

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 26, 2017 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Rhonda Wallace, Allison Watters, Larry Maxey.

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 approve the September 26, 2017 agenda. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters SECOND by Commissioner Maxey VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Watters
" Maxey
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 Watters to adopt the minutes of the Caucus, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of September 12, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES NO

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Commissioner Watters
" Maxey
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Employees with at Least 40 Years of Service

- a. Tommy McGuire, Sheriff's Office, 40 Years of Service (Not Present)

2. Employees with at Least 30 Years of Service

- a. Elizabeth Underwood, Cooperative Extension, 31 Years of Service (Not Present)

3. Employees with at Least 25 Years of Service

- a. William Wilson, Work Release, 27 Years of Service
- b. Ron Morris, Sherriff's Office, 26 Years of Service (Not Present)
- c. Demertria High, Prison, 25 Years of Service

4. Employees with at Least 20 Years of Service

- a. Shawn Bennett, Cooperative Extension, 23 Years of Service

5. Employees with at Least 15 Years of Service

- a. Brenda McChargue, Prison, 19 Years of Service
- b. Becky Bedford, Tax Appraisers, 18 Years of Service (Not Present)
- c. Tim Hill, Sheriff's Office, 17 Years of Service
- d. Consuelo Maldonado, Sheriff's Office, 17 Years of Service

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- e. Sherrie Bevels, Water, 17 Years of Service (Not Present)
- f. Timothy Morgan, Recycling, 16 Years of Service (Not Present)
- g. April Burnes Smith, P.A.W.S., 15 Years of Service (Not Present)
- h. William Schwartz, Sheriff's Office, 15 Years of Service

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Preparedness Month; Tim Herrington to accept.

Commissioner Watters presented the National Preparedness Month to Mr. Tim Herrington, Director, Floyd County Emergency Management.

Mr. Herrington thanked the Commission for recognizing the importance of Preparedness Month. Not just for the month of September but for every month. He stated as they have seen they have had some significant disasters just in the month of September with the earthquakes in Mexico, the hurricane in Texas, and Florida. Even with the Sheriff's office going and delivering resources to those areas, which they were honored in gathering the resources, and helping facilitate where to take them, they still have a long way to go. He stated that they were fortunate that they did not have any major issues in Floyd County, just some power outages, and some trees down. He stated going into the fall months is usually their busiest time with roads icing, and possible snow, they have to think about all of that and prepare for that as well. In keeping with that, they are updating their cellphone app by adding some new features, a damage assessment feature, and a "where am I" feature. He stated that they were also going to increase their views for the CodeRED alert notification so that they would be able to do a lot more things with it as far as administration sending out notifications at one time instead of spending 30-40 minutes to get all the information out. He thanked the Commission for recognizing this month. He appreciated and he still enjoyed doing what he does, even as busy it gets. He stated that they had a presentation at Georgia Highlands and he had an opportunity to talk to the Human Services students. They talked about what they have available in Rome and Floyd County as far as resources that are available in the event that they have a significant emergency. He stated he thought a lot of the students are going to do well in their chosen field. He thanked the Commission again for recognizing the importance.

Chair Wallace thanked Mr. Herrington and stated they appreciated all he does and it was always nice for him to come to the meetings. She thanked him again for a job well done.

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County Manager McCord added Mr. Herrington did a great job for them and had all the information and luckily he put a bubble around the community and kept that hurricane somewhere else. He did a great job in getting the school system, the courts, and then accurate information to allow them to make the decisions on what to do. He appreciated what he did, he is probably there 4-5 days consecutive almost at one point. He appreciates his effort and what him and Mr. Bowen do.

2. Surgical Technologist Week; No one present to accept.

Chair Wallace stated they had the Surgical Technologist Week Proclamation but since there was no one there to accept they would pass it along.

FIRST READING

(PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 4PM)

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY TO AMEND CHAPTER 2-11 KNOWN AS "HEALTH AND SANITATION" OF THE FLOYD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS "ARTICLE IX" ENTITLED "PAUPER AND/OR INDIGENT BURIALS".

Chair Wallace asked for County Manager McCord for insight.

County Manager McCord stated this was an ordinance that allows them to utilize cremation as an approved means of burial for indigents in the community. There is a process that mirrors the state law that would go through a process that is governed by O.C.G.A. that would give them the ability to do the proper and decent thing for any indigents that receive a decent burial or cremation. He stated it was the Coroners discretion and will also allow them to have adequate space for these indigents. They are averaging forty (40) plus per year and do not have unlimited space for this. This will allow them to utilize the space that they do have and still provide a decent burial or cremation at the Coroner's option after using any means necessary to locate family, which they were currently doing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING/ SECOND READING
(FIRST READING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 4PM)**

Chair Wallace reviewed the rules of the Public Hearing. She stated each person that wishes to speak is to come to the podium to speak his or her name and address. They then have ten (10) minutes to speak in favor or support or ten (10) minutes to speak in opposition.

- 1. ADOPT ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY TO AMEND 2-4 ENTITLED “ALCOHOL BEVERAGES” BY ADDING A SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS “SEC, 2-4-75” TO ARTICLE V OF THE CHAPTER 2-4.**

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for details.

County Manager McCord stated this is an amendment to the alcoholic beverages section that will give them under any circumstances the ability to deal with distilled liquor, with or without a state license. He stated there was an issue that came up recently where they did not have the ability to deal with distilled spirits by the drink which are not allowed currently in unincorporated Floyd County. This will bring them into compliance with current and what he thought they had in place already. This will give them the ordinance and teeth to do something about an issue, if it does present itself.

Chair Wallace declared the Public hearing open and asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or opposition of the request, seeing none she closed the public hearing and asked if there was any discussion.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve the amendment of the code of Floyd County, Georgia and more particularly to amend Chapter 2-4 entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” by adding a section to be known as “Sec, 2-4-75” to Article V of chapter 2-4 regarding sale of distilled spirits. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey VOTING:

YES

NO

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Commissioner Watters
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Motion Carried

2. APPROVE REVISION OR DELETION OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE ULDC REGARDING DUPLEXES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (MOTION RECOMMEND APPROVAL 6-0 BY PLANNING COMMISSION)

Chair Wallace asked Mr. Artagus Newell, Director, Rome-Floyd Planning Department for details about the ULDC revision.

Mr. Newell stated that the ULDC amendment was to allow duplexes as a Special Use Permit in the Neighborhood Office Commercial (N-O-C) Zoning District. He stated this was a request of property owners that have flexibility in land use decisions for properties in the Office Commercial district. The majority of these properties will be located in the City of Rome however, there are a few parcels that are zoned Neighborhood Office Commercial (N-O-C) in unincorporated Floyd County. The Rome City Commission heard this amendment last evening and they approved it. This comes to the Commission with a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission. Additionally, the structures are of historic resources oftentimes, and the staff believes that this could have some added benefits by adding to the tax base by increasing and stabilizing the taxable value of these properties, and hopefully reducing any potential code enforcement issues that may come up with structures that may go into a state of disrepair. This would still require a Special Use Permit to come before either this governing authority or the Rome City Commission, and would offer some flexibility in existing structures and an adaptive reuse. He stated adaptive reuse meant when there is an existing structure this can only apply to those situations as opposed to a vacant lot or doing a complete tear down of the existing structure, hopefully saving the structure that may have historical value and adding to the housing stock here in Rome- Floyd. He stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that they may have.

Chair Wallace declared the Public hearing open and asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or opposition of the request, seeing none she closed the public hearing, and asked if there was any discussion or questions.

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Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve the revision or deletion of Article 3 of the ULDC regarding duplexes in the Neighborhood Office Commercial zoning district. SECOND by Commissioner Watters VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters
" Maxey
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO IMPOSE A COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.

Chair Wallace asked County Attorney Hoyt to provide details on the resolution.

County Attorney Hoyt stated the state now requires any SPLOST election that the County Commission issue a resolution. The resolution basically sets out the amount of SPLOST, the annual obligation debt would be if they chose to borrow money up front, it is simply put in the resolution as required by law. It's a restatement of projects which is attached to the resolution, and finally instructing the elections superintendent to actually call the election. He stated a lot of people don't understand what the call of election is, and it is the first advertisement. It is a state required resolution, it simply basically sets out generally the resolution itself, projects involved, and instructs the elections superintendent to call the election.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to adopt a resolution calling for an election to impose a county special purpose local option sales tax. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters

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Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT:

No Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 10:00am.
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:30am
- 4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Monday, October 16, 2017, at 3:30pm
- 5. Judicial Services Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby**
 - a. No report.
- 6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters**

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- i. Next meeting, Thursday, November 16, 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, October 03, 2017 at 8:00am

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

- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 07, 2017 at 8:30am.

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

- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9:00am.

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

f. 2017 SPLOST Project Planning- Chair Wallace

g. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock

- i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 11:30am

MANAGER’S REPORT:

County Manager McCord stated he had a couple of items just for information discussed in caucus. He stated the Oreburg Road closure was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017. This

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was an agreement they had with Georgia Department of Transportation and the railroad to allow the bridge over the railroad, they had to close a grade crossing and that Oreburg Road section was chosen closure. The right of way has been purchased and the construction is underway and they were looking at an official closure on Monday, October 16, 2017. He stated that they would have signage out for local traffic well ahead of that for information

Everett Springs water meters they have a couple of signs going up in that location of the community for the Everett Springs water project for water meter purchases in advance. He stated that they did door hangars for the second time this week and they would be putting up some additional signage up in that area. They also discussed it also last week at the Water Committee meeting.

Also, at a later date, it will probably come at the first meeting of next month, they will be notifying of Air Show traffic closures on the Old Dalton Road area. Mike Mathews the Airport Director described to them that there will be an expanded box of areas that have to be closed during the Blue Angles performance. He stated that it would only be during their part of the performance, but they would make sure that they give good notification to the residents for those times, for their practice rehearsals, and the actual Air Show.

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.

County Clerk Elrod stated it was reviewed and 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 Watters

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Motion Carried

- 1. Authorize a refund of \$243.60 to Devin Desai for withdrawn alcohol application.**
- 2. Approve beer license renewal for A-1 Food & Beverage at 203 Burnett Ferry Road, Rome, Georgia 30165. This application is paid in full and has been approved by Floyd County Police and the Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 3. Approve beer and self-service fuel license renewal for Kwik Way Market Inc. at 1190 Booze Mountain Road, Lindale, Georgia 30147. This application is paid in full and has been approved by Floyd County Police and the Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 4. Approve surplus and disposal quit-claim deed for parcel K15X-159 on Mountainview Road to the Rome- Floyd Land Bank Authority.**
- 5. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair to execute an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for "Boat Ramp Operation and Maintenance".**
- 6. Approve indemnification agreement with General Electric for any damages that would occur on the property from the cleanup of PCB's.**
- 7. Approve \$1,500.00 annual salary increase for Sarah Grimes in Parks and Recreation in response to CPRP certification.**
- 8. Approve indemnification agreement with General Electric for use of the GE Building in boat renovation.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No Report.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. APPROVE PURCHASE OF A THALES GLIDESLOPE MARK 20A SINGLE EQUIPMENT DUAL FREQUENCY GLIDE SLOPE ELECTRONICS CABINET TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION AND FLIGHT CHECK SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,647.00**

County Manager McCord stated there were two (2) items for consideration. Item one is to approve the purchase of a Thales Glideslope Mark 20A instrument landing system. This was unfortunately damaged due to a direct lightning strike earlier in September. After a lot of consultation with the manufacturer FFA determined that they had a catastrophic strike and it would not be cost effective or feasible to repair the instrument landing system. He stated that it was twenty-five (25) plus years old. This is obviously something that is needed at the airport and it is a sole source, Thales is the only manufacturer of airport landing systems, and they do not have the option of bidding this. The total amount is \$68,647.00, with about \$12,000.00 for installation, \$9,000.00 for support and FAA flight check. He recommended approval of purchase so a Thales Glideslope Mark 20 A single equipment dual frequency glideslope electronics cabinet to include installation and flight check support in the amount of \$68,647.00. He stated that they would put this in the airport fund but the purchase would be eligible for any reimbursement through insurance and it is also eligible for SPLOST funding, but they would do that at a later date. At this time recommendation is that funds will come from the airport fund

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve the purchase of a Thales Glide Slope Mark 20A Single Equipment Dual Frequency Glideslope Electronics Cabinet to include installation and flight check support in the amount of \$68,647.00. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters

" Maxey

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

- 2. APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR EVERETT SPRINGS WATER LINE EXTENSION, 2013 SPLOST PROJECT. THE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN**

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RECOMMENDED BY THE PROJECT ENGINEERS, WILLIAM, SWEITZER, & BARNUM INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,199,558.00

- a. Distribution: UWS, Inc., \$3,755,357.00**
- b. One MG Water Reservoir: Precon Corporation, \$1,766,650.00**
- c. Pump Station & Controls: Carver & Carver Plumbing, \$67,551.00**

County Manager McCord stated that they received bids early last week from the Everett Springs water line extension project, which is a 2013 SPLOST project. He stated they have had their engineers go through the bids, and certify all the bids as well as the accuracy of all the bids. The low bidders were UWS, Inc., out of Trion, Georgia in the amount of \$3,755,375.00 for the distribution system or lines. The water tank or reservoir tank went to Precon Corporation as low bidder in the amount of \$1,766,650.00. He stated that they only had one bid on the reservoir station out of Gainesville, Georgia. Precon is actually located in Newberry, Florida. The pump station and controls did go to a local bidder, a Floyd County contractor, Carver & Carver Plumbing, at \$67,551.00, this being the third project that they have gotten out of the Water Department. He stated that they had a good conversation about this at the Water Commission and they got a recommendation from the Water Committee to move forward. Purchasing Director Bill Gilliland also recommended it. He stated Steve Hulsey, Water Department Director, did some additional homework on the contractors to make sure that they had good reviews and recommendations. They did have positive recommendation for UWS from Cobb County, Gwinnett County and some other municipalities, cities and counties throughout the state. He recommended approval contracts with Everett Springs waterline extension 2013 SPLOST project in the total amount of \$6,199,585.00.

Chair Wallace asked if Commissioner Maxey had anything he would like to add.

Commissioner Maxey stated he thought it was a tremendous bid that it came in very close to what was estimated.

County Manager McCord stated that it was almost exactly on budget and they had not seen that, especially in water. He stated if they would remember the 140 relocation and it was about twenty-five (25%) over budget, and the last pump station was significantly over budget. He stated that these came in dead on budget, again this project was estimated back in 2013 so he was feeling really good about the prices and quotes.

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Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve contracts for Everett Springs water line extension, 2013 SPLOST project to William Sweitzer & Barnum Inc. for a total amount of \$6,199,558.00. SECOND by Commissioner Watters.

VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Watters

" Maxey

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Wallace stated that they went into executive session to discuss the acquisition of properties. No action was taken at that time.

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 Watters

" Maxey

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

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ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
September 26, 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

Commissioners and staff reviewed items on the agenda for the meeting of September 26, 2017.

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK