

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 14, 2016            2:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS**  
**PRESENT:**            County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Attorney Wade Hoyt, County Clerk Erin Elrod

**CALL TO ORDER:**            Chairman Maxey called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**        Commissioner Hancock led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**    Commissioner Bagwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**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 February 09, 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- 1. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK, JUNE 5-11, 2016, ANSLEY SAVILLE, CO-PRESIDENT OF ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB, WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT.**  
Commissioner Wallace presented the National Garden Week Proclamation to Ms. Ansley Saville.  
Ms. Saville introduced Marla Janes, Co-President of Rome Federated Garden Club, and Caroline Alford, President of the Mountain View Garden Club. She thanked the board for the Proclamation and apologized that it was a week late but all the Garden Clubs had been doing things around town as well as celebrating National Garden Week. She thanked the Board again and hoped they would would get out and see the areas that their Garden Clubs’ had been taking care of.
- 2. GENERAL AVIATION APPRETIATION MONTH, JUNE 2016, MIKE MATHEWS, RICHARD B. RUSSEL AIRPORT DIRECTOR, WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT.**

Commissioner Bagwell presented the General Aviation Appreciation Month Proclamation to Mike Mathews, Richard B. Russel Airport Director.

Mr. Matthews stated he appreciated the Commissioners. He stated he was an Officer with the Georgia Airport Association. He gets to know all the Airport Managers in the state and sees what they have to go through, as well as the hurdles they have to jump through. He thanked the airport because of the Board doing their part for general aviation. He stated since he was six years old aviation sparked his blood, he started flying out of Rome when he was 15, he was a lineman for a few years in the early 1980’s. He moved away, came back and has been at Richard B. Russel Regional Airport for about 18 years. He stated the Board had done so much for the Airport in the last 18 years that he has been there by bringing general aviation to the public such as the Museum, and Tiger Flight. He stated when he was 15 he could go right through the fence but now they had ten-foot high fences with three strands of barbed wire. He stated it was important to bring these kinds of activities to the airport because it was so essential for the youth. He stated Tiger Air Flight had seen about 1,000 students in the last year and every year they had been there. He thanked the Board for helping him in his job.

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**FIRST READING**

**(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JUNE 28, 2016)**

**REQUESTS FOR REZONING & SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

- 1. FILE # 60-2016Z. REQUESTS REZONING FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (H-C) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) TO MARKET FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ON PROPERTY ON CEDARTOWN HIGHWAY IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP H18 AS PARCELS 058 AND 059.. (PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. [VOTE: 9-0].)**
  
- 2. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CODE AMENDMENT TO ADD THE FOLLOWING AS SECTION 2-15-7: "SECTION 2-15-7: ENFORCEMENT OF LEFT HAND TURN ONLY PROVISION."**

Chairman Maxey announced the Public Hearing for items 1-2 would be held on June 28, 2016.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

**1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Maxey, Chairman**

No report.

**2. Public Safety Committee- Commissioner Wallace, Chairman**

No report.

**3. Public Works Committee- Commissioner Hancock, Chairman**

- a. Review Fiscal Year 2017 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program in the amount of \$1,014,813.28.

County Manager McCord stated the 2017 LMIG grant program had arrived earlier in the week and it showed an increase of \$227,000.00 over previous years. He stated it was the result of their house bill 160 and transportation improvements that had taken place over the past year. It was a good improvement and they would be putting more asphalt on the roadways. It was not a big enough improvement but it was a much needed improvement where they would be able to do local projects. Primarily 90% of their projects were always paving so they would be adding that as they develop their list for the upcoming year. He stated the application was due in December so they had a lot of time to get it together.

Commissioner Hancock asked County Manager McCord for an update on the Everett Springs Bridge Project. County Manager McCord stated they were still having a few issues with the bridge. They had done some additional borings last week and got the report back today. He stated he read over that this morning and there was no real change to the report. There was some refusal at different location and depths but the depths were much below the helical pile minimum depth. He stated they would be meeting with the contractor to try to come up with a resolution. It was still the opinion of the third party driller that the soil conditions will support helical piles and they would be capable of busting through the surface they were having an issue with. He stated they would be negotiating and trying to come up with a resolution. He stated the bridge was ready and was scheduled to be delivered last week but it was not going to hurt them another week or so of curing on the bridge as it was a cast in place with an in place cured design. He stated he would be discussing it with the owner of Cantsink, the helical pile contractor and Bruce Ivy, the County Engineer, face to face sometime next week.

**4. Water Committee- Commissioners Fricks, Chairman**

County Manager McCord stated that the one item for the Water Committee was on the Clerks Consent Agenda. He stated they would hopefully be approving the relocation of the Highway 140 water line with KM Davis Construction at a later time. He stated at the next meeting they would have the property exercise and the option for property at the Everett Springs pump station that they signed an option for back in September of 2015 and they would be exercising it. He stated they had a negotiated price, had gotten appraisals from both sides from the owner and appraiser, had agreed upon a price, and were just waiting on some legal work to take place for a clean legal description.

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**5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Fricks**

No report.

**6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Bagwell**

No report.

**7. Special Committee Reports.**

No report.

**a. Fire Overview Committee- Commissioner Bagwell & Fricks**

No report.

**b. Joint Services Committee- Commissioners Bagwell & Maxey**

No report.

**c. Joint Development Oversight Committee- Commissioners Bagwell & Wallace**

No report.

**d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee- Commissioners Bagwell & Hancock**

County Manager McCord stated they had placed out the Request for Proposal (RFP) for recycling services and they were due back on July 7, 2016. There is a pre-bid on June 20, 2016 and it had been sent out to over six local and regional recyclers that may have interest in working with them on a partnership, public, private partnership, or potentially fully privatization, it just depended on how it was worded or placed. He stated they would be proceeding on it and they planned for the July 27, 2016 meeting which would give them three weeks of staff review and evaluation on the proposals to try and come up with a solution to either relocate or find a better solution for all of the comingled recyclables that came into the center.

**e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee- Commissioners Fricks & Hancock**

1. Next SPLOST meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday June 30, 2016, at the Rome Tennis Center at Beery College.

County Manager McCord stated the SPLOST Citizen Committee rescheduled for June 30, 2016 and it would be held at the Tennis Center off Armurchee Connector. They did not have HVAC at the last meeting and they felt like it was a little too warm to keep the committee in the room for an hour to go over everything. He reconfirmed the meeting would be held on June 30, 2016 at the Tennis Center at 5:30pm to go over everything and to discuss a potential field trip for the Commission to see the progress on the Tennis Center and Animal Control Facility. He stated the Animal Control Facility was really moving along at 50-60% complete and the Tennis Center was about 95% complete. He stated the trip was tentatively scheduled for 3:30pm.

**f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Fricks**

No report.

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

No report.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Consent Agenda**

County Clerk Erin Elrod stated there were 6 items placed on the Clerk’s Consent that have been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

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

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Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

1. Approve request by the Floyd County Tax Commissioner to remove the taxes for parcels referenced in supporting documents in the total of \$60,731.21.
2. Review and approve beverage agreement between Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority and Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc.
3. Approve of contract to Brad Cole Construction for mass grading at the North Floyd Rail Site in FY2016 in the amount of \$1, 310, 608.00
4. Approve and authorize contract documents on the Waterline Relocation for SR 140 Widening and Reconstruction GA. DOT project STP-004-00(915) J-I6046.
5. Resolution of the Jesse Adams Workers’ Compensation Case: Resolved on lump sum basis for total payout of \$74,646.67 to be broken down as follows:
  - a. \$35,000.00 payable upfront to Mr. Adams;
  - b. \$26,450.00 initial payment to fund Medicare Set Aside; and
  - c. \$1,046.00 additional yearly amount for 17 years to fund the remaining Medicare Set Aside amount to be administered by Hewitt Coleman.
6. Resolution of PlumCreek Tax Appeal: PlumCreek overpayment of taxes of approximately \$53,000.00. The Property values of PlumCreek have been reset to \$813.00 per acre for 2013; \$996.00 per acre for 2014; and \$996.00 per acre for 2015. Also, to approve the Consent Order confirming the same in the Floyd Superior Court Tax Appeal Case in NO.: 14-CV-00098-JFL002

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. ~~CONSIDER FOR REQUEST A REFUND TO THOMAS SHIPLEY STINSON FOR A 50 ACRE PARCEL PROPERTY NUMBER D14 050, FRO 2007-2015~~

**DEFERED TO JUNE 28, 2016 MEETING.**

County Manager McCord stated there were 4 items on the Managers Report. He stated Item 1 would be deferred to the next meeting (June 28, 2016). He stated they had resolved two of the three issues that were brought to them by Mr. Stinson and he would bring it back before the board.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO RENEW THE CAPACITY AGREEMENT FOR FLOYD COUNTY PRISON TO CONTINUE TO HOUSE STATE INMATES.

County Manager McCord stated item two is to review and approve agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections. He stated this was the contract for housing state inmates. The contract brings in \$20.00 per inmate, per day, housed in the prison. He stated they have had the same numbers they have had in previous years and it was authorized for 424 state inmates. He recommended to review and approve agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to renew the capacity agreement for Floyd County Prison to continue to house state inmates.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. Commissioner Hancock made a MOTION to Approve the Review and Renewal of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to Renew the Capacity Agreement the Floyd County Prison To Continue to House State Inmates to continually house up to 424 state inmates annually . SECOND by Commissioner Bagwell. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

3. REVIEW AND RENEW GRANT FUNDS FOR FLOYD COUNTY MENTAL HELTH COURT.

County Manager McCord stated that item three was reviewed and discussed with Judge Niedrach in caucus. He stated Judge Niedrach went over the renewal of the Floyd County Mental Health Court or Accountability Court and went over the last six (6) months of activity. He stated they were approved by Governor Deal for another award for 2017. The total amount of the award is \$143,684.00; \$126,616.00 is Federal with \$14,068.00 matched- which come from donated funds or date funds that are under the administration of the court system. He stated have had fifteen (15) participants since January 01, 2016 and they have a capacity of thirty (30) positions. Hopefully it will continue to grow and improve their situation with the Mental Health Court. He recommended to renew the grant fund for Floyd County Mental Health Court in the amount of \$143,684.00 for Fiscal Year 2017.

Commissioner Wallace stated she appreciated Judge Niedrach coming to the meeting and explaining the grant to the Board and the benefits. She stated that he was doing a great job.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Approve the Review and Renewal Grant Funds for the Floyd County Mental Health Court in the amount of \$143,684.00 for Fiscal Year 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE FY2016 MID-YEAR BUDGET

County Manager McCord stated item four is to review and approve fiscal year 2016 mid-year budget revision. He stated if they recalled, they had a Recreation budget that was just carried over from a previous year. They had went back and renewed the budget and worked with Kevin Cowling, Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority Director, to get a lot of the changes that had taken place between revenue, expenditures, positions and other areas. He stated another item that they had was capital equipment, they did not have any capital equipment other than the Police and Sheriff's Department vehicles. He stated they have added back a little over \$300,000.00 in capital equipment. Some other highlights are a \$71,000.00 CRONOS time keeping system upgrade that they had done very little to in the past twelve years that was due for an upgrade on both the hardware and software. The Jail sewer project that they had been discussing internally for several days would be moving forward on some sewer replacements on sites 5 and 6. He stated the morgue was something else they had discussed. They were looking at building a county morgue at a location yet to be determined but they were working with the County Coroners on that. He stated they had fee reductions they promised to Recreation that are listed in the budget, going forward throughout the end of the year. He stated in summary to go through line by line item they started with \$898,000.00 deficit with the original budget proposed for 2016. With the changes they were up to 1.599 for the year which included what was discussed in caucus, employee cost of living increases to begin in July 01, 2016 for all active employees beginning in July. It also includes phase 2 of the Public Safety Pay Plan that was in the original budget, to begin in December. He stated there was not a lot of budget for that in this budget. A majority of it will be undertaken in the next fiscal year. He thought it was a good budget. The digest was relatively flat, they budgeted a 2% increase and got an official .1% decrease which is accurate from what they are doing. It is still left to be determined because they have some utility evaluations that had yet to come in which would hopefully make it better and not worse. He stated there were just minor changes in the digest over the last six months. He stated this would clean up some things they had in there. He stated they had one additional boiler at the Jail, which gave them a total of three (3) new boilers

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out of the 6 they have. He thought this was a good budget going forward and he recommended to approve the fiscal year 2016 mid-year, or first revision, of the County’s operation and capital budget.

Commissioner Fricks asked about the salary increase, where was it assigned and if it was a lump sum or in individual departments.

Assistant County Manager Burkhalter stated it was all in general services and what they will do is go back and recalculate for each department and distribute it out but to get it in the budget it was all in the general services category. County Manager McCord stated the information was located on page one at the very bottom of the expenditures, under general government in the budget. He stated it was all located in the one location but it would be redistributed. Commissioner Fricks stated he just wanted to know if it was added in because some of the departments had adjustments on them. Assistant County Manager Burkhalter stated it was added in the various departments outside of the general fund but all the departments listed under the general fund it had not been distributed. Commissioner Fricks stated that is what threw him off since it had adjusted some, it looked like for that reason, and some had not. Assistant County Manager Burkhalter stated that time had just not allowed the ability to do that.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. Commissioner Wallace made a MOTION to Approve the FY2016 Mid-Year Budget SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

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

**5. REVIEW AND APPROVE CONSULTING SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYEES HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN.**

County Manager McCord stated item five was to review and approve consulting services proposal for employee health and benefits plan. He stated they received six proposals back in late Mach 2016 and went through a process of evaluation. He stated they did some face to face interviews and Assistant County Manager Burkhalter and himself had met with the two finalists earlier in the week. They went over their proposals and they believe they should go forward with Garner and Glover again. He stated they have evaluated some of the issues both parties have had with getting some things revised and renewed. He stated they have had good success in doing it in the first six months of the year. He stated they had not renewed the agreement in over ten years and he believed it was a good time to look at it. He stated Garner and Glover were not the lowest, they were number two as far as annual fee is considered. He stated they met with Chuck and Matt and identified where they had weaknesses and short falls. He stated they had met with them and provided them with the things they should be doing better. He recommended moving forward with approval of consulting services for employee health and benefits plan to Garner and Glover with the annual fee being \$117,000.00. He noted that it was the same amount that they had been paying annually.

Chairman Maxey Recused himself from voting because of a small remodeling project he was involved in at Garner and Glover.

Chairman Maxey called for a motion. Commissioner Bagwell made a MOTION to Approve Consulting Services Proposal for Employee Health and Benefits Plan to Garner and Glover annually at \$117,000.00 . SECOND by Commissioner Fricks. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Wallace		
" Fricks		
" Bagwell		
" Hancock		
Motion Carried		

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

County Manager McCord stated he wanted to complement County Clerk Erin Elrod who came in under trial by fire on her seventh day. She has done a great job this week getting on her feet and getting things organized. He stated they were glad to have her as part of the team and looked forward to growing her abilities and doing great things

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in the future. He stated they really appreciated her for her hard work in the last 7 days.

Chairman Maxey stated they were going to recognize Ms. Jamie Armstrong, but failed to follow through. County Manager McCord stated that he spoke with Ms. Armstrong and she was coming back and would be available at the first meeting in July.

**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		
" Bagwell		
" Hancock		
Chairman Maxey		
Motion Carried		

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN**

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS**

**June 14 , 2016      12:00 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

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**LARRY N. MAXEY, CHAIRMAN**