

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 25, 2017            6:00 P.M.**

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

**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 Bagby led the Invocation.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Wallace stated that they needed to add to the Agenda by a 4/5 vote to escalate the process of the subbase for the DDS CDL licensing path.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve adding by 4/5 vote the escalation of the process for the subbase for the DDS CDL licensing path. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace called for a motion to approve the July 24, 2017 agenda. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock VOTING:

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YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**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 Maxey to adopt the minutes of the Caucus, and Regular Meeting of June 27, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- 1. Rome colored/Main High School Alumni**

**SECOND READINGS:**

**(FIRST READINGS WERE HELD JULY 11, 2017 AT 4:00PM)**

**Chair Wallace reviewed the procedure of the Public Hearing. She stated that each person**

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**shall come to the podium and state his or her name and address. There will be no less than ten (10) minutes provided for all of those speaking in support, and no less than ten (10) minutes shall be provided for all of those speaking in opposition.**

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

Chair Wallace asked David Thompson, Rome-Floyd Associate Planner, for insight.

Mr. Thompson presented slides of the property and stated that the subject property is within a recorded subdivision, according to the County Engineer. Placement of a manufactured home requires a Special Use Permit. There are no other manufactured homes within the subdivision. He presented aerial photographs of the property and stated that the property was located out in the West Rome area. He presented views looking north, south, east and to west of the property. Services and utilities are available; flood maps indicate that the property is within a flood hazard area. The future land use map shows the property as Suburban Residential (S-R). Access to the property is from Beverly Drive which is a local road. He stated manufactured homes can be appropriate on subdivision lots, particularly if they are designed and oriented similarly to adjacent structures. Such things as horizontal siding, pitched roofs, durable and continuous foundations, and front porches are appropriate, turning the front door towards the street, and the front set back as designed by adjacent structures which enhances the compatibility. Special Use Permits can include conditions and in this case staff would recommend approval under the condition of combining parcels 323 and 324, orienting the front door toward the street, respecting the established set-back, and providing architectural features compatible with the structures already existing in the neighborhood.

**Chair Wallace declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of the request.**

**FAVOR: Mario Alvarado, 12 Wilma Drive, Rome, Georgia** stated that he worked hard to make this place his home.

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Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone else to speak in favor of the request. Seeing none, she asked if there was anyone there to speak in opposition to the request.

OPPOSE: Sam Brooks, 825 Harmony Road, Rome, Georgia stated that he owned the property to the rear of the subject property which is all duplex development. He stated that he was not 100% opposed to a mobile home but it was mentioned that it sometimes includes block foundations and things of that nature. He stated that if they were going to put a manufactured home in he would like to see it made to look like a site built home and would also like to request that they provide a privacy fence across the back where it joins his property, if it could be done.

Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone else there to speak in opposition to the request. Hearing none she closed the public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the Commission.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to deny 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 Suburban Residential (S-R). SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace clarified that the vote meant that the request was denied.

- 2. FILE #72-2017Z REQUESTS REZONING FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (S-R) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (C-C) FOR EXISTING BEAUTY**

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**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.**

Chair Wallace asked David Thompson, Rome-Floyd Associate Planner, for insight.

Mr. Thompson presented slides of the property and stated that the subject property is approximately 0.2 acres in size and is developed with a beauty salon. To the north is property zoned Community Commercial (C-C) and is vacant. To the south is property zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) and developed with a multifamily development. To the east are properties zoned Community Commercial (C-C) and developed with a single family dwelling, and to the west are properties zoned Community Commercial (C-C) and developed with a beauty salon. The purpose of this request is if granted would also combine these parcels together, lots 344, 345, and a portion of 346. Access to the property will be from Coker Drive. He presented aerial photographs of the property and stated that the property was in the West Rome area off Shorter Avenue. He presented the site plan that was provided by the applicant to show the restaurant that would be proposed to the north of the property however he would get to that and how that is relevant to this case later on. He presented photographs of the property and the adjacent beauty salon, along Coker Drive to the north, south, east, and west facing the property. He stated that the main purpose of the request is so that the beauty salon, which is non-conforming, be rezoned as Community Commercial (C-C) to make it conform. Part of the request is to also allow for a Jack's restaurant, which has been proposed to the north of the property to be able to be developed along where it is adjacent to the property without having to put a landscape buffer. The ULDC requires that any commercial development that is adjacent to a lesser intent zoning district would have to put in a landscape buffer. Whereas, if it adjacent to a similar or same intent zoning district it would only require a five (5) foot land scape strip. If successfully rezoned it would be combined with these lots. Part of parcel 346 is already been approved to be annexed into the City of Rome to be combined with 348 and 347. The other portion will be combined with the following lots as well. He stated that staff recommendation was for approval.

**Chair Wallace declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone there to speak in support or opposition. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing and asked if there was any discussion from the Commission.**

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Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve file #72-2107 requesting 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. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**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 Wallace asked David Thompson, Rome-Floyd Associate Planner, for insight.

Mr. Thompson presented slides of the property and stated that the subject property is approximately 1.47 acres in size and is currently vacant. The property was zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) with adoption of the ULDC. To the north and east are properties zoned Suburban Residential (S-R) and developed with single family residences. To the south are properties zoned Suburban Residential (S-R). To the west are properties zoned Light Industrial (L-I). He presented aerial photographs of the property and stated that it was out on Alabama Highway nearby the power plant. He presented a copy of the plat submitted by the applicant showing that they had already submitted to combine the parcels together into one, and they would also meet the same development

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standards for lots for Light Industrial (L-I). He presented the site plan by the applicant that shows access to the property will be from Martin Road which is a local road. The property also fronts on Alabama Highway to the south and Brownlow Drive to the west. All services and utilities are available. The future land use map indicates Suburban Residential (S-R) for the property. It is not showing being within a flood hazard area. The development pattern in the area is mostly low density residential in almost every direction and industrial development to the west. He pointed out on the site plan a one-hundred by one-hundred (100 x 100) proposed building with landscape strips along every side of the property. Granted the request could result in adverse impacts, such as, traffic, light, noise and litter on adjacent properties but those can be minimized with adequate buffering. Approval would also would be an encroachment to residential area, however, nearby industrial zoning along Alabama Highway to the west and being within the activity corridor could make rezoning to industrial appropriate. He presented photographs looking to the north, south, east, and west of the property. He stated that staff recommended approval if granted be condition on maintaining the mature vegetation along the north side lot line and that the front entrance be oriented toward Alabama Highway.

**Chair Wallace declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor of the request. She asked if there was anyone there to speak in opposition of the request.**

**OPPOSE: Barbara Hill, 4 Martin Road, Rome, Georgia** stated that she did not, per se, have an opposition. She just wanted to make sure that on the back side of the property be landscaped to where it would be conducive for residential. She stated that she now lets it grow up back there because there was trailer trucks parked there for years and it really looked horrible. She stated that it would be nice if it could be landscaped or something around it to where it would be eye-catching for Alabama Highway and coming down Martin Road as opposed to looking at trucks and stuff like that. She stated that she looked at them for twenty (20) years. Other than that she has no more objections.

Chair Wallace thanked Ms. Hill

Commissioner Maxey stated that he believed on the plat they are showing a twenty (20) foot landscape buffer.

**Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone else to speak in opposition. Hearing none,**

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**she closed the public hearing and asked if there was any discussion from the Commission.**

Chair Wallace asked Mr. Thompson to clarify the site plan buffer.

Mr. Thompson stated that the ULDC stipulates that any development in the adjacent properties of the less intent zoning district has to have a landscape buffer along there and the buffer has to meet the same set back requirements as it would for a principal building. For Light Industrial (L-I) along the side set back it would be twenty (20) feet in this case. Landscape buffer can come in two ways, it could be where it just simply be vegetated and opaque, it does not have to be completely covered up but at least it blocks some of the site from one property to the next property. The other is a fenced in landscape buffer. There are two ways of going about doing that. Landscape in the ULDC also says that you have to have one tree for every forty feet of length thereof, for front landscape strip and for the landscape buffer as well it has to have trees along there. He stated that he hoped it answered some of their concerns, that if he were to go forward and get approval he would have to meet those development standards.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to approve 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. SECOND by Commissioner Watters VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. RESOLUTION TO LEVY A COUNTY TAX OF ALL PROPERTY IN FLOYD COUNTY, SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES, AT THE**

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**RATE OF 9.487 MILLS FOR M&O, 1.650 FOR FIRE, 0.656 FOR SOLID WASTE ON THE DOLLAR FOR THE YEAR OF 2017**

**Chair-Wallace opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone there to speak regarding the property tax. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing.**

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord if this was considered a roll back.

County Manager McCord stated that was correct.

Chair Wallace asked if County Manager McCord would explain it to the public.

County Manager McCord stated they had a slight increase in the tax digest. To keep the millage rate, the same at 9.6 would actually equate to a tax increase. Therefore, they were rolling it back a little over one percent (1%), for all three to keep it at the same tax level dollar wise from the previous year. It is in turn a lower millage rate, a lower millage rate equals the same amount of money. It is the roll back rate this year equaling the same amount of funds from the previous year. This would be 9.487 for M&O, 1.650 for Fire, and 0.656 for Solid Waste. For the record, as part of this resolution, they need to note the County School Board of Education also set their millage rate also at the roll back rate at 18.355 Mills.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO LEVY A COUNTY TAX OF ALL PROPERTY IN FLOYD COUNTY, SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES, AT THE RATE OF 9.487 MILLS FOR M&O, 1.650 FOR FIRE, 0.656 FOR SOLID WASTE ON THE DOLLAR FOR THE YEAR OF 2017**

Chair Wallace asked if there was any discussion before adopting the resolution.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve Resolution to levy a County tax of all property in Floyd County, subject to taxation for general purposes at the rate of 9.487 Mills for M&O, 1.650 for Fire, 0.656 for Solid Waste on the dollar for the tax year 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Watters VOTING:

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YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ANNUAL COST OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING STREET LIGHTS AT AN AMOUNT OF FIFTY-THREE (\$0.53) CENTS PER FOOT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017.**

Chair Wallace stated that she would like to note that last year was fifty-four (\$.54) cents per foot for the tax year. She asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve adoption of a resolution to set the assessment of the annual cost of maintain and operation street lights at an amount of fifty-three (\$.53) cents per foot for the tax year 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

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Chair Wallace made a MOTION to reappoint Eddie Chubb to the Floyd County Personnel Board based on the employee elections results. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
  - a. Next meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**
  - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, August 09, 2017, at 8:00am
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**
  - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:30am
- 4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
  - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, August 21, 2017, 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, 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

**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 01, 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 27, 2017 at 5:30pm.

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Chair Wallace stated that she wanted the public to know that the public was welcome to come to the 2017 SPLOST meeting which is Thursday. It starts at 5:30 at the EOC building, and they will be starting the elimination of some of the projects, or grouping the projects in order to get a list to be in the guidelines of the amount of money they feel like they will be able to collect.

**g. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock**

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 11:30am

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

No Report.

**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 Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

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- 1. Approve new beer and wine for Rhino Ribs LLC dba Rhino Smokehouse at 3349 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia. This application has been approved by the Floyd County Health Department, Floyd County Police, Floyd County Tax Commissioner, Rome-Floyd Fire Marshall, and Rome-Floyd Building Inspector. The application is paid in full.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR JAIL MEDICAL PROJECT BUDGETED IN 2013 SPLOST.**

County Manager McCord stated that there was one item up for consideration. It is acceptance of the Jail Medical proposal which is a 2013 SPLOST project. He stated that they started narrowing the group down late last year. There was eight (8) original applicants for the Jail Medical proposals, they narrowed it down to three (3), and had one of the three withdraw during the interview process. They interviewed two (2) applicants, Allstate Construction Company and Peacock Partnership. He stated that they went through the process with them, had a committee set up and met several times, even as late as today at 1 PM for one final review of this project and recommendation. He stated that he sent the Board a recommendation via email and also spoke with them in caucus about this. He stated that based on the committees work and the process that they are going to recommend Peacock Partnership for multiple reasons. Primarily their past working experience in Floyd County and level of effort placed on hiring as many local contractors as possible. They (Peacock Partnership) indicated to them in the interview process that the final tally on Animal Control project was seventy percent (70%) of funds expended on the project were expended through Floyd County contractors. Also, their alignment and expertise in the field of jail operations, and their ability to complete the project within the current budget. They (Peacock Partnership) added to their proposal a master planning effect that they feel is critical knowing they have a phased approach to Jail Medical with a phase I and a phase II, potentially with future SPLOST funds or additional funds from Floyd County. He felt like that really put them over the top. He believes that they would have been well served with either of the two finalists but feel confident in recommending peacock partnership for the Jail Medical project for a design build method that will be guaranteed maximum pricing. The maximum pricing is kept at two million dollars (\$2M), there is a two-hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) contingency outside the project for some additional improvements and equipment that may need to be done after that. He

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recommended approval of the 2013 SPLOST Jail Medical project for Peacock Partnership in the amount of two million (\$2M) dollars.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to approve the proposal for Jail Medical project to Peacock Partnership, budgeted in 2013 SPLOST in the amount of two million (\$2M) dollars. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby.

VOTING:

YES NO

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

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. APPROVE FY2017 BUDGET REVISION**

County Manager McCord stated that item one is the 2017 midyear budget revision. He stated that they went over it in detail in caucus and he wanted to mention a few things. Capital increases increased from \$992,000.00 in the original approved budget up to \$2.342M. They are adding two (2) additional vehicles in the Sheriff's Office, two in (2) the Police Department, a van and some additional body cameras for the Prison. \$10,000.00 for the Oreburg Road closure that they would be creating cul de sacs and acquiring right-of-way for construction. They have a \$40,000.00 increase for the County Morgue due to some additional expenses that were unforeseen and getting that facility ready for operation. The print on demand ballot printer for the Elections Board. Mobile Assessor for the Tax Appraisers office, which they heard about. The two largest items being the \$250,000.00 for switches for information technology department to be able to maintain connectivity between departments. The \$600,000.00 for the communications

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software refresh and upgrade. From the capital side it's about a \$1.4M more than they approved originally. On the operations side it was very minimal. The general fund, Ms. Gass made an adjustment to her projections on tax collections. Since they collected a ninety-seven percent (97%) increase they bumped it conservatively but increased it to offset some of the capital expenses. They started the year at a \$1.2M deficit, now they are at a \$2.1M dollar deficit for the general fund budget. He thought this is a strong budget and they ended the year really strong last year, this would still keep them at an unrestricted fund balance in excess of \$16M. He recommended to approve.

Chair Wallace stated that they heard from Ms. Gass in caucus as well as County Manager McCord about the 2017 budget revisions, she asked if there were any additional comments or questions.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve the FY 2017 Budget Revision. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**2. APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2017 NEW HOLLAND BOOMER 47 4WD TRACTOR WITH LOADER FROM FRANKLIN TRACTOR IN CARTERSVILLE FOR \$34,150.00. THIS AMOUNT IS LESS THAN THE NJPA PROGRAM PRICING.**

County Manager McCord stated that item two is to approve the purchase of 2017 New Holland Boom 4WD tractor with loader from Franklin Tractor in Cartersville at the price of \$34,150.00. This has been procured by the Purchasing Department and is utilizing state funding that Warden Mike Long has been able to get through a grant disbursement from the Georgia Department of Corrections. He recommended approval of purchase of the tractor, a 2017 New Holland 47 4WD tractor with loader from Franklin Tractor in

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Cartersville for \$34,150.00.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve the purchase of a 2017 New Holland Boomer 47 4WD tractor with loader from Franklin Tractor in Cartersville for \$34,150.00 priced less than the NJPA program pricing. SECOND by Commission Bagby.

Commissioner Maxey stated that it was a good job to get it below the estimated cost.

Chair Wallace agreed.

County Manager McCord stated that Warden Long and Mr. Gilliland both did a good job on procuring this.

VOTING:

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**3. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION ON SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FROM ROME-FLOYD PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.**

County Manager McCord stated item three is a recommendation on scholarship guidelines for Rome-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has been working for the past six to eight (6-8) months on these policies. He stated Kevin Cowling, Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Director, has worked really hard in looking at other organizations and other entities on how they base reduced fees and scholarships. Bond money was set aside that was utilized from the Floyd Medical Center bond refinancing, and this set aside money will be utilized

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to offset the savings and reduce fees to families that qualify. It will either cover fifty percent (50%) or seventy-five percent (75%) and will be based on income, and other items, proof of residency for Floyd County for more than six (6) months during the course of the year, paystubs and other federal tax returns, unemployment and other sources of income. He thinks that they have done a really good job on this and he would like to get this in place prior to football and cheerleading for this fall. He thinks that they have done a good job and it has been reviewed by the County Attorney. He recommended approval.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve recommendation on scholarship guidelines from Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**4. APPROVE LAND SWAP OF 0.055 ACRES OF FIRE STATION PROPERTY OWNED BY FLOYD COUNTY TO BE DEEDED TO BRENT DOTSON AND 0.055 OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BRENT DOTSON TO BE DEEDED TO FLOYD COUNTY.**

County Manager McCord stated item four was to approve a land swap of .055 acres with the Wax Road Fire Station and Brent Dotson. Mr. Dotson approached them several months ago about the placement of a driveway for a home that he wanted to build on the property. They went through the process of looking at him being able to place a driveway at the appropriate location. Bruce Ivy, in the Engineering Department was able to equalize it out. The County Attorney has approved all the deeds, everything is clear. It will benefit Mr. Dotson and benefit the County as far as their septic tank field lines in the future, if there is any need for that. He recommended approval land swap of 0.055 acres

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of fire station property on Wax Road by Floyd County to be deeded to Brent Dotson and .055 of property owned by Brent Dotson to be deeded to Floyd County.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve land swap of 0.055 acres of fire station property owned by Floyd County to be deeded to Brent Dotson and 0.055 of property owned by Brent Dotson to be deeded to Floyd County. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**5. Approve the closing and quit-claim deed of platted, undeveloped right-of-way of Grover Street.**

County Manager McCord stated item five is approving closing and quit-claim deed of platted, undeveloped right-of-way of Grover Street. This property is off Etta Lane over near the former Horseleg Plantation Golf Course. He stated everything was in order. Both sides of the property are owned by the same owner and the Horseleg Plantation has also quit-claimed their access rights to Grover Street to Etta Lane. This is an unopened and only platted on paper right-of way. He recommended approval of the closing and quit-claim deed of platted, undeveloped right-of-way of Grover Street.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve the closing and quit-claim deed of platted, undeveloped right-of-way of Grover Street. SECOND by Commissioner Watters VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagby		

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" Watters  
" Maxey  
Vice-Chair Hancock  
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

- 6. APPROVE THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,201,800.84 FOR THE UPGRADE, UPDATE, AND REFRESH OF 800MHZ DIGITAL TRUNKED HARRIS RADIO SYSTEM. THIS UPDATE INCLUDES EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS, SERVERS, AND SOFTWARE FOR THE HARRIS RADIO SYSTEM. THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED BY CONSULTANT TUSA CONSULTING.**

County Manager McCord stated item six is part of the 2017 revised budget to purchase a \$1,201,800.84 upgrade, update, and refresh for 800MHZ radio system. This includes equipment, computers, servers, software for the Harris Radio System. It has been approved and recommended by TUSA consulting. He stated it would be in two (2) phases. They have \$600,000.00 in the 2017 budget and then they will add the additional \$630,000.00 into the 2018 budget. He recommended approval. It is much needed and will get them current on multiple software upgrades and versions of software used by Public Safety personnel, including 911.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve the purchase in the amount of \$1,201, 800.84 for the upgrade, update, and refresh of 800MHZ digital trunked Harris radio system. This upgrade includes equipment, computers, servers, and software for Harris radio system as recommended by consultant TUSA Consulting. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby  
" Watters  
" Maxey

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Vice-Chair Hancock  
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

**7. APPROVE ACCELERATION IN THE PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUBBASE ON THE DDS CDL LICENSING PATH.**

County Manager McCord stated item seven was added by 4/5 vote to the agenda. They are working on a CDL training and licensing facility at the DDS location in Armuchee. They entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State several weeks ago for the construction; they have done some preliminary construction but have ran into some issues with subbase. He stated he was asking for an accelerated procurement for the subbase construction at the State of Georgia DDS site in Armuchee.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to approve acceleration in the procurement for the subbase on the DDS CDL licensing path. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby VOTING:

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chair Wallace stated that the Commission went into Executive Session for the purpose to sell or purchase real estate.

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Chair Maxey stated that as he mentioned in caucus he wished they would send a letter to the State Highway Department and their local representatives thanking them for the great job that they are doing on litter pick-up and mowing of the shoulders on State Routes.

Chair Wallace agreed and stated they have certainly done a much better job this year picking up litter and cutting, it looks so much better. She asked County Attorney Hoyt if they could send the letter without making it into a motion.

County Attorney Hoyt agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Motion Carried

**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**

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**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS**

**July 25, 2017 4:00 PM**

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

Floyd County Tax Assessor Danny Womack discussed the Tax Maps of Floyd County with the Board. Sheriff Burkhalter discussed his recommendation of Peacock Partnership for Jail Medical.

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of July 25, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**