

**REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 09, 2016 2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Gary Fricks, Scotty Hancock, Larry Maxey, and Rhonda Wallace.

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant Manager Gary Burkhalter, and County Attorney Wade Hoyt.

ABSENT: Commissioner Irwin Bagwell.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Maxey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Chairman Maxey led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Hancock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 January 26, 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

RECOGNIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA).

Chairman Maxey presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to Finance Director Susie Gass.

Ms. Gass stated that she would like to thank her department for doing a phenomenal job despite the fact of being short staffed, and for their help in achieving the certificate each year.

PROCLAMATIONS:

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Commissioner Hancock presented Floyd County Emergency Management Director Tim Herrington with a Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing February 01 – February 05, 2016 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 93)

GEORGIA DAY

Commissioner Wallace presented Ms. Kathy Cook and Ms. Gail Pitts with a Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing February 12, 2016 as Georgia Day.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 94)

ARBOR DAY

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Commissioner Fricks presented Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful Director Mary Hardin Thornton with a Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing February 18, 2016 as Arbor Day.

Ms. Thornton announced several upcoming events in connection with Arbor Day, and invited everyone to attend. She thanked the Board for their participation and support.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 95)

GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Commissioner Fricks presented Mr. Bill Kerestes, Mr. Curtis Gardner and Ms. Jane Bosarge with a Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing February 15 – February 19, 2016 as Georgia Small Business Week.

Mr. Kerestes stated that he would like to defer to Mr. Curtis Gardner, this year's Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Rome Chamber of Commerce and owner of Sonny's Pit BBQ, and to Mrs. Jane Bosarge, Chair of the Small Business Action Council. He stated Mrs. Bosarge would be hosting most of the events at the Chamber of Commerce, and is the owner of C & S Trophies and Corporate Awards.

Mr. Gardner stated that he would like to thank the Commissioners for their support of Georgia Small Business Week. He stated that small business plays a critical role in the economy of Rome, Floyd County, the state of Georgia, and the United States. He alluded to what Commissioner Fricks had read in the proclamation about Governor Deal declaring February 15-19 to be Georgia Small Business Week. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce was elated that there would be all kinds of events happening during the week of February 15 – February 19, 2016. He referenced www.rome.ga.com for details on all of the events that the Chamber would be conducting. He ended with thanking the Board of Commissioners for their recognition.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 96)

RECOGNIZE THE ROME-FLOYD COUNTY CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (CISM) TEAM.

Commissioner Hancock presented Floyd County Human Resources Training Coordinator Tracy Hardy with a Floyd County and City of Rome Proclamation recognizing the Rome-Floyd County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team.

Commissioner Hancock stated that Mr. Hardy was the originator of the team of the CISM team, which is made up of many people in Floyd County. He stated it fell under the prevue of Emergency Management, but they had been all over the county. He asked Mr. Hardy to give them an update on some of the things the CISM does.

Mr. Hardy stated that the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team was formed right after September 11, and Dr. Jerry Jennings, who was a commissioner at the time, helped form the community team. He stated that when there is a critical incident or very horrible tragedy that happens in the various counties around Floyd County, when they are requested, they offer what they would call "psychological first aid" or "emotional first aid" to first responders. He stated they also provide the first responders and others with information to help them cope in the situation. The CISM Team has done over fifty mobilizations since the team was formed. He stated that he appreciates the Board for their support, and allowing the team to provide a very valuable asset in North West Georgia.

(Proclamation/Resolution Book, Page 97)

**FIRST READINGS:
(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 6:00 PM)**

REQUESTS FOR REZONING & SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- 1. FILE #21-2016Z. REQUESTS REZONING FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) FOR EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS ADAMS CIRCLE AT ROCKMART HIWAY. TAX MAP J16Z PARCEL 056A. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 7-0].)**

ULDC AND OFFICAL ZONING MAPS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. ADOPT UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ULDC) FOR THE CITY OF ROME AND FLOYD COUNTY REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND ADOPT THE OFFICAL ZONING MAPS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY OF ROME AND FLOYD COUNTY (PLANNING COMMISSION**

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RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE: [VOTE: 7-0].)

Chairman Maxey stated the Public Hearings on these items would be held on February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:
(FIRST READINGS HELD JANUARY 26, 2016)**

AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

1. AMEND CHAPTER 2-17, SECTION 2-17-7, OF THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING PARKING VIOLATIONS. (2016-003A)

Chairman Maxey asked County Manager Jamie McCord for a review of the amendment. County Manager McCord stated that the amendment has been talked about for several weeks. Judge Richardson's office and the Chief Magistrate's office cleaned up some of the language in the code to define locations and make it coincide more with the state laws. He stated definitions such as, handicap parking, reserved parking, and what the violations would be as well as what the maximum fine would end up being if it did make it to court though most of the time that does not happen. This is a good clarification and update to the current code. He stated that the code amendment has been reviewed and recommended.

Chairman Maxey declared the Public Hearing open, and asked if there is anyone to speak in support or opposition of the amendment to Chapter 2-17, Section 2-17-7, code of Floyd County, Georgia regarding parking violations. 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 Wallace to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 2-17, Section 2-17-7, of the Code of Floyd County, Georgia regarding Parking Violations. (2016-003A) SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Citizens appointments.

a. Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission.

Chairman Maxey made a MOTION to appoint Anthony McClain to the Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Brad Doyle and to serve a 5-year term to expire on August 20, 2021. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

b. Animal Control Welfare Board.

Chairman Maxey made a MOTION to appoint Richard Jenson to the Animal Control Welfare Board to fill the unexpired term of Spencer Brewer and to serve a 3-year term to expire on September 30, 2019. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Hancock		

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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.

County Manager McCord provided an update on the Everett Springs Bridge Project. He stated the soil borings were completed, and as a positive, no rocks were hit so they should be able to go with spread footings and possibly some screw in type anchors. He stated that he would have a recommendation possibly by the next meeting. They were delayed a couple of days on the borings due to the weather plus they also had an interruption while doing the borings. He stated that he feels really good about the temporary structure that is in place. They are going to try to keep that structure in place throughout the construction of the new bridge crossing. He stated that he would be back with recommendations as he receives final reports.

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.

e. **SPLOST Project Overview Committee**

1) Update on 2013 SPLOST Projects.

County Manager McCord stated that site work is underway on the Animal Control Special Operations facility. He stated they have started doing some preliminary grading to get the site pad ready for beginning foundations for concrete work. It was ready last week, but he is unsure if any concrete had been poured since he has not been by there. He stated that they would be starting up their weekly meetings again the following week, and he would have a better update at the next meeting. They have received proposals for case management software, and the review committee will be making a recommendation from the proposals received. He stated that he hopes to come back with more information over the next several meetings. They are making a lot of progress on the Forum roof project,

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which is about sixty-five percent (65%) complete. He stated that the final payment was made on the Jail Controls Upgrade Project this week. The final, most active project is the Health Department HVAC system upgrade that is about seventy-five percent (75%) complete, and progressing well. He stated that this has been a major renovation, and not having to deal with hot weather during the turnover has been a relief.

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks

No report.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Consent Agenda

Assistant County Manager Burkhalter stated there are two 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 Fricks to approve and authorize execution of items submitted under the Clerk’s Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		

Motion Carried

- 1. Approve request to declare list of miscellaneous items and equipment submitted by the Purchasing Department as surplus and authorize disposal of property.**
- 2. Approve and authorize creation of a Certified Correctional Officer Position for the Floyd County Prison to be assigned to the Bartow County inmate work crew. Position number 460-986, Paygrade 112-05.**

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSOR’S AND CHIEF APPRAISER REGARDING ASSESSOR’S OFFICE REORGANIZATION PLAN.

County Manager McCord stated the recommendation for the reorganization of the Chief Assessor and Appraiser’s Office has been discussed multiple times over the last couple of weeks, and discussed in detail during caucus. He stated due to some retirements in the office, Danny Womack and his staff have looked at a reorganization plan that includes some re-shifting of duties, outsourcing some audits, and eliminating two full time positions. They would love to be able do more with less, and in this case, it looks like it is going to be an improvement. He stated that as part of the improvement, Mr. Womack compiled some salary surveys in comparison by parcel account, some neighboring communities, and other communities throughout the state on what some of the salaries should be. He feels that this is a good plan. He stated it has been discussed in detail with the Board of Assessors, the Chairman, at one point, one on one, and now with the Board of Commissioners twice. The proposed reorganization would net a payroll savings of ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000.00) with the elimination of the two full time positons, adjustments to the appraisers pay, the adjustment to the Chief Appraiser’s pay, and then adding back the twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the external audits. He stated that he thinks it is a good program to outsource the audits and have a third uninterested party available for when personal property audits are being done. The net savings in the reorganization plan, as presented, would reduce two positions, and with the net savings of audit outsourcing, the net savings would be sixty-eight thousand, five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$68,525.00) to payroll. He stated that this would also cover the adjustments to four salaries including the Chief Appraiser.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hancock to approve the recommendation from the Floyd County Board of Assessor’s and Chief Appraiser regarding Assessor’s Office Reorganization Plan. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		

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" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FLOYD COUNTY CHIEF APPRAISER.

County Manager McCord stated the contract of employment for the Floyd County Chief Appraiser is more of a formality following the approval of the reorganization plan as well as the salary adjustments. He stated Danny Womack was hired as Chief Appraiser in 2014, and it was realized that, due to an oversight, Mr. Womack was neither a civil service employee nor a contract employee, which needs to be rectified. The proposed contract, which is the blanket contract used for all department heads, would put the Chief Appraiser's salary compensation at seventy-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$79,332.00) per year. He recommended approval and authorization execution of the contract of employment for Floyd County Chief Appraiser.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hancock to approve and authorize execution of the Contract of Employment with Danny Womack as Floyd County Chief Appraiser. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace	
" Fricks	
" Hancock	
Chairman Maxey	

Motion Carried

3. APPROVE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY TAX SOFTWARE FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

County Manager McCord stated that property tax software for the Floyd County Tax Commissioner's Office was discussed in detail during caucus, and, as they are aware, was approved in the FY2016 budget. He stated this was also discussed in detail at one of their budget hearings. The reason for the software purchase is that they have outgrown the in-house software that is currently being used, and they have had some major issues with transferring data from their WINGAP system over to the in-house billing program. He stated the Board graciously approved the purchase in this year's budget though the issue that has come into play, as far as timing goes and purchasing the product, is the Tax Commissioner's need for the product to be in place relatively quickly and earlier in the year in order to utilize it in 2016. They have identified three potential providers for the software. He stated that one was unaffordable based on quotes, and is mainly built for larger communities. The other two, Thomson Reuters and Harris Systems, are capable of providing the system with the software that is needed for the Tax Commissioner's Office. He stated that Thomson Reuters was the low bidder in the initial quotes received, and Mr. Payne is asking to waive the policy in order to purchase the software directly from Thomson Reuters. He stated County Attorney Hoyt has reviewed this, and legally per state law, because it is listed as a service contracted item, they are allowed to do this. However, they would be asking the Board to waive the in-house policy of any purchase over twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). He stated Mr. Payne agreed to this, and stated that he would be responsible for everything. He recommended, as discussed, approving the purchase of property tax software for the Floyd County Tax Commissioner's Office in the amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Wallace to approve purchase of Property Tax Software for the Floyd County Tax Commissioner's Office from Thomson Reuters VCS Tax System in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00). SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace	
" Fricks	
" Hancock	
Chairman Maxey	

Motion Carried

4. DISCUSS AWARD OF BID WITH RESPECT TO REMOTE SITE SERVICES.

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County Manager McCord stated the award of bid with respect to remote site services was deferred item from the last meeting. He stated they received two bids that were low. The bid for refurbished equipment was from Republic Services at twenty-one thousand eight-hundred and ten dollars (\$21,810.00) per month for all seven sites. He stated the bid for new equipment was received from Martin Environmental for twenty-four thousand eight-hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$24,838.00) per month. Staff recommended the low bid for refurbished equipment at twenty-one thousand eight-hundred and ten dollars (\$21,810.00) per month. He stated this is a forty-four thousand dollar (\$44,000.00) increase over their existing contract though there were some details included that would update the refurbished equipment and get it in proper working order. This would be a three-year contract with two additional years that could be added with Board approval. He recommended award of bid with respect to remote site services to Republic Services for twenty-one thousand eight-hundred and ten dollars (\$21,810.00) per month, or two-hundred and sixty-one thousand seven-hundred and twenty dollars (\$261,720.00) annually.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Wallace to approve the award of bid with respect to remote site services to Republic Services for twenty-one thousand eight-hundred and ten dollars (\$21,810.00) per month. SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

5. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID AS RECOMENDED BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT FOR THE ANNUAL PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE FLOYD COUNTY PRISION.

County Manager McCord stated that all of the low bids went to Gulf State Distributors with the exception of one type of ammunition that went to Clyde Armory. He stated this is for the 2016 training that law-enforcement have to do for their qualifying annually. He recommended approval and authorization of award of bid as recommended by the Purchasing Department for the annual purchase of ammunition for Floyd County Police, Sherriff's Office, and Floyd County Prison.

Chairman Maxey called for a Motion. MOTION was made by Commissioner Hancock to approve and authorize award of bid as recommended by the Purchasing Department for the annual purchase of ammunition for the Floyd County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Floyd County Prison. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES TO RAYBURN ELECTRIC FOR THE JAIL CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON RECONCILIATION OF REMAINING FUNDS (2013 SPLOST)

Defer.

7. DISCUSS A PLAN OF FINANCING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE ANTICIPATIONCERTIFICATES BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FLOYD COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF FLOYD HEALTHCARE MANAGEMNET, INC. D/B/A FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER AND/OR APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

Defer.

OTHER BUSINESS

County Manager McCord stated that a Public Information Open House has been scheduled for the purpose of discussing the intersection improvements and turn lane additions on SR101 from Pleasant Hope Road or Bethel Church Road to Wax Road. He stated the meeting would be held on February 25, 2016 at Pepperell High School, 5 Dragon Drive, Lindale, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for those interested in attending.

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Mr. Thermon Morris stated he is from the Rome Lions Club, and has been a member since 1978. He stated that on February 20, 2016, the Lions Club would be celebrating their seventy-fifth year as a civic organization in Rome. They have helped needy children with eye care, and senior citizens with eye care and hearing aids. He stated as part of their celebration they wanted to invite the Commissioners to be their guests and see what the organization is all about. He is very proud to be a part of this organization, which is one of the largest civic organizations in the world. He stated again, he is proud to be a part of the Lions Club, and hopes that each of the Commissioners would join them on February 20, 2016 at Coosa County Club so they could be a part of their celebration since the Lions Club has been a part of the community for so long.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES NO

Commissioner Wallace
" Fricks
" Hancock
Chairman Maxey

Motion Carried

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
FEBRUARY 09, 2016 1:00 PM**

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

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of February 09, 2016.

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LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN