

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 25, 2017 **6:00 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 III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wallace called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Maxey led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Maxey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Wallace called for a motion to approve the April 25, 2017 agenda requesting that the special recognition of Sergeant Baxter’s retirement be held and then inserted into the agenda until she arrived. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagby		
" Watters		
" Maxey		
Vice-Chair Hancock		
Chair Wallace		

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace stated that they had a bunch of people signed up to speak and she wanted to make sure that not all of the people on the list were signed up to speak about the rezoning requests because that would come when they do the zoning requests. She stated if anybody had signed in and wanted to speak, that is not pertaining to the zoning requests she asked that they come forward.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Chair 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 executive session minutes and minutes of the Caucus, Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 and the Executive Session on April 11, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Pepperell High School Students Against Destructive Decisions presentation.

Chair Wallace introduced Pepperell High School Students Against Destructive Decisions and asked them to come forward to speak.

Ms. Alana Ellenburg, Advisor for Students Against Destructive Decisions at Pepperell High School, stated that they have been a very active club in the community as far as Rome and Floyd County go. She stated that they wanted to come today to thank the County Commissioners for allowing them to be a part of the community. She stated that they had done several different things through their active involvement and participation in the County. She stated that they had worked with Michael Skeen, Director of Public Works to help with some road improvements down Davis Street in Lindale to make it safer for the busses. This was something that was brought together by this executive committee to the attention of Mr. Skeen and through his work and through the boards work they were able to make some improvements to make the roads safer for school busses and parents to drive in the area. She stated that they made a request for Georgia Department of Transportation to put rumble strips down Highway 101 in the center to decrease the area of cross over traffic violations that happen, hits, and fatalities that they

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have had. They have also participated with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floyd County Police Department, and the Rome City Police Department in the 21 or Bust campaign in which they did last year and were very successful. They team up their high school students with police officers and they go out to the managers of convenience stores and ask them to pledge not to sell to people who are under 21. She believed that the youth and their participation with the Police Departments through seatbelt check through all of the things that Sheriff Burkhalter, Chief Shiflett, Chief Downy-McKinney, all of them have worked with the group very well. She stated that it was a privilege to have their support and they wanted to make sure they came today. She stated that they had some tee-shirts to present to the Commissioners and that the shirts were their chapter tee-shirt and if it was okay they would really like to present them to the Commissioners and get a picture with them.

Chair Wallace stated that they would love that, thanked the group, and stated that they would wear the shirts proudly.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Master Gardner Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Commissioner Bagby presented the Master Gardner Volunteer Appreciation Week proclamation to and stated that it was a great proclamation and the group does a lot of stuff that no one knows about to make the community a better place. He stated that he was especially appreciative of what they have done of the year at the Boys & Girls Club and other areas and they really appreciated it.

(Inaudible)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

1. Floyd County Sheriff's Officer Retirement.

Chair Wallace stated on the Floyd County Board of Commissioners along with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department would like to acknowledge the retirement of Sergeant Cindy Baxter a 31-year Deputy veteran of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Baxter retired in good standing on April 22, 2017. She stated that they thanked Sargent Baxter for her commitment, her service, and her longevity to the citizens of

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Rome and Floyd County. She presented Sergeant Baxter with her badge and service weapon.

Sheriff Burkhalter stated that he had attended school with Sergeant Baxter and was excited when she had come to work in the Sheriff's Department with him. He stated that he had only been there a year prior to her and she had been very solid and worked weekends for the past 3-4 years and he never had to worry about what was going on during the weekends with Sergeant Baxter there. He stated that they were really going to miss her and they would more than welcome her back. He stated that they loved her and they would sure miss her.

Sergeant Baxter stated that she was furthering her education and had plans to work for the state. She stated that it was really hard for her to make the decision to retire from the Sheriff's Office because the department was like her second family and always would be. She stated that when she is done with her 8-weeks of schooling she intended to come back as a reserve. She stated that she intended to help and give back to the community. She loved the community and she would do whatever they needed her to do and help them. She intended to go forward with some Juveniles and hopefully she could be a mentor and get some of them before they came to the Sheriff's Office.

FIRST READINGS

(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 09, 2017 AT 2PM)

- 1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2-11, ARTICLE VIII. TIMBER HARVESTING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA.**
- 2. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2-5, ARTICLE I. ANIMAL AND FOWL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

SECOND READINGS:

(FIRST READINGS WERE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2017 AT 2PM)

Chair Wallace reviewed the rules of the public hearing. She stated that each person recognized to speak shall come to the podium, state his or her name, and home address. No less than 10 minutes shall be provided for those

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speaking in support and no less than 10 minutes for those speaking in opposition.

1. FILE #41-2017SUP REQUESTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY ON FOSTERS BEND ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP B13 AS PARCEL 045 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A-R). (MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 7-0)

Chair Wallace asked Mr. David Thompson, Rome Floyd County Planning Commission Associate Planner, for insight.

Mr. Thompson presented slides of the subject property and stated that it was approximately 59.5 acres in size and is undeveloped and heavily timbered. He stated that in every direction there are properties zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R) except toward the northwest which is Heavy Commercial (H-C). With uses including single-family residents and undeveloped land the application indicates that a 190 foot tall telecommunication tower be built inside a 100 foot by 100 foot enclosure located over 346 feet from the main property line. He presented photos of the site plan that was submitted and stated that the proposed use requires a Special Use Permit in the Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning district. Access to the property will be from Fosters Bend Road. All services, utilities, and public sewer are available. The future land use map indicates agricultural use for the property. The maps do not indicate the property is within a flood hazard area. There is a small mapped wetland on the property but it is outside the project area. He presented photographs viewing the property from Alabama Highway, Foster Bend Road, Old River Road, to the north, south, east, and west. Once constructed communication towers generally generate little traffic, noise, dust or light pollution. Based on the site the proposed tower would not be highly visible from any adjacent properties partly due to the distance of the property lines and properly due to the existing mature vegetation surrounding the site. The staff recommendation is to approve based on the site plan provided.

Chair Wallace declared the Public Hearing open. She asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of the request .

FAVOR: David Kirk, Troutman Sanders LLP, 600 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia stated that he was there representing Verizon Wireless. He stated that some of

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the material that he had might duplicate Mr. Thompson's presentation slightly. He stated that he wanted to give them some general background about the project and the specifics on how it would improve service in Floyd County. Right now the Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that roughly 50% of households nationwide have cut the cord; they do not have a land line in their homes anymore. They have relied entirely on wireless devices for their personal, business, and emergency communication. On the subject of emergency communication, nationwide, about 70% of E-911 calls are made using wireless devices. He stated that he spoke earlier that day to Mr. Blalock and he said upwards of 80% of the 911 calls they get in the center come from wireless device so these are becoming increasingly important for public safety reasons. In addition the data usage has grown tremendously in the past few years and is expected to continually double in the years to come. Just as roads are an important, essential part of their transportation infrastructure as power poles and power lines are an essential part of their infrastructure. Facilities such as this have become an essential part of communications infrastructure. He stated that as Mr. Thompson had stated this is a 199 foot monopole telecommunications tower. Because of the height it will not have any lights on the facility. He stated that he knew that was sometimes a concern of folks but it is below the level the FAA to require any sort of lights. This particular facility meets both of what they call cover and capacity. It is designed not only to serve Verizon Wireless but it is structurally sound enough to have three additional carriers and it meets all of the ordinance requirements. One of the first things they did when looking for a site to meet the needs of the area was to look at additional or existing towers that were in a reasonable radius. There is a tower that is County owned on Heath Mountain and Verizon Wireless is already located on that tower. He stated that there was another one to the west that also had Verizon on it. What they found is that there is a need for improved service in the area between the two areas that are currently served. He presented the Commissioners with the site plan and stated that the tower would be 346 feet from the road in a straight line. It is 550 feet from the nearest property line, 800+ feet from another property line, and about 1110 from the property line in the south. He presented a coverage map showing how the facility would work and fill in the gap. He also mentioned capacity which was the ability of the facility to put data through devices. Currently there is that site on Heath Mountain there is one sector broadcasting out to the west but it is simply overloaded. He stated that it was trying to do more than it was designed to do which results in poor quality service, long buffering times, dropped calls, and those sorts of things. What this facility will do will relieve the other towers. It doesn't mean that they were coming off of the County tower but they needed to relieve the capacity and congestion that is on that particular site. To reiterate this has been reviewed by the County's professional staff and it has been looked at

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thoroughly and they have recommended approval based on the site plan. The Planning Commission looked at it and asked some very good questions and they too have recommended approval. In conclusion, the proposal does meet the requirements of the County ordinance and it is needed to both to improve the coverage and capacity. He stated that he was happy to answer any questions that they may have had.

Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone else to speak in favor, she asked if there was anyone there to speak in opposition. Seeing none, she closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve the Special Use Permit for telecommunication tower on property on Fosters Bend Road identified on Floyd County Tax map B13 as parcel 045. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagby		
" Watters		
" Maxey		
Vice-Chair Hancock		
Chair Wallace		

Motion Carried

2. FILE #43-2017SUP REQUESTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR FARM RETRAT ON PROPERTY ON CUNNINGHAM ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP F16 AS PARCEL 150 SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R). (MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 7-0)

Chair Wallace asked Mr. David Thompson, Rome Floyd County Planning Commission Associate Planner, for insight on the request.

Mr. Thompson presented photographs of the subject property and stated that it was approximately 19 acres in size and is developed with a single-family dwelling. The property was zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) with the adoption of the ULDC. In the

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suburban residential district a farm retreat requires a Special use Permit. To the north and west are properties zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) and developed with Single-Family Dwellings. To the south and east are properties zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R) and developed with single-family dwellings. He presented photographs of the area surrounding the project. Access to the property is from Cunningham Road. All services and utilities are available except public sewer. The future land use map indicates agricultural use for the property. It is not shown as being in a flood hazard area. The predominate development pattern of the area is low density, suburban residential and undeveloped land used for agriculture. The application did not originally have the engineered site plan but during the planning commission meeting an engineered site plan was submitted and entered into the record. It indicates that there would be overnight lodging and that there would be land set aside for a farm pasture. Anything that would include a livestock on the property would require a separate special use permit for that with the zoning as it is currently. The existing single-family dwelling on the property would be demolished and the property would be cleared of debris for this use if granted. Granting the request could result in adverse impact such as traffic, light noise and litter on adjacent properties. The size of this property and separation from other low density developments in the area make the potential for adverse impact relatively low. Staff recommends approval.

Chair Wallace declared the Public Hearing open. She asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of the request .

Amanda Bohanan, 21 Eden Drive, Rome, Georgia, stated that she was not there seeking the request. She needed to update them. She stated that they had found out very recently that the seller of the property is not the sole owner of the property so they would be terminating the contract tomorrow. She stated that she wished for some clarification and that she would be back as their plans will change, just the location. She stated that she needed some clarification because the Special Use Permit clearly states that an engineered site plan was not necessary but was told multiple times that it needed to be an engineered site plan for the meeting. As a non-profit, she has an obligation to her donors and to not spend money absent mindedly so she wanted clarification before she left. When they find the piece of property that they were intended for would she need to have another engineered site plan or can it be what she originally submitted that was approved.

County Manager McCord stated that potentially she would have to have an engineered site plan but it depended on what she did and what sites she goes to. There is possibility that she could go to an existing building with existing drives and parking. But demolition

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and rebuild you would have to because depending on the area disturbed and the acres she may be required. It depends on the individual site so the answer is yes to both. Yes she could get by without it and yes she may have to. He stated that when she found the new site to come back and they would lead her in the right direction so she would not have to spend money that she did not have to spend.

Chair Wallace thanked Ms. Bohanan for being there and apologized that the property did not work out. She asked County Attorney Hoyt if they had to vote to remove it or not vote at all.

County Attorney Hoyt stated that they did not have to do anything.

- 3. FILE #44-2017Z REQUESTING REZONING FROM HIGH DENSITY TRADITIONAL (H-T-R) TO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL (M-R); WITH SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY ON CALLIER SPRINGS ROAD AT MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP K15X AS PARCELS 114, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, AND 154. (MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FAILED THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY A VOTE OF 1-5; MOTION TO DENY RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.)**

Chair Wallace asked Mr. David Thompson, Rome Floyd County Planning Commission Associate Planner, for insight on the request.

The subject properties are approximately 2.6 acres in size and are undeveloped. The properties were zoned High Density Traditional Residential (H-T-R) with adoption of the ULDC. In the multi-family residential zoning district a residential cluster development requires a Special Use Permit. To the south and west are properties zoned High Density Traditional Residential and developed with single family dwellings. To the north and east are properties zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) and developed with single family dwellings. He presented some photographs of the property taken along Callier Springs and Mountain View Road. Residential cluster development allows construction of more than one single-family dwelling on a single lot with no more 10 per acre. The application came before the Planning Commission with a site plan but has since been updated following the Planning Commission. Access to the property is from Mountain View Road all services and utilities are available except for public sewer. The future land use map indicates medium density residential use for the property and is not showing being within

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a flood hazard area. The Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) limits the size of a residential cluster development to the maximum of 2 acres. However the plan indicates only 2 acres of these subject properties would be developed. Approval, if granted, should be conditioned on the site plan provided. Provision of sewer and developed with no more than 2 acres of the site.

Chair Wallace declared the Public Hearing open. She asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of the request .

Sammy Bartley, 1900 Wayside Road, Kingston, Georgia stated that about 3 months ago when they proposed this project they were highly uncertain as to whether it would work best zoned the way it is High Density Traditional Residential (H-T-R) or if it would work better rezoned Multi-family Residential (M-R). He stated that they worked through the process diligently and many of the neighbors did not like the idea of rezoning it Multi-family Residential (M-R) and after working through the process they found that High Density Traditional Residential (H-T-R) would work just fine for them so they did not need to be rezoned Multi-family Residential (M-R).

Commissioner Bagby asked if leaving the zoning as High Density Traditional Residential (H-T-R) would the site plan still be the same plan that they were currently using.

Mr. Bartley stated that it would be similar since they have the telephone lines drawn in they would wind up adjusting a house here or there but it would basically be that.

Commissioner Bagby asked if it would be with the same number.

Mr. Bartley stated that they could expect the same number.

County Attorney Hoyt asked if Mr. Bartley was withdrawing his request for rezoning.

Mr. Bartley stated yes.

Chair Wallace asked Mr. Thompson without doing the changing would Mr. Bartley still get with the Planning Department about leaving it as is to get approval for this.

County Manager McCord stated that it would go through the building department with Howard Gibson and his staff and it would still have to come through the Engineering

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Department for review. If there are any issues in that process they would be addressed at that time.

Chair Wallace stated that she knew there were several people to speak about this rezoning but the rezoning request has been withdrawn. She asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak at that time.

Mery-Lynn McCorkle, 2841 Callier Springs Road, Rome, Georgia stated that she was directly across from Mr. Bartley's development. She stated that she personally had no problem with housing be built. It was the density that concerns all of them simply because the traffic. She stated that it was at a very dangerous intersection and as it was coming out of her driveway. She stated that she gets into near accidents probably once a month. She thanked them for the opportunity to speak.

Grant Miller, 2653 Callier Springs Road, Rome, Georgia stated that he represented the subdivision Callier Springs Heights and Callier Springs County Club. He stated that he knew the rezoning was withdrawn but he wanted to make on quick comment. Currently there are some threats to the natural resources in the area. Currently raw sewage is coming through the middle of their parking lot at Callier Springs that was being addressed and such a development could add to those issues going into natural waterways, the Etowah River, so a lot of work needs to be done to address that. If this subdivision were to come a lot needs to be done to correct issues to discourage that from happening in the future. He thanked the Commission.

(Inaudible)

Chair Wallace stated that she did not know if it was really necessary. She apologized but there was really no need since there is no rezoning request there is nothing that the Commission actually has to prove. She stated that they were more than welcome to hear their concerns but there was not going to be anything for the Commission to vote on. She stated that they appreciated all of them being there and for their time for being there.

Arthur Miller, 224 Mountain View Road asked if the County Commission had anything to do with the sewer line being built on Callier Springs Road.

County Manager McCord stated that no, the City maintained all the sewer systems in the city and countywide. They did not have any input in the sewer system whatsoever.

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Mr. Miller stated that they were surveying down Callier Springs Road to tear up Callier Springs Road and he did not know if that was a good idea.

County Manager McCord stated that he was not aware of it but he would follow up with it.

Mr. Miller stated that it was the County and it was a County road and they were going to tear it up right down the middle of it and all that water drains right down through the golf course. He stated that there were these little fish down there called the Etowah Darter and it was highly protected by Federal Law. He stated that their springs needed to be protected and that was where he got his drinking water. He stated he did not know what could be done but the County has got to give them permission to put that sewer on County property.

County Manager McCord stated that they had permission by right when they purchased the sewer system from Floyd County. They have permission to be in the County's right-of-way. The argument with them is as with infiltration, overflow and other things. He stated that he would follow up with Mike Hackett and Sammy Rich.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not see a site plan and they were supposed to have a 10-year site flood plan according to Georgia Law. He stated that he did not see anything to control the water coming down through there, it was against the law and he saw the problem with the spring is against the law. Tearing up the road is going to be a real headache because there is a lot of traffic on that road.

Chair Wallace thanked Mr. Miller for his comments. She stated that they appreciated him being there. She stated that they were going to carry on with their meeting and they were all welcome to stay if they would like.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

1. Recommendation on 2017 SPLOST Committee members and Chair.

Chair Wallace stated that they chose Mr. David Newby as the 2017 SPLOST Chair. She stated the City appointed their Committee last night and one of their members Mr. Alvin Jackson was there. The list for the County's six people appointed are:

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1. Jeff Chandler
2. Toni Hannah
3. Doc Kibler
4. David Mathis
5. Tannika Wester
6. Ghee Wilson
7. (Alternate) Jim Howell

Chair Wallace stated that they would get the list to Mr. David Newby with email addresses. She stated that they appreciated him being there and what he was going to do as well as his leadership in the community.

Commissioner Bagby asked if they had to make a motion to approve their nominations.

County Attorney Hoyt stated that they could make a motion. The Chair has the authority.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 8:00am
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30am
- 4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Monday, May 15, 2016, at 3:30pm.

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5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby

- a. No report.

6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters

- a. Next meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 4:00pm.

7. Special Committee Reports.

a. Fire Overview Committee- Chair Wallace and Vice Chair Hancock

- i. Next meeting, Friday, May 12, 2017, at 10:00am.

b. Joint Services Committee- Chair Wallace, Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey

- i. Next Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 8:00am.

c. Joint Development Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby

- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 10:00am

d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby

- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 9:00am.

e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Commissioner Watters

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 11:30am

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CLERK'S REPORT:

No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT #99 A 1993 INGESOLL DD90 ASPHALT ROLLER WITH A 2017 SAKAI MODEL SW654 TANDEM ROLLER WITH 4 OPTIONS INCLUDES AT NO ADDITIONAL COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,295.00 FROM REYNOLDS WARREN EQUIPMENT COMPANY. FUNDS WERE APPROVED IN THE FY2017 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00. THIS WAS BUDGETED IN SPLOST FUNDS.**

County Manager McCord stated that they had five items for consideration. Item one is replacement of an asphalt roller at Public Works. 1993 model equipment is well beyond it's useful life and they received seven (7) bids on April 13, 2017 for an 8-ton roller or greater. The low bid that met all specification was Reynolds Warren Company in the amount of \$91,295.00. He recommended to approve the replacement of Public Works equipment number 99: A 1993 Ingersoll asphalt roller with a 2017 Sakai model SW654 tandem roller with four (4) options in the amount of \$91,295.00 from Reynolds Warren Equipment Company. He stated that this was from SPLOST funds that were authorized for this capital purchase.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve the replacement of Public Works equipment #99 a 1993 Ingersoll DD90 asphalt roller with a 2017 Sakai Model SW654 tandem roller with 4 options in the amount of \$91,295.00 from Reynolds Warren Equipment Company from funds budgeted from SPLOST. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Bagby
" Watters
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock
Chair Wallace

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Motion Carried

2. APPROVE MOU WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSE TESTING SITE.

County Manager McCord stated that item two is to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Driver Services for a CDL commercial testing site. He stated that they had been working on this for the better part of the year. State DDS would like to bring a CDL testing site to Floyd County. Currently you can only do motorcycle and passenger vehicle at that location and they would like to increase the ability to do CDL license at the Armurchee location. He stated that it would involve construction of a carousel or a pad for the site approximately 340 feet by 150 feet. This would primarily be through grading, paving and some additional traffic striping and signage. The DDS does have \$500,000.00 for this budget and they hope they can have enough money left over after the site is completed to possibly renovate the drivers services office through State Prison detail a mobile construction crew. Again they have been working with them off and on for the better part of the year and he thinks that they are to the point where they can approve an MOU stating that they are going forward with this construction. He stated he would recommend that they approve the MOU which has been reviewed by legal and everything looks well. This is pending final review from the State. They have a couple of sections for DDS duties and their statutory authority and assert the MOU. He recommended to approve the MOU with DDS for commercial driver license testing site pending final legal review.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice Chair Hancock to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Driver Services for a commercial Drivers' License testing site pending final legal review. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

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Motion Carried

3. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL STATE L-MIG FUNDS.

County Manager McCord stated item three is an application for additional state L-MIG funds. Additional funds have been made available for the last two (2) years now for additional funding for all system safety projects. He stated that they have applied and been successful with these. They had just completed Black's Bluff Road tie-in which straightened out the dog leg at the intersection with the bypass. He stated that this was an additional request for some additional funds. It is approximately 2300 feet of guardrail, some replacement of new channel posts going to the new square posts which are all safety approved. Speed advisory signs, stop ahead signs and some curve ahead signs in the total amount of \$79,480.00. They will also be required to match 23,844 which is installation costs that they can easily match through in-kind labor with a total project cost of \$103,324.00 He recommended to approve additional state L-MIG funds in the amount of \$103,324.00

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey approve the application for additional state L-MIG funds in the amount of \$103,324.00 . SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) F-250 CREW CAB PICK-UP TRUCKS AND ONE (1) 12 PASSENGER VAN FROM WADE FORD FOR \$77,748.00. THIS PURCHASE WAS APPROVED IN THE FY2017 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00

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County Manager McCord stated item four is to approve the purchase of two (2) F-250 crew cab trucks and one 12-passenger van from Wade Ford in the total amount of \$77,748.00 as they reviewed in caucus. The Purchasing Department went through the bid process. He stated that this was the low bid. The Wade Ford per unit price \$25,436.00 and the van \$26,876.00. He recommended to approve the purchase of two (2) F-250 Crew Cab trucks and one (1) 12-passenger van from Wade Ford in the amount of \$77,748.00 for the Recreation Department that was included in the 2017 capital budget.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve purchase of two (2) F-250 pick-up trucks and one (1) 12-passanger van from Wade Ford in the amount of \$77,748.00. SECOND by Vice Chair Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) POLICE PURSUIT SUV VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM WADE FORD FOR \$51,263.00. THIS WAS BUDGETED IN SPLOST FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,830.00

County Manager McCord stated that item five was to approve the purchase of two (2) Police pursuit SUV vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. He stated that bids were received and the low bid on each item was Wade Ford. They have one black and one white with a slight difference between the two with the paint color difference. He recommended to approve two (2) Police pursuit SUV vehicles for the Sheriff's Department from Wade Ford in the amount of \$51,263.00 which was budgeted with SPLOST funds for 2017. He noted that in both these last two bids

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Purchasing director Bill Gilliland did a good job with working these bids and getting a lower bid than was on the previously procured state contract and over \$1,000.00 per each vehicle.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve the purchase of two (2) Police pursuit SUV vehicles for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$51,830.00 from Wade Ford. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagby		
" Watters		
" Maxey		
Vice-Chair Hancock		
Chair Wallace		

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Wallace stated that she wanted to recognize Mr. Blake Doss for being there. She stated that he was formally of Rome News Tribune and did reporting for them. She stated that Mr. Doss was now at the State Capital working there but they were glad that he was still in Rome and certainly hoped he would stay involved with them. She stated that she also wanted to share with everyone that at the Rome Braves game Floyd County was awarded a championship ring. She stated that it was very pretty and heavy but at this time she was going to give it to County Manager McCord and he could put it in their trophy case. She stated that it was an honor to receive it on behalf of the county.

Chair Wallace recognized the Leadership Rome participant.

Melvin Scott, Deputy Executive Director, Northwest Georgia Housing Authority stated that he was familiar with several members of the Commission. He stated that he had been there in the City of Rome for 18 years and he has enjoyed every minute and every day. He stated that Rome and Floyd County has embraced him in those 18 years and he is indebted in service to it. He

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stated that when hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans he was able to foster a lot of his family within Floyd County and the City of Rome. He stated that when he first came here he started working with Rome Police Department for 15 years and now he is with the Housing Authority. He thanked the Commissioners for their leadership and service that they provide for Floyd County.

Commissioner Bagby stated that Mr. Scott was also a very decorated Police Officer in the Rome City Police Department. He stated that he appreciated what he did.

Chair Wallace stated that they appreciated Mr. Scott so much and were so glad that he was there and she knew that he was finishing up the Leadership Rome Program. She congratulated him for him for being chosen to go through the program. She thanked him again for what he does for Rome and Floyd County.

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

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLER

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

April 25, 2017 4:00 PM

Present: Commissioners Wright Bagby, Scotty Hancock, Larry Maxey, Rhonda Wallace and Allison Watters, County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Clerk Erin Elrod, and County Attorney Wade Hoyt

Willie Green, Elections and Registration Director presented the Commissioners and staff with a Floyd County Voter Experience Survey 2016 presentation. Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of April 25, 2017 meeting.

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK