is a distressed area that needs some help. He stated he felt that he should go ahead and vote for the project so that it would be unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wallace announced that there a great article about their community in the January edition of Georgia Trend magazine.

Commissioner Hancock recognized E911 Director John Blalock and E911 Supervisors in attendance. Commissioner Hancock stated the Board appreciates everything they do for them and the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagwell, SECOND by Commissioner Wallace, 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

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
JANUARY 12, 2016 2:00 PM**

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

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of January 12, 2016.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN