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Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearing on this item would be held on February 09, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:
(FIRST READINGS HELD JANUARY 12, 2016)**

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)

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager McCord to provide an overview of the amendment. County Manager McCord stated that this agreement was a state house bill on credit card agreements and credit card purchasing policies for elected officials that have credit cards. He then explained that the agreement gives guidelines on what can be done with the cards such as internal auditing, who would be able to use the cards, and what is authorized to be used with the cards. He went on to say the county currently only has one procurement card in use at the moment that applies to this amendment, and it is being used by the Sheriff as a gas card since he does a lot of traveling on county business. He stated that if there were any other cards issued to county officials, they would have to sign the agreement provided because it was made a state law, which became effective on January 01, 2016.

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the rezoning 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 Hancock to adopt an ordinance to 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) SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

2. AMEND CHAPTER 2-14, SECTION 2-14-32, OF THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING COMPENSATION PLAN. (2016-002A)

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager Jamie McCord to provide an explanation of the amendment. County Manager McCord stated that the compensation plan, as discussed in Caucus, is a revision to the county's compensation plan pertaining to promotional increases. He stated this would mean that the county would treat a promotional employee the same as a new hire employee so there would be no discrimination between the two. He referred to the couple of examples that were given where something like this could be an issue, but assured that it would be cleaned up going forward in order for both types of employees to be treated equally upon new hire or promotion.

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the rezoning 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 Hancock to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 2-14, Section 2-14-32, of the Code of Floyd County, Georgia regarding Compensation Plan. (2016-002A) SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager Jamie McCord to give a review on the FY2016 budget. County Manager McCord stated that the General Fund budget, as presented in Caucus, does have some changes to it from 2015, and there are some other minor revisions. He stated there was a pay plan and other things that affected some of the operational budgets for each department. He went on to say that, obviously Elections would be up due to the fact of it being an election year with multiple elections going on. He stated that there was one additional position in the County Managers Office that has been discussed, and there have also been some pension changes as well as other things that have been highlighted throughout several work sessions. The bottom line of expenditures was forty-four million, six-hundred and forty-one thousand, three hundred and ninety dollars (\$44,641,390.00) at a 1.3% increase from 2015, and there was a net change in the funds balance of eight hundred, ninety-eight thousand and fifteen dollars (\$898,015.00). He stated that they have a very conservative revenue projection because he hopes that the economy will continue to improve from seeing improvements in revenue over the past year. He went on to say that he does not believe they will have any other Department of Revenue issues to deal with this year as they did in 2015 because of the impact it made. He stated all of the other funds were stable. They did take some funds out of capital and there was a capital evaluation at the end of first quarter, but they would have to come back to the board with some additional capital purchases. He stated the Public Safety vehicles would be kept in the budget, and they would be utilizing the turn-in vehicles with the other departments as needed. He believes that they have a really good budget in place, and it is a good estimate of what they will be doing going forward. He closed with saying that he believes that they are still going to be able to maintain the goal of a thirteen million dollar fund (\$13,000,000.00) balance that will enable them to keep their cash so they can get through the summer and get into the fall when tax collections start coming in.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Appointment of Commissioners to various Committees.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Wallace to Approve Appointment of Commissioners to the various Boards, Committees and Authorities, for the year 2016, as presented in the list prepared by the County Clerk. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Larry Maxey (Chairman)

Chairman Administrative Finance Committee
Alcohol Control Commission (ACC)
Floyd County Board of Health
Gordon County-Floyd County Joint Development Authority
Joint Services Committee
Rome-Floyd County Development Authority
The Forum Civic Center Advisory Board
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
Work Release Committee

Commissioner Irwin Bagwell

Fire Overview Committee
Joint Development Oversight Committee (Building Inspection)
Joint Services Committee
Rome-Floyd Solid Waste Commission
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
Floyd County Library/Sara Hightower Regional Library Board of Trustees
Work Release Committee

Commissioner Garry Fricks

Chairman Water Committee
Criminal Justice Information Sharing (CJIS)
Fire Overview Committee

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Floyd Healthcare Management Board
Highland Rivers Community Service Board
Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority
2013 SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Commissioner Scotty Hancock

Chairman Public Works Committee
Animal Control Board
Department of Family & Children Services Board
Greater Rome Convention & Visitors Bureau
Rome-Floyd Planning Commission
Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission
2013 SPLOST Project Overview Committee
Rolling Hills RC&D Council

Commissioner Rhonda Wallace (Vice-Chairman)

Chairman Public Safety Committee
Airport Commission/Avionics Program
Hospital Authority of Floyd County and Floyd Healthcare Management Board
Joint Development Oversight Committee (Building Inspection)
Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful
Rome-Floyd Commission on Children & Youth
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Council and Council of Chief Elected Officials

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Administrative/Finance Committee

No report.

2. Public Safety Committee

No report.

3. Public Works Committee

a. Everett Springs Project update.

County Manager McCord stated that there was one update on the Everett Springs project. He stated that the drilling for the geotechnical report was being delayed until tomorrow, January 27, 2016, due to the weather. He stated that there would be closure at the Everett Springs Bridge site starting at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. He added that there would be no accessibility to cross at that location though there may be some gaps during that time as they move the drill rig to either side, but for the most part, it would be uninterrupted. He closed by stating that a press was sent and some phone calls were made to the local residents to make them aware of the closure. He believes they will have a final recommendation on the final repair by next meeting.

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.

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c. Joint Development Oversight Committee

No report.

d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee

No report.

e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

- 1) Update on 2013 SPLOST Projects.

No report.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

No report.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

Interim County Clerk Jaime Armstrong stated there are three 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 Hancock.

Commissioner Wallace stated she would like to clarify on one of the consent items, the temporary pouring license, that the fee will be double-checked before it goes forward even though it is being approved on the consent agenda. County Manager McCord stated as mentioned in Caucus, they have not had any issues with nonprofits until this calendar year. He stated that there would probably be a fee change, which he thinks would be a good recommendation. They are going to look at surrounding areas including the city’s fee for temporary pouring license in order to make a recommendation on a fee revision. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

- 1. Non-profit Temporary Malt Beverage Pouring License, Jim Talley, Exchange Club Family Resource Center, 5 Professional Court SW, Rome. Event Location: Rome Cinemas, 2535 Shorter Avenue SW, Rome, February 23, 2016. Beer and Wine.**
- 2. Approve Amendment to Purchasing Card and/or Credit Card User Agreement between Floyd County and Floyd County Elected Officials.**
- 3. Approve and Authorize Execution of Agreement between Floyd County and Bartow County for inmate work crew.**

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 1. ADOPT AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 FUNDS OF FLOYD COUNTY.**

County Manager McCord stated that this topic was discussed earlier in the Public Hearing, and at Caucus. He reminded them of the General Fund expenditures in the amount of forty-four million, six-hundred and forty-one thousand, three hundred and ninety dollars (\$44,641,390.00) at a 1.3% increase from 2015, and also that they would be using their fund balance in the amount of eighty hundred and ninety-eight thousand and fifteen dollars (\$898,015.00). He also reiterated that he believes that they will be able to maintain the thirteen million dollar reserve to use if need be. He believes that a lot of positive has come out of the past year with the Law Enforcement Pay Plan, and a COLA increase, actually two COLA increases for all Floyd County employees. He also stated that they were trying to get salaries where the need to be, and that employees have been patient in dealing with the economic issues. He stated that he believes that they have a good budget in place and all the funds appear in good shape. They do have some

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delays in capital purchases that they will reevaluate at the end of the first quarter when there is a fleet manager or special projects person in place. He stated it would be brought back as a revision sometime after the end of first quarter. He recommended to adopt and authorize execution of a resolution adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2016 funds of Floyd County.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hancock to adopt and authorize execution of a resolution adopting a budget for fiscal year 2016 funds of Floyd County. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Bagwell
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF TAD I INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOYD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROME PERTAINING TO THE WEST THIRD STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

County Manager McCord stated that they have had multiple discussions about this topic, and that it was submitted to the board members the prior week for review. He stated that one specific change was made in the agreement that both the County Attorney and the City Attorney have discussed. He asked County Attorney Hoyt to add to his statement as needed. He stated they had anticipated on an agreement that is not in the first agreement that states the hotel will not agree to build the hotel as directed under the agreement that the board reviewed. He stated the alternative and second part to that is the TAD would be cancelled if the hotel is not built per the agreement. He stated that both County and City Attorneys have discussed this and agreed that this would be in both sides of the contract. He stated that this was a boilerplate agreement that is very similar if not almost exactly like the agreement that was approved for the TAD II, or Ledbetter TAD. He recommended to approve and authorize execution of TAD I Intergovernmental Agreement between Floyd County and the City of Rome pertaining to the West Third Street Redevelopment Plan.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Wallace to approve and authorize execution of TAD I Intergovernmental Agreement between Floyd County and the City of Rome pertaining to the West Third Street Redevelopment Plan with the additions as outlined by the County Manager and recommended by the County Attorney. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. Chairman Maxey asked if there were any questions or comments.

Commissioner Bagwell stated he does have a question. He stated last time Commissioner Wallace abstained on the TAD. He asked Commissioner Wallace if she was going to abstain on the intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Wallace stated she would ask the County Attorney to clarify that.

County Attorney Hoyt addressed Commissioner Bagwell stating that he advised Commissioner Wallace that after the TAD was approved, she no longer has a conflict so she can vote simply on the contract between the city and the County. He stated he believes that any conflict Commissioner Wallace may have had was lifted when the TAD was approved.

Commissioner Bagwell stated that he did have additional questions pertaining to the TAD of how it was paid for, who purchased it, the transfer, and so on and so forth, and he got limited answers on the topic. He referred to page four of the city research with the developers where it mentions reimbursements of the property after the acquisition. He stated that it appeared the City of Rome was going to be reimbursed three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000.00). He stated it would be paid for in the first two years of the TAD. Duke Properties will make a tax payment, and that payment check will then be cut to the City of Rome, not to Duke Properties as per the agreement. Commissioner Bagwell stated that he believes that the hotel would be a great boost for the area though he just could not support it as a County Commissioner on the grounds of the property being paid for with taxpayer money, and that the city would be reimbursed with more taxpayer money. He stated that they support the area as a county. The county supports The Forum with over half a million dollars to keep it sufficient. He stated they help pay the bond on the parking deck for two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. He stated that the county also put in the Town Green with SPLOST, and to ask the taxpayers to reimburse the city, who paid for that property with taxpayer money, with more taxpayer money, he just cannot support it. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace

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County Manger McCord stated that they are looking at the Board of Assessors recommendation as far as reorganizing the department. He stated they have had some turnover and retirements over the past year, and the Board of Assessors have come to him with a reorganization plan that they will be taking a look at over the next couple of weeks. A recommendation would be brought back before the Board at the next meeting. He ended with saying that numerous departments have made improvements like this successfully, and he thinks it is good when there is movement in the departments toward improvements to make the department better while saving the county money and doing more with less.

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 |
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| Commissioner Wallace | | |
| " Bagwell | | |
| " Hancock | | |
| Chairman Maxey | | |

Motion Carried

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
JANUARY 26, 2016 6:00 PM**

Present: Commissioners Irwin Bagwell, 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.

Public Works Director Michael Skeen, and Ron Sitterding were present to provide an update on the Lindale Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of January 26, 2016.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN