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Commissioner Bagby
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE INTERCHANGE AT
CEDARTOWN HIGHWAY (US HIGHWAY 27) AND THE SOUTH ROME
BYPASS (STATE ROUTE 1) THE PAUL SMITH INTERCHANGE.**

Chair Wallace asked Commissioner Bagby to present the resolution.

Commissioner Bagby started by saying it gave him great pleasure to read the resolution.

Mr. Paul Smith stated that he was honored to say the least. He stated that he has been before the Floyd County Commission a lot of times in his thirty six (36) years he worked in Floyd County. He stated that he wanted them to know that he never asked for a raise or increase in money. He saved within his budget every year, except one when he had cut some out and they took it away the next year. He stated that it has been an honor for him to be a citizen of Floyd County and certainly to work in the County. He stated that when he was retiring he had a nice little farm where he would raise Christmas trees and blueberries, and a group of his friends that he ought to go to Atlanta instead, so while he was out of town they nominated him to be a State Representative. He ran the race, which was successful for twenty-two (22) years. He stated that he had family there, his two grandsons, and his son-in-law. He stated that politics are a funny thing. For a long time they were forbidden to belong to a political party, so when he got into politics he had never belonged to a political party, and he joined one, the Democrats back in 1985 since it was the popular thing to do. He stated that he was a voter throughout the years just voting how he wanted to. He stated that he would like to tell them a little about his action on the roads since that is what he specialized in. In looking at the budget in the State there were a lot of important people down there, but he learned from the DOT how to budget a two billion dollars that the Legislators did not control. He stated that he became a good friend of theirs, a member and a Chairman of the Transportation Committee for

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twenty-two (22) years. He stated that it was an interesting experience because he had a chance to mend them and tell them what they needed. Over the years, he has driven all over Floyd County and crossing ferries. He stated that he spent most of his time working on the transportation; he thought he could do more there, and it turned out very well. It is a funny thing in politics; some people are so aligned with their parties that they cannot do anything to help their communities. He had been there for two or three years and the Chairman would call him over from the Transportation Committee and say to him "I know you can't do this, but we have a board meeting coming up, and there are sixteen Democrats and fourteen Republicans. If you and the one other would vote for the Republicans we can maintain control." He stated that he would have to know what they would do for Rome and Floyd County. He stated that it was a pleasant experience and he wished he would have had a film of it. He stated they won and Rome and Floyd County got seven million dollars the next week and he thought that it was a pretty good move to make. Throughout his career, he did the things that he thought was good for Rome and Floyd County. He stated that the idea of a SPLOST was a bad subject, he proposed the second year, he thinks, that he was there, that they do one for six months for Shorter Avenue and for the East Rome Bypass. The County Commission wanted to go for a year and he could not help them with that but he would help with six months, and DOT said that they would pay the difference. He stated that he worked on the antis, he told them that they had to vote for something. He finally convinced the guy that they should stay out of it, and he predicted a two to one in favor of it and was called crazy. It passed two to one so he was pleased with that. He stated that they had a two lane on Shorter Avenue and they did not have the East Rome Bypass, and that six months paid for it with help from the DOT. He stated that throughout the years, he did those kinds of things, and he knew when he voted for two Republicans that he had made many friends on the Republican side. It was good for Rome and Floyd County. He stated that the second SPLOST, the one where they were accused of stealing six million dollars and giving it to the State. He stated that they did not steal it but they did vote to do that, that was back in the days of David Doss, they had decided that they would take that six million dollars and go to Atlanta and see what kind of deal they would make on tying up some road money. At that time the Memphis to Atlanta Highway went through Chattooga County. They went in and talked to the DOT Commission that were both ex-county agents, they were the only ones that ever came down and offered them six million dollars. Now that six million, paid for a bridge over the Coosa River, and paid for the right-of-way on the new arrangement from 27 north. He stated that they had thought that they had done something really great. Their positions started from the beginning, the four lanes in the Memphis to Atlanta Highway was not in the SPLOST, it went on for the total four year term of these

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Commissioners. They stuck with it, but on their last night they were told that they had the attorney ready to sue them personally if they voted the six million dollars out. He stated that there they were with the Memphis to Atlanta Highway, the bridge was going to be paid for, utilities and everything, and it was down the drain. He stated that he did not blame that they voted to not extend it. He stated that new Commissioners came in and he went in when they first were meeting and told them they he had worked hard for roads and he had been fairly successful. They said that this was by far their first bill that they had ever put together, and he didn't blame them, if they were going to be sued personally for something that they did as a Commissioner. When they told the County Manager to go ahead and send the six million, it was all gone, they spent it on something else so the road build was all over. He stated that he is kind of stubborn so he went down to see Wayne to ask for a favor, he needed them to finance it at one million a year, interest free for six (6) years, and by gosh he did it and that is how they came out with that. He stated he still thinks people think that they did something illegal but he thinks it is the best act that he was ever able to take part in. He stated that those are the kind of things to go with even though they take a beating sometimes even though they know they are right, but if they are taking care of their people then they just need to go right ahead and do it. He stated a few years later and how he ended up voting on two Republicans, he beat that speaker in that race and they did real good for a few years, and then all of a sudden the Republicans had a majority and he was trying to elect David Doss who was a Democrat at the time. The Democrats didn't have any votes, the speaker had one, and he had David's, they went through several sessions, and he pulled him aside and told him to remember that he had control of the DOT board for all these years because they did it for him. He stated that he had two Republicans cross over and they elected David. He stated he guessed he could say that that was the most important thing that he did while in the DOT race. He stated the board had two billion laws, they also had a bill in the session that was strictly involving money powers and just give it to the speaker or whoever, that bill never passed as long as he was on the Transportation Committee, it did pass a year afterwards. He stated working with people has always been something that he has enjoyed. Floyd County is a great county that has been good to him. He came from Heard County, but it has been a lot of good experience that he has enjoyed.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to adopt the resolution to rename the interchange at Cedartown Highway (US Highway 27) and the South Rome Bypass (State Route 1) to the Paul Smith Interchange. SECOND by Commissioner Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

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YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace stated that he was sorry that David Doss just left, they did want to recognize him. They knew that Mr. Smith had recognized him but they wanted to recognize him as well. She stated that they would get him next time.

In addition to that motion of adopting the resolution, they also want to restate a motion from March of 2012 which was recommended to the State Legislators, current and all future sections of Loop 1 to be constructed to be dedicated as Veteran's Memorial Highway. That would be constructed US 27 to 20, and 20 to 27, and to be constructed was Highway 27 to 101, and State Route 101 to US 411. She stated that this was a recommendation from past experience. They want to make sure that it stays committed by this Commission. She was doing this as a form of a MOTION so she would need a second. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

FIRST READINGS:

(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD July 25, 2017 AT 6:00PM)

- 1. FILE #71-2017SUP REQUESTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A MANUFACTURED HOME ON PROPERTY ON BEVERLY ROAD IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP AS I13L AS PARCEL 323 AND 324,**

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SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R). A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH CONDITION WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 3-2.

- 2. FILE #72-2017Z REQUESTS REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) FOR EXISTING BEAUTY SALON ON PROPERTY ON COKER DRIVE IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP H13X AS PARCEL 344. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 5-0.**

- 3. FILE #74-2017Z REQUESTING REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (L-I) FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURING BUSINESS ON PROPERTY ON ALABAMA HIGHWAY IDENTIFIED ON FLOYD COUNTY TAX MAP E13Z AS PARCELS 028 (PART) AND 029. A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH CONDITION WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION 5-0**

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Wallace made a MOTION to appoint Larry Morrow (term expiring 4/28/2021) and Mark Brewster (term expiring 4/1/2021) to the Floyd County Development Authority to fill additional terms. To appoint Barbara Earle to the Department of Family and Children Services Board to fill a first term (term expiring 6/30/2022). To reappoint Deborah Malone (term expiring 7/37/2020) to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

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" Maxey

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Chair Wallace

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 8:00am
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:30am
- 4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, July 17, 2017, at 3:30pm.
- 5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby**
 - a. No report.
- 6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 4:00pm.
- 7. Special Committee Reports.**
 - a. **Fire Overview Committee- Chair Wallace and Vice Chair Hancock**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 10:30am

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- b. Joint Services Committee- Chair Wallace, Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting Tuesday, August 01, 2017 at 2:00pm
- c. Joint Development Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 10:00am.
- d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 9:00am.
- e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Commissioner Watters**
- f. 2017 SPLOST Project Planning- Chair Wallace**
 - i. Next meeting Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 5:30pm.
- g. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 11:30am

MANAGER’S REPORT:

County Manager McCord stated that he had no report for the Manager’s Report, but he wanted to mention that their SPLOST meetings resume this week (7/13/17) they took a week off, but they would be meeting this Thursday back at the EOC on 12th Street. The meeting starts at 5:30 and they have a full agenda and one final week of presentation before the Committee goes into the deliberation process.

Vice-Chair Hancock asked County Manager McCord what the deadline was to have it ready.

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County Manager McCord stated he thought David was staying with the aggressive approach, and they were probably looking at the first week in August to have a recommendation. He stated they would go forward with a Joint Commission meeting, with the change in the federal law, it does not have to be certified by the feds. He stated that they did not need the extra thirty (30) days or sixty (60) days to get that process underway so they would have some additional time at that point. He thought David Newby was staying on the aggressive track, has the ability to bring someone back if needed, or have an additional week of deliberation.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Wallace asked County Clerk Erin Elrod if the Consent Agenda has been reviewed and is in order.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve and authorize execution of items submitted under the Consent Agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Bagby
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

- 1. Approve Manager Change for Circle K Stores, Inc., dba Circle K #2723647 at 1881 Old Calhoun Road, Rome, Georgia. This application has been approved by Floyd County Police and the Floyd County Tax Commissioner. It is paid in full.**
- 2. Declare as surplus list of items from the Forum, and offices of the County Manager, County Clerk, and Human Resources, as requested by the Purchasing Department.**

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- 3. Approve the removal of \$528.74 from the Tax Commissioner's Roll. This property was exposed at a public outcry for back taxes and there were no bidders.**
- 4. Approve fee schedule for meter fees in Everett Springs.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC.

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord to provide an update and his recommendation on the proposals.

County Manager McCord stated to recap, they talked about this in caucus. They went back to proposals in the beginning of April, they received eight (8) proposals for health clinics for the employee wellness clinic, they received varying degrees of proposals with some of the larger numbers being over \$800,000.00 annually. Very good companies that are very good at what they do, and would be very good for the employees, as far as a wellness clinic goes. He stated they narrowed the eight (8) down to three (3), Healthstat, Redmond Regional, and Floyd Medical Center as the three (3) finalists to present, and do one on one interviews with the selection team. The interviews took place and there was some deliberation, additional questions, and follow-ups to verify some of the information that was provided. He stated they smoothed out the three (3) based on six-hundred (600) employees. There was some confusion early on about the number of covered lives, being charged per the monthly rate per person, per covered life, but it was clarified and all three intended on the base amount times the number of current employees. They smoothed it out to six-hundred employees and got it as apple to apple as they could possibly get it. The Healthstat annual amount based on those projections is \$126,252.00 annually, Floyd was \$127,649.00 annually, and then Redmond \$109,113.00. Healthstat included an additional \$70,000.00 for startup and in addition to that, an additional leased space that would have to be included. With the other two (2) facilities already being open and located in Floyd County, they determined that Healthstat would be eliminated at that point and focused remaining efforts on both Floyd Medical Center's and Redmond's proposal. He stated they also looked at the prescription medications that were provided

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by both providers and did as close as a comparison as they could. He thought both of these provided very equitable programs in regards to service, prescriptions, operating hours, normal services, such as drug screens, physicals, and occupational health type services. He thought either of them could have done an excellent job in providing the County a wellness clinic. He stated as he discussed in caucus and previously they were having a very difficult year with their claims exceeding projections through mid-year over a million dollars. He stated that he hoped it turned and was not a trend. Hopefully, they would be able to overcome this throughout the year. He thought in light of these issues and struggles this is a very proactive approach to accepting a health clinic proposal and at this time would benefit the County's self-insured health fund and the employees of Floyd County. He does think that management of primary care, disease management, occupational health, work comp and all of these would be a benefit to them all. With the recommendation coming from the selection team, they have recommended Redmond Regional as providing the most economic plan for the benefit of the self-insured fund, and employees of Floyd County. He concurred that they provided the most economical plan for them moving forward. He stated he would recommend accepting the proposal from Redmond Regional, and authorizing both himself and the County Attorney to negotiate a three (3) year agreement. They would like to have the base year frozen at the base rate, year two at the base rate and optional up to three percent (3%) increase in year three, but not to exceed three percent (3%). He recommended approval. He wanted to thank the selection team, all eight (8) of the applicants for their time and efforts, but he specifically want to thank both Redmond and Floyd Medical center. He stated they won in either direction that they went. The County employees are going to win as far as the benefit and the Floyd County health fund, the Commission is going to benefit by the management of that fund, and trying to be proactive and managing their health and wellness program. He recommended approval of the health clinic to Redmond Regional.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to accept the proposal for employee health clinic. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

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" Maxey
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Vice-Chair Hancock abstained due to conflict of interest.

2. ACCEPT FY2016 AUDIT FROM MAULDIN & JENKINS

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for an update. She stated that she knew that Mr. Matt Hill, of Mauldin & Jenkins, and Ms. Susie Gass, Floyd County Finance Director were present if they wanted to offer their insight.

County Manager McCord stated that he was going to let Mr. Matt Hill come up and go over the audit summary. He stated that he or Ms. Gass may have a comment after that.

Mr. Hill started by thanking the Commission for the opportunity to work with the County on the audit. He stated that Ms. Gass and everyone in the Finance Department did a great job. The financial statements are essentially management's responsibility and they come in and give an audit on that. He stated they did more governmental audits than any other firm in Georgia, and they are the leader in the southeast as far as governmental auditing. With that being said, they were still waiting on a couple of items to complete their audit. They do not suspect that these items will have a negative effect on the financial statements as they are currently drafted. As soon as they can get those outstanding items wrapped up, they plan to complete their audit and get it officially to finance so they can send it to the state. He stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that they might have.

Chair Wallace asked Mr. Hill for the record, to verify what they were missing and from what department.

Mr. Hill stated that they were missing information on a banking account from the Sheriff's Office, and they needed a letter called a transmittal letter that summarizes some of the activity that is within the County that provides the way that management proceeds on the changing of debts and economic development.

Chair Wallace asked if those discussions have been made with the Sheriff's Department and they are aware that they need to get that as quickly as possible.

Mr. Hill stated they have had discussions with the department and has been working with officers. Whether he (the Sheriff) directly knows about it, he has not spoken to him directly about it.

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County Manager McCord stated that he (the Sheriff) was aware. He stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Hill and the group. They do a really good job working with them, they open their files up to them, they get passwords and logins, and they pretty much go in and have access to everything that they have access to. They had discussed about a year ago to start rotating some of the auditors so they have different auditors taking a fresh look. He stated they had done some of that this year and they would continue to do that going forward. He stated that he appreciated their efforts and the Finance Department's efforts because this is a complex system here and it takes a lot of effort and work. He stated that he could not complement Ms. Gass enough because she does a lot of this work afterhours. He stated that he appreciated her effort specifically and all her staff for a job well done.

Chair Wallace stated that the Commission certainly feels that way as well. She stated they could not make it without Mr. Hill, his team, Ms. Gass, and her team. She thanked them again for all the work they do.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to accept FY2016 audit from Mauldin & Jenkins. SECOND by Commission Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

**~~3. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR JAIL MEDICAL PROJECT BUDGETED IN 2013
SPLOST.~~**

DEFFERED until July 25, 2017 Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Wallace stated that she would like to recognize Ms. Layla Shipman for being there. Ms. Shipman has taken on a new job, she was going to be covering their meetings, so if they saw her

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with a camera taking pictures that is what she was doing there.

Chair Wallace asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission.

Commissioner Wallace asked County Clerk Elrod if she would like to recognize their newest employee.

County Clerk Elrod stated that they had a new Assistant County Clerk, Ms. Amy Dawkins. She stated she would be in and out helping out. She stated that it was a welcome addition to the County Clerk's office.

Chair Wallace asked Ms. Kay Dixon from Redmond Regional to come up.

Ms. Dixon stated on behalf of Redmond she wanted to thank the leadership of the County, the selection committee for their diligence and confidence in Redmond. She stated they looked forward to partnering with the County.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
July 11, 2017 2:00 PM**

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

Mary Hardin Thornton with Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful updated the Commission on the Community Clean Up Efforts. Mauldin & Jenkins presented the audit report for FY2016.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of July 11, 2017.

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK