

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 10, 2017                      2:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**                      Commissioners Wright Bagby, Allison Watters, Scotty Hancock, Larry Maxey, and Rhonda Wallace.

**OTHERS**

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

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:**                      County Attorney Hoyt called the meeting to order.

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

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE:**              Commissioner Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

County Attorney Hoyt called for a MOTION to approve the January 10, 2017 agenda. MOTION made by Commissioner Wallace. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

"              Bagby

"              Watters

"              Maxey

"              Hancock

Motion Carried

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Wallace

" Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Motion Carried

County Attorney Hoyt turned the meeting over to Chairman Wallace.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Wallace asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were

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in order. County Attorney Hoyt stated the minutes have been reviewed and are in order. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to adopt the minutes of the Budget Workshop of December 08, 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

Chairman Wallace 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 Bagby to adopt the minutes of the Caucus and Regular Meeting of December 13, 2016. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**1. Adopt Resolution Regarding Matters Related to the Collection of Taxes.**

Chairman Wallace asked County Manager McCord to provide details.

County Manager McCord stated that this was an annual agreement they have with the Tax Commissioner on when they collect taxes and the timing. Through October they collect taxes on a monthly basis from January to October, in November and December they get them on a weekly basis. He stated that it set forth the time taxes were due to the County which was on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> each month in January through October and weekly in November and December. He stated that it was a 2.5% for collecting the 2017 Ad Velorum taxes with Tax Commissioner Kevin Payne.

Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Adopt the Resolution Regarding Matters Related to the Collection of Taxes. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**2. Adopt Hiring Resolution**

**A. COUNTY MANAGER**

**B. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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**C. COUNTY AUDITOR**

Chairman Wallace called for a motion to hire a County Manager for 2017. MOTION was made by Commissioner Maxey to hire Jamie McCord as County Manager for 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

Chairman Wallace called for a motion to hire the County Attorney for 2017. MOTION was made by Commissioner Bagby to hire Wade Hoyt III of the Hoyt Firm as the County Attorney. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

Chairman Wallace called for a motion to hire the County Auditor for 2017. MOTION was made by Chairman Maxey to hire Maulding & Jenkins as the County Auditor at the recommendation of the County Finance Director. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**3. Adopt Resolution Regarding Designation of Depositories of Floyd County.**

Chairman Wallace asked County Manager McCord for the list of the depositories.

County Manager McCord stated that he would read the list and then read the section about who is authorized to be on the list.

Wells Fargo Bank

The Bank Corp Bank

Synovus Bank

Bank of the Ozarks

SunTrust Bank

Regions Bank

United Community Bank

Citizen's First Bank

Flagstar Bank

Greater Community Bank

Heritage First Bank

River City Bank

North West Georgia Credit Union

Coosa Valley Credit Union

Community and Southern Bank

Eastwest Bank

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He stated that the Bank of New York and the Georgia Local Government Investment Pool are designated depositories for Floyd County in 2017. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, the County Clerk, the County Comptroller and the Finance Director will be authorized as signatory.

Chairman Wallace called for a motion. Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Adopt the Designation of Depositories of Floyd County. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**FIRST READINGS**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2017)**

1. **FILE #114-2016SUP REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK ON PROPERTY ON ALABAMA HIGHWAY AT BARKER ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP G13X AS PARCEL 239 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C)**
2. **FILE #11-2017Z REQUESTS REZONING FROM OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL (O-I) TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) FOR EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ON PROPERTY ON CALHOUN ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP K13W AS PARCEL 049**

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- 3. FILE #13-2017Z REQUESTS REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL (O-I) TO MARKET FOR CEMETERY USE PROPERTY ON CALLIER SPRINGS ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP J14P AS PARCELS 086, 087, 088, 091, 093, 095, AND 096.**
- 4. FILE #17-2017SUP REQUESTS SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MANUFACTURED HOME ON PROPERTY ON TREMONT DRIVE IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP J14P AS PARCEL 037 SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R)**
- 5. RE-ADOPTION FOR THE ROME- FLOYD COUNTY ULDC & ZONING MAPS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**(FIRST READINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016)**

- 1. FILE #121-2016Z REQUESTS FOR REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION- LIVESTOCK ON PROPERTY ON WAX ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP L17 AS PARCELS 051A, 093, 101, 103, 116, 116A, 116B AND 116C. (APPROVED 9-0 BY PLANNING COMMISSION)**

Chairman Wallace reviewed the procedure and rules of the Public Hearing

Chairman Wallace asked Sue Hiller, Rome-Floyd Planning Director, for insight. Ms. Hiller stated the subject property had Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning to the, east and south, with Suburban Residential (S-R) zoning on either sides. She stated that the property consisted of several parcels and it was approximately 400 acres in size and was zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) with adoption of the ULDC. She stated that it was currently developed with some single-family dwellings and being used for agriculture, mostly for raising livestock. She stated there were churches to the south and east otherwise around it was agricultural and residential use. Services and utilities are available to the property and the flood plain maps do not indicate the property was in a flood hazard area. She stated that it was shown on the future land use map as agricultural.



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She presented some photos of the property and surrounding areas to the Commission. She stated granting the request would allow agricultural operation, livestock by right. It would allow it to be on the entire property. Any expansion of agricultural use would have to meet the development standards of the ULDC. The proposed zoning A-R and the land use are supported by the City of Rome and Floyd County comprehensive plan and because of the uses on surrounding property there is a very low potential for adverse impacts. She stated for those reasons she recommended approval and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended it.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support of the request.

**Steve Miller, representing the owners of the property.** He stated that it was a 400 acre cattle farm that had been in existence since 1970 with continued operation, non-stop. He stated that he was currently representing the party as a real estate broker and he had the property under contract contingent upon it remaining agricultural use as it had been used for, for the past 46 years. He stated that he appreciated the consideration.

Chairman Wallace asked if there was anyone else to speak in favor. Seeing none she asked if there was anyone there to speak in opposition of the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to Approve File #121-2016Z Request for Rezoning from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) for Agricultural Operation- Livestock on Property on Wax Road identified on Floyd County Tax Map L17 as Parcels 051A, 093, 101, 103, 116, 116A, 116B and 116C as Recommended by the Planning Commission. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

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Commissioner Watters excused herself.

**2. FILE #123-2016Z REQUESTS FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) AND SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R) FOR MARKETING PURPOSES ON PROPERTY OFF CAVE SPRING ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP G16 AS PARCEL 082. (APPROVED 8-0 BY PLANNING COMMISSION)**

Chairman Wallace asked Sue Hiller, Rome-Floyd Planning Director, for an overview. Ms. Hiller stated the property was split lot zoned. Part of it was zoned agricultural residential and part suburban residential and was not discovered until the applicant came in to get a plat recorded. She stated that the total property is approximately 256 acres and undeveloped. Properties to the north, east and west were zoned agricultural residential (A-R) and suburban residential (S-R) to the south is zoned agricultural residential (A-R) She stated that the predominate land use is single-family dwelling and agriculture. Granting the request would allow the property to be platted as one lot of record for marketing purposes with zoning that is appropriate to the existing use. She stated that it was a unanimous recommendation to approve.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Hancock to Approve File #123-2016Z Request for Rezoning from Agricultural Residential (A-R) and Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) for Marketing Purposes on Property off Cave Spring Road Identified on Floyd County Tax Map G16 as Parcel 082. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

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Motion Carried

Commissioner Watters returned.

**3. REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 3, ARTICLE 4, AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE ULDC REGARDING RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS. (APPROVE 9-0 BY PLANNING COMMISSION)**

Chairman Wallace stated under (a) was article 35 which is a residential cluster option is use allowed by special use permit with restrictions in the multifamily residential (M-R) district which must meet all development standards and critierial for a multi-family residential development. She stated (b) is article 4.1.32(a) which is the purpose of the regulations to allow development of cluster dwelling units as a means to increase the stock of affordable housing. It is intended to permit multi single-family dwelling units on lots in 1-2 acres in size where services and utilities exist to accommodate higher densities. 3 which is (c) article 6.8.6(a)2 multi family dwelling, dwelling unit, types allowed in the multifamily residential (M-R) and community commercial (C-C) zoning district, two (2) spaces per dwelling unit. She asked Ms. Hiller for clarification and input.

Ms. Hiller stated that the revision affected a lot of parts of the ULDC to accomplish this one thing and that was to create a multifamily residential situation on a lot of 1-2 acres where more than one single family dwelling could be placed on a lot. As they discussed those single family dwellings could be site built or they could be modular and that is where the accommodation for tiny homes comes in. She stated that they were interested in accommodating those but they were also interested in accommodating affordable housing situations like the one the housing authority is currently building on MLK where they want to do multiple single family dwellings. In order to do that under the existing ULDC they had to go through a whole subdivision process even though they are going to own all of that property and they are not going to sell them as individual structures. She stated that it was an effort to accommodate a new type of affordable housing in Rome and Floyd County. In order to do that they added a definition of cluster development, standards for cluster development which included two parking spaces per unit, 10 feet of separation between units and buffering around the perimeter of any such development. Other than that she would try to answer any questions they may have about the addition to the ULDC.

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Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to Approve the Revision of Article 3, Article 4, and Article 6 the ULDC Regarding Residential Cluster Developments. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

4. **REVISE OR DELETE ARTICLE 4, ARTICLE 8 AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE ULDC REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS. (APPROVED 9-0 BY PLANNING COMMISSION WITH THE REVISION OF ARTICLE 4.1.33.C (1) AND (3))**

Chairman Wallace stated (a) article 4.1.33c stated all proposed and required water sources and sanitary facilities service recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds shall conform to requirements of the Georgia Department of Resources Public Health Division rules of Department of Public Health tourist accommodations as appropriate and shall follow all applicable state, local guidelines and standards. (b) article 4.1.33c stated continuous camping shall be restricted to a period of no more than sixty (60) days per calendar year. (c) article 6.8.6c stated retail services and sales use recreational vehicle park and campground one and one half spaces per camping pad. (d) article 8 stated recreational vehicle parks or campgrounds and commercial operation designed by temporary lodging in recreational vehicles or tents where a camp site is rented by night or by week. She asked if Ms. Hiller would provide insight.

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Ms. Hiller stated that this was an effort to add a use to the ULDC under the tables of permitted uses they have a recreational vehicle park or camp site but they don't actually define what that is or put any standards on that. She stated that they have written this as they usually do. They looked at what other communities do and in this case they have a recommendation from a gentleman who has designed a recreational vehicle park and he felt that these were reasonable standards. She stated that she listened to the definition that Chairman Wallace read and she wanted to make sure that it was the same definition that they had.

Chairman Wallace stated that the definition they had was that camping shall be restricted to no more than sixty (60) days per calendar year. She stated that they would also need to add for article 8 recreation vehicle parks and campgrounds a commercial operation designed for temporary lodging where members of the traveling public possessing recreational vehicles or tent may rent a camp site by day or week and where the intent is to not establish a permanent residence. That is what they had asked to be added- the permanent residence.

Ms. Hiller stated that they started out at one definition and one set of standards for recreational vehicles and when they got to the planning commission they made some changes.

Chairman Wallace asked if the definition she just read was correct by adding the last sentence.

Ms. Hiller stated that she was correct.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Commissioner Hancock stated that he just wanted to clarify that it was 60 days per calendar year and that the current facilities are grandfathered in to this and it was only in effect for new facilities, or new campgrounds.

Chairman Wallace stated it was for new or expanded. She stated that if the spots are already there they can use those but if there are additional ones being built then they would have to go by this guideline.

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Ms. Hiller stated that as with each thing they adopt what is already existing becomes legal non-conforming and it can continue forever but it can't expand. Any new construction has to conform to the code.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to Approve the Revision of Article 4, Article 8, and Article 6 the ULDC Regarding Recreational Vehicle Parks. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**5. LOCAL OUTDOOR BURN BAN ORDINANCE**

Chairman Wallace asked County Manager McCord to provide insight on the local burn ban.

County Manager McCord stated that this came from several weeks ago when they were in a serious drought condition. He stated that they were still pretty much in it but they have had much improvement and some normal weather patterns lately even the lingering snow has helped significantly with their moisture in the ground. He stated that this would give the Fire Chief the ability to make the recommendation to vote the City and County Manager and allow them to administratively authorize a burn ban. He stated that they would obviously take a lot of consideration in doing this and not doing it unless it was absolutely necessary but they have had a lot of neighbors in the south east such as; Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and they even had their own problems on US 27 a few weeks ago with fires that got out of control. He stated that with this they would not have to have a called meeting and get both boards together to do this. This would give the Fire Chief the ability to make the recommendation to the Floyd County and City Manager and then they would have the ability to place the ban and the Fire Chief would be able to enforce the

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ban through Floyd County magistrate court. It would also allow them to lift the ban as well, when necessary and would give them the ability to put the ban on either only in incorporated area or only in unincorporated areas depending upon the situation. He thought it was a good ordinance and it was for the protection of the public to keep everyone safe.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Hancock to Approve the Local Burn Ban Ordinance which would Give the Floyd County and City of Rome Manager Authority to Place and Lift a Burn Ban With the Recommendation of the Fire Chief. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**6. FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Chairman Wallace asked County Manager McCord to provide an update. County Manager McCord stated that they had multiple discussions over the past few weeks and he would highlight a few of their discussions and bearances from 2016 to 2017. He stated that they were struggling with motor vehicle taxes that had been discussed numerous times. The TAVT and regular system Ad Velorum tax is decreasing. They are 20% on motor vehicle taxes and 12% on TAVT. He stated that they have been monitoring it for several years and they continue to decline and there is not much that can be done about it

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at that point. The state overall is up several percentage points but they are ending up down because of that. Penalties and Interest are down slightly, nothing significant on that. He stated that in revenues they had a little over \$100,000.00 in increased revenue projected for 2017, which is good even with the decreases. Most of the expenditure changes vary; there are some pay-plan and COLA increases that they implemented last year. They also have some payroll changes and insurance changes where during open enrollment they had some pretty significant changes this year and in individual departments but nothing of great significance. He stated that they had done a really good job with expenditures and where they have struggled is with revenues. They have a decrease in their expenditures at this point, which was good, but the revenues continue to struggle. He stated that he did not know what they could do about it they had some abatements roll off this year, they had a Keebler, Pirelli, Profile Extrusions abatement in over \$200,000.00 dollars which was a good growth in the economy and industry. He stated that the general fund budget is currently set at \$1.237M deficit, or shortfall, for 2017 and they have delayed their significant capital as they did last year until the end of first quarter until they can see how 2016 ends. He stated that they had a significant swing in 2015 and he would love to see that again but he doesn't think it will quite be that amount because they have pretty well settled in as far as what they were expecting. He thought they had a really good general fund budget for consideration. They have other funds that are doing well. The enterprise funds, water funds, continue to have a good bond debt ratio they continue to operate at a profit, or positive revenue, which is always good. He stated he did not think they eliminated any non-capital equipment in any budgets that were put out for 2017. He stated they had significant requests in capital, which he knew was a concern because eventually it would be a problem. They had over \$6M of capital requests for the year and currently they only had about \$946,000.00. He stated that they were funding some vehicles through SPLOST and that they had done a lot on vehicles in the last couple of years but they had 2 vehicles in the Sheriff's Department, 2 in the Police Department, 1 at the prison, and some much needed Public Works equipment. He stated that this would balance out their SPLOST equipment spending where they have right at \$400,000.00 for both Public Safety and Public Works set aside. He stated at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter they could look and bring back some additional recommendations for additional capital. They were certainly not approving this because they did not want to approve it they were just unable to approve it in the current economy that they are in. He state again as he mentioned earlier, the general fund shortfall in both revenues and expenditures is \$1.237M. They have done a good job their total budget expenditures are down 2.6% so that was positive and what they can control. He stated that they continue to budget fuel at \$1.90 per gallon, which is close, but he



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believed they had savings in 2016 but it has crept back up in the early part of 2017 so he did not know how far that would go and they would have to monitor it closely. He stated that they needed some growth and increased revenue to offset some of the expenses. He stated that they have done a lot of good things, they are in phase 2 of the Public Safety pay plan. They have done 3% COLA in the last two years for all employees, and have done a real good job by strategically looking at departments they had addressed over 14 departments out of 26 and made sure that they were as competitive as possible with regional cities and counties. He stated that he was excited going forward with the budget and he thought it was a good projection of what they are going to see in the future. He stated that they were very reserved on growth and only have 1% projected on growth. He thought that it was an obtainable growth plan and did not think it was unreasonable. Hopefully it will be much more than that but he thought it was very conservative. He stated that if they had any specific questions he would be glad at this time to answer any questions.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Chairman Wallace added what a great job County Manager McCord, Assistant County Manager Gary Burkhalter and Finance Director Susie Gass have done reducing expenses this year and the 2017 budget is being approved as a deficit but certainly based on 2.6% reducing expenditures, that is great. She thanked them.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to Approve the 2017 Budget. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 1. TO RECEIVE INPUT ON A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT A CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLE (2017 FORD ESCAPE, VIN #1FMCUOGDOHUC54446) FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF O.C.G.A. 36-80-20, RELATED TO THE PLACEMENT OF A DECAL OR SEAL CONTAINING THE NAME OF OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFY THE COUNTY ON SAID VEHICLE.**

Chairman Wallace asked County Manager McCord to update them on the vehicle. County Manager McCord stated that this was the vehicle that was budgeted and a new vehicle that was his. He stated that it was 2017 Escape and they were making a swap. They were sending his old vehicle to the Airport to replace Mike Mathews vehicle. He stated that it needed a little bit of work done to it, which they were doing before Mike would get it. He stated that Mike's vehicle will become the courtesy car for the pilots and the curtesy car would be county surplus.

Chairman Wallace declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in support or in opposition to the request. Seeing none she closed the public hearing and called for a motion

Commissioner Bagby asked if this would prevent any decals.

County Manager McCord stated that he actually had magnetic ones because he has learned without the decal you could get in trouble. People would be mad at him if they thought he was doing official business and not having a decal.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to Approve Exemption of Vehicle (2017 Ford Focus VIN #1FMCUOGDOHUC54446) from the Requirements of O.C.G.A 36-80-20, Related to the Placement of a Decal or Seal Containing the Name of or otherwise Identify the County on Said Vehicle. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

1. Appoint Bill Pinson to the Board of Adjustments to fill an unexpired term. This term is set to expire September 30, 2019

Chairman Wallace made a MOTION to Appoint Bill Pinson to the Board of Adjustments to Fill an Unexpired Term Set to Expire on September 30, 2019. SECOND made by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

2. Reappoint John Reiners to the Floyd County Personnel Board for a four year term set to expire December 31, 2020.

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Chairman Wallace called for a motion. Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Reappoint John Reiners to the Floyd County Personnel Board for a Four Year Term Set to Expire on December 31, 2020. SECOND made by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

3. Reappoint Dan Sweitzer to the NWGA Region 1 EMS Council for a two year term set to expire January 15, 2019.

Chairman Wallace called for a motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Reappoint Dan Sweitzer to the NWGA Region 1 EMS Council for a Two Year Term Set to Expire January 15, 2019. SECOND made by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

4. Committee Appointments.

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**Wright Bagby**

Admin/Finance

Joint Oversight\*\*\*

Joint Services\*\*\*

Board of Health—2nd Thurs. @ 12pm

Work Release

Judicial Services

Hospital Management—4th Mon. @ 5pm

Alternate on Public Safety

**Rhonda Wallace (Chairman)**

Public Safety

Fire Overview\*\*\*

ACC\*\*\*

Joint Services

Gordon-Floyd Dev.

Rome-Floyd Dev.

Council of Elected Chiefs

Airport Commission—3rd Tues. @ 4pm

Hospital Authority & Hospital Management—4th Mon. @ 5pm

**Larry Maxey**

Water

Solid Waste

Planning Commission

Joint Services

Highland Rivers

Rolling Hills

SPLOST Oversight

TPC

Alternate to Admin/Finance

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**Scotty Hancock (Vice Chairman)**

Public Works

Solid Waste\*\*\*

TPC\*\*\*--4th Thurs. @ 9:30am Every Other Month

Joint Oversight

Rome Floyd Recreation Advisory Board

DFCS

Fire Overview

Alternate to Water

**Allison Watters**

Animal Control & Welfare

Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful

Greater Rome CVB

SPLOST Oversight

Floyd County Library Board

Rome-Floyd Commission on Children & Youth

Work Release

NWGA Regional Commission

Alternate to Public Works

Chairman Wallace made a MOTION to Approve the List of  
Commissioner Committee Appointments. SECOND made by Commissioner  
Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

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

Next meeting, Monday, December 19, 2016, at 9:30am.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Next meeting, Monday, December 19, 2016, at 3:30pm.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**7. Special Committee Reports.**

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

No report.

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

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:00pm. This will be a joint commission meeting at the EOC.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Consent Agenda**

County Clerk Erin Elrod stated there were three (3) items placed on the Clerk’s Consent Agenda which had been reviewed, and are submitted for approval.

Chairman Wallace 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 Commissioner Maxey VOTING:

YES

NO



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Commissioner Bagby  
" Watters  
" Maxey  
" Hancock  
Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

1. Appoint Susie Gass as the Floyd County designee with the Georgia Department of Revenue to receive notice of tax refund (claims of local significance).
2. Approve employment maintenance contract for position at Sheriff's Office and Jail.
3. Approve transfer vehicle #2482 a 2010 Chevrolet Colorado VIN #1GCJTBDE2A8100665 from the Water Department to the Prison.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- 1. APPROVE MOVING TO SURPLUS PAINT STRIPER #236 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS INVENTORY AND ACCEPTING THE OFFER FROM THE VENDOR IN OHIO TO PURCHASE THE OLD SYSTEM FOR A \$3,000.00 CREDIT. THE ESTIMATED SCRAP VALUE WAS LESS THAN \$3,000.00**

County Manager McCord stated that they had a cab and chassis that was in good condition and had minimal mileage. He stated that since it was primarily done for striping only they felt like it was a good idea to have a retrofit striper put on the cab and chassis since it had a lot of usable life left. The problem being with the older one is it was old about ten years ago. He thought this was a good price it accept the \$3,000.00 credit towards purchase on the new one and they would not have to deal with transporting it back. He recommended to approve accepting the offer from the vendor in Ohio to purchase the old system for \$3,000.00 credit.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner

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Hancock to Approve Accepting the Offer of \$3,000.00 credit for old Paint Stripping Equipment to go Towards the Purchase of a New System. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**2. APPROVE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,554.92 WITH LOGICAL SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE MANAGED WI-FI FOR THE FORUM. THE DESIGN SUPPORTS UP TO 1,000 CONNECTIONS FOR TICKET SOFTWARE, CONCESSION SALES, EMPLOYEES, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC DURING EVENTS. THIS COMES AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MIS DIRECTOR AND THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR.**

County Manager McCord stated that this was part of their SPLOST budget with Forum upgrades and it was obviously something that needed to be done. He stated that they certainly needed a strong Wi-Fi connection not only for internal use with ticket, software, sales and employees but for the general public that will be attending events. He stated that they had only received one bid but he believed it was a good strong bid and below their estimate. He stated that it was with the local company Logical Systems. He recommended to approve the contract in the amount of \$53,554.92 with Logical Systems to provide and manage Wi-Fi for the Forum

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Hancock to Approve Contract with Logical Systems in the amount of \$53,554.92 to Provide and Manage Wi-Fi at the Forum. SECOND by Commissioner Wallace. VOTING:

YES

NO

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Commissioner Bagby  
" Watters  
" Maxey  
" Hancock  
Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**3. APPROVE RECOMMENDED FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR FLOYD COUNTY AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271, 500.00 FOR THE 2016-2020 AUDITS.**

County Manager McCord stated that they had 6 proposals they evaluated back in 2016 and narrowed it down to two (2). He stated that they selected not only based their choice on price but based on size of their audit staff, numbers of account firms they had done, and the ability to rotate staff. He stated that they only did a one year proposal and selected one (1) year for Mauldin & Jenkins to do 2015. He stated that they met with the Administration and Finance Committee several before Christmas and discussed the proposals again and talked to both of their finalists and the recommendation to the committee was to select Mauldin & Jenkins going forward as long as they would accept the original proposal. He stated that they did and it would be \$49,500.00 the first year, \$52,000.00 for the second year, \$55,000.00 for the third year, \$57,000.00 for the fourth year and \$58,000.00 for the fifth year for a total of \$271,500.00. As part of the recommendation they also asked them to rotate their staff where there is no comfort. He stated that by using the same staff they would get comfortable if doing the same thing every year. He stated that they were one of the companies that had enough staff to be able to rotate and sent them new staff accountants to look at every year. He noted that they also give them log in information and passwords so they can access any of their documents. He recommended to approve Mauldin & Jenkins LLC to a five year contract for a total of \$271,500.00 for audit services.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Approve the Recommendation for a Five Year Contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC in the amount of \$271,500.00 for the 2016-2020 audits. SECOND by

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Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**4. REQUEST FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT CLERK FOR A SUPPLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,883.03 TO OVERSEE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

County Manager McCord stated that the request came in several weeks ago from the Superior Court Clerk Barbara Penson and she has requested that they provide additional funding for board of equalization duties. He stated he though in 2010 is when it first changed by legislation to a separate Board of Assessors and Board of Equalization activities and it makes sense. He stated that in made sense because they did not want Board of Assessors staff supporting both the Assessors and the Equalization Board. He stated that there needed to be some separation and he did not think they had any discussion about that and whether or not it makes sense. He thought on a slow year they may have three to four hundred and on a heavy year they could have up to seven hundred. The idea situation is that they go to the Board of Assessors and they are all resolved but it doesn't always happen. He stated that Mr. Womack, Floyd County Tax Assessor, works really hard to do that and in the past both Mr. Womack and Bill worked to schedule those together. With the separation that had to change and he thought that Ms. Penson had made some changes in staffing several years ago that addressed some of that not necessarily additional staff she had just made some pay adjustments and an elimination of a staff person but made that duty a little easier to defend. He stated that it goes on usually from mid-October through mid-November though it could go longer. Usually they can only do about a hundred (100) a week and that is pretty hectic. He stated the Clerk was responsible for scheduling, Board of Equalization Members and their training. He stated that the

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Board of Commissioners addressed their pay he believed in 2015 and they did a minor adjustment on their pay and got them in line with what is going on the area. He stated that the Clerk would be responsible for getting them to the meetings, the files assembled, the notifications go out if they come in from the Assessor's Office then the notifications go out to the taxpayer when the board meeting is and then the board renders a decision. He assumed that they could do it onsite and mail the decision. He stated that there were a lot of different things out there. Ms. Penson has provided them in writing a fifty-three (53) and he thought they added three or four since this memo so they were probably between 60 communities that are doing it. He did not know if there was any logic to the ones who did or did not do it. He stated that they had the ability to add up to \$3,883.00 and that is what some have done, some have done more, some have done less. He stated that he could not say that there was any logic. He stated that he had a list survey that he put out on the County Manager's website and it was all over the place. Some are half the amount, some are the full amount, and some are more than the amount, the number of cases are all over the place as well. He stated that they could have them as high as \$1,500.00- \$2,000.00 and could have them as low as \$500.00-\$600.00. He thought they had a caucus discussion that some of this adjustment might be to get the salary more inline. He stated that the base salary is set by the state based on 2010 census data and then there is a long list of training and COLAs and longevity supplements. He recommended, as Commissioner Bagby mentioned, to phase this in and recommend \$1,000.00 supplement for this year's budget and then evaluate it next year at the same time. He stated hopefully they could work it up to the full \$3,883.00 but recommendation for this year's budget would be to add \$1,000.00 supplement for the Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Hancock stated to clarify, the recommendation was for \$1,000.00 per year until they pay the full amount or was his recommendation just \$1,000.00 and then reevaluate.

County Manger McCord stated that he recommended \$1,000.00 to Ms. Pensons salary for that duty, for this year and then reevaluate the next year at budget time with the hope that they could phase the entire \$3,883.00 in over four years.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Approve the Request from the Superior Court Clerk for a Supplement in

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the amount of \$1,000.00 to Oversee the Board of Equalization. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

5. **APPROVE DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 WITH PEACOCK PARTNERSHIP FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE FORUM AND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000.00.**

Assistant County Manager Burkhalter stated the Forum is a SPLOST funded project at the current time and they have completed the first phase. He stated that the first phase was the arena and they did the cleaning of the ceiling and painting of the ceiling and blacking the ceiling in. He stated that Peacock has worked with them to design the changes that need to be made on that phase. Phase two they are in the process of taking bids for the ball room and concession stand area and there will be some very significant changes and renovations to the ball room and that area is \$30,000.00 for the design. The phase three will depend on if there are still SPLOST funds available and it would be an additional \$20,000.00 to do the concourse, the restrooms and the lounge areas. The total would be \$60,000.00 but it could be possible that they spend less than that if they did not have the funds to complete all the different areas of the facility that they would like to. He stated that is where they were at, at this point, it would be with Peacock Partnership. They worked with them on the Animal Control facility and their staff has worked on this project to date and they have been very pleased with their services.

County Manager McCord stated in construction management there is also

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an amount of \$32,000.00 for the ballroom renovations itself. He stated that they had a pre-bid on those a couple of weeks ago and the bids were due back at the end of the month.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Approve Design Services Contract with Peacock Partnership in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Renovations to the Forum and \$32,000.00 for Construction Management. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**6. APPROVE CONCESSION EQUIPMENT CONTRACT WITH REVEL SYSTEMS AT \$8,312.00 FOR THE FORUM**

County Manager McCord stated that this was the concession equipment, both hardware and software for point of sale equipment. They went through procurement. As they said earlier this was below the amount that has come to the board but they wanted them to be aware of everything and they intend to update them at their SPLOST meeting next week. He stated that this was the idea equipment that has been through the procurement process and is recommended by staff to go with Revel Systems at \$8,312.00

Chairman Wallace called for a MOTION. Commissioner Bagby made a MOTION to Approve Concession Equipment Contract with Revel Systems at the Form in the amount of \$8,312.00. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

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YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**7. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE DESIGN UPDATE FOR THE FORUM**

County Manager McCord stated that the last item for the Forum would be website design for Safari. They also went through the selection process although this was more of a professional service with their assistance in choosing the right site where it can link to ticket sales and a calendar to update events. He recommended to approve reimbursement of \$7,000.00 to Safari for web site design update at the Forum.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. Commissioner Watters made a MOTION to Approve Reimbursement of \$7,000.00 to Safari Management for Website design Update for the Forum in the Amount of ?????. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried



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**8. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

County Manager McCord stated that they were really excited about this one. Larry Johnson retired last year after 30 years of service with Floyd County. He stated that they advertised his job back in November and spent the majority of December sorting through over forty-six (46) applicants. He stated that they had a really strong pool of applicants and they narrowed it down to twelve (12) and then down to four (4) and then down to two (2). He recommended hiring Darryl Bowie. Mr. Bowie is the former H.R. Director for Rockdale County and Conyers, Georgia he had been there since 2011 and also has some private sector experience with both the Target Corporation and Winn Dixie Corporation. Mr. Bowie also has 15 years with the Jefferson County Alabama Personnel Board which represents all the cities in Jefferson County as well as some of their authorities, they have a Water Authority a Hospital Authority and a Stormwater Authority that they also manage. Mr. Bowie has 29 years of Human Resource Management in both Public and Private Sector he has a Bachelor's of Science from the University of Alabama in Economics and a minor in Human Resource and a Master's in Public Administration and Organizational Management from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Mr. Bowie is licensed by the society of HR Management as a senior certified professional and he is also licensed at the Human Resource Certification Institute as a senior professional in HR Management and a Certified public HR administrator from Auburn University. He stated that Mr. Bowie was married with three children and they look forward to welcoming him to Floyd County. He stated he thought he would hit the ground running and he would have a lot of good experience to bring to the organization both public and private. He stated that Mr. Bowie's salary would be at \$79,500.00 annually and they hoped to get them relocated and into Floyd County hopefully later that week. He stated that he would need to modify the contract and get it back to them as soon as they were done there.

Chairman Wallace called for a Motion. Commissioner Maxey made a MOTION to Approve Employment Contract with Darryl Bowie as the Floyd County Human Resource Director SECOND by Commissioner Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

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Commissioner Bagby  
" Maxey  
" Hancock  
Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

1. Approve settlement with Cheramarie Swindle in the amount of \$40,000.00.

County Attorney Hoyt stated that he had one item to present to the Board. He stated that he needed approval from the Board to settle the Cheramarie Swindle settlement case which was a worker's compensation claim for a \$40,000.00 lump sum.

Chairman Wallace made a MOTION to approve allowing County Attorney Hoyt to settle the Cheramarie Swindle Worker's Compensation Claim in the amount of \$40,000.00 in a Lump Sum. SECOND by Commissioner Hancock.  
VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby  
" Maxey  
" Hancock  
Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Wallace Greeted Leadership Rome.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

" Hancock

Chairman Wallace

Motion Carried

**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS  
January 10, 2017      1:00 PM**

Present: Commissioners Wright Bagby, Scotty Hancock, Larry Maxey, Rhonda Wallace and Allison Watters, 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 January 10, 2017 meeting.

**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**

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