

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 24, 2017 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Scotty Hancock, Allison Watters, Wright Bagby, Larry Maxey.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Hancock called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Watters led the Invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a motion approve the October 24, 2017 agenda. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey SECOND by Commissioner Watters VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair Hancock stated they had one person to sign up for public participation, Mr. Willie Green. He let Mr. Green know that he had three (3) minutes to address the board.

Willie Green, Floyd County Elections and Registration Supervisor, stated in 2016 they had a

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vendor externally print 45,366 ballots at a cost of \$18,072.61. Because of the purchase of the Ballotar that the Commission signed off on last year, they have printed in-house 1,256 at a cost of \$614.44.

Vice-Chair Hancock thanked Mr. Green and asked if elections and everything was going good.

Mr. Green stated everything was going good. He stated he had a good talk with Assistant County Manager Burkhalter to discuss some of the things that have been instituted to make November more efficient.

Vice-Chair Hancock thanked him again and stated that they appreciated the daily reports on the volume.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chair Hancock 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 October 10, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Retired Educators Day

Commissioner Bagby presented the Retired Educators Day Proclamation and stated he

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was about seventeen years old before he knew there was another profession besides teaching in his family. He had five aunts, his mother, grandmother, wife, and daughter who are all teachers. His daughter has been teaching for twenty-five years. He stated it is quite amazing and they appreciate them very much.

Ms. Diane Lanham stated she was there in place of Mr. Ed Watters who was out of town and asked her to fill in. She stated she wanted to first give them a few facts about retired educators. There are approximately 3,000 retired educators in Rome and Floyd County that receive TRS Checks. They did not all teach here in Rome and Floyd County, but a lot of retired teachers are attracted to this area for health care, the four colleges here, housing that is available for retired people, golf courses, tennis courts, a lot of recreational facilities, and a lot of opportunities here for volunteers. She stated there was also a little special thing about Floyd County, there are about twenty-five (25) retired teachers in the state that are over one hundred (100) years old who still draw checks. One of them is in Floyd County, who is still active, she is a member of their local organization, and she still drives. Next year in 2018 they will have a second who turns one hundred (100) years old, it's a long living profession. She thanked the Commission.

Vice-Chair Hancock stated that he thanked them for what they did just as Commissioner Bagby had said. He stated he had a daughter that is a sophomore at Berry who is in early childhood education so they really thanked them for what they did.

2. National American Indian Heritage Month

Commissioner Watters presented the National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation to Ms. Penne Baldwin of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She thanked Ms. Baldwin and asked for an idea of some of the activities that were planned.

Ms. Baldwin stated that she would love to if she knew the calendar. She stated that she was filling in for Ms. Bridges, Ms. Bridges is the Chairman of the American Indian Committee for The Daughters of the American Revolution. She stated that they were going to be discussing this, this week, thinking these meetings were next week so that they would know what they were going to officially be saying the activities were. She apologized and stated that they would have to look in the newspaper and see what will be planned. She thanked the Commission for the proclamation and for helping them remember the history of where the country came from.

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RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO MAKE ROME AND FLOYD COUNTY A MODEL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMUNITY.**

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to adopt a resolution to make Rome and Floyd County a model animal welfare community. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT:

No Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- 1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, November 08, 2017, at 8:00am.
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**

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- a. Next meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30am
- 4. **Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Monday, November 20, 2017, at 3:30pm.
 - b. Everett Springs Water Project

County Manager McCord stated that they ended up with one hundred ninety-seven (197) water meters through their deadline yesterday for the Everett Springs water project. He stated that there was a little bit less than they anticipated, but he thinks that they did get the word out and a lot came in last week. He stated that if they didn't mind he would step into the Managers Report.

- 5. **Judicial Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 10:00am.
- 6. **Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters**
 - 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, November 14, 2017, at 10:30am
- b. **Joint Services Committee- Chair Wallace, Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting Tuesday, December 05, 2017 at 8:00am
- c. **Joint Development Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 07, 2017 at 8:30am.

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- 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, November 19, 2017 at 11:30am

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 1. Department of Driver Services

County Manager McCord stated they were working on the CDL pad for the CDL licensing center out in Armurchee and it is well underway. He stated that they did the first level of paving today and should finish up tomorrow with a second level. They were looking to have a soft opening in early November and November 15, 2017 would be a firm opening for the facility. He stated everything was going well, they were looking forward to opening the facility, and to have the opportunity in the community.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

County Clerk Elrod stated it was in order.

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Vice-Chair Hancock 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

Motion Carried

- 1. Accept up to \$75,000 LMIG funding assistance from Georgia Department of Transportation (G-DOT) for the Off-System Safety Improvement Program.**
- 2. Approve renewal of beer license renewal for Armuchee Amvets#2011, Inc., located at 30 Walenda Drive, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 3. Approve beer and self-service fuel license renewal for The Rock Store DBA Jay Khodiyar Inc. at 3403 Kingston Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 4. Approve new beer license for Schroeder's/ Sam's Burger Deli located at 3268 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department, Floyd County Health Department, Rome-Floyd Fire Marshall, Rome-Floyd Building Inspector, and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 5. Approve beer and self-service fuel license renewal for Mr. C's at 6280 Martha Berry Highway, Armuchee, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**

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- 6. Approve renewal and manager's change for a beer and wine license at circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K Store #2723720 at 2995 Cedartown Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 7. Approve ownership change for a beer and self-service fuel license at John's Grocery at 3218 Kingston Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department, Floyd County Health Department, Rome-Floyd Fire Marshall, Rome-Floyd Building Inspector, and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 8. Approve renewal of beer and self-service fuel license at Hi Fi Express, LCC at 5850 New Calhoun Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 9. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723536 at 4881 Alabama Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 10. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723522 at 3129 Maple Street, Lindale, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 11. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723537 at 4350 Martha Berry Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 12. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723536 at 3070 Cedartown Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**

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- 13. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723536 at New Calhoun Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 14. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723536 at 1881 Old Calhoun Road, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 15. Approve renewal of beer, wine and self-service fuel license at Circle K Stores Inc. dba Circle K #2723536 at 2995 Cedartown Highway, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Police Department and Floyd County Tax Commissioner.**
- 16. Accept Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$28,688.00 to build and enhance the community's capabilities in Homeland Security. The funds will be used to purchase EOD equipment for the Floyd County Police Department.**
- 17. Accept Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to build and enhance the community's capabilities in Homeland Security. The funds will be used to purchase EOD supplies for the Floyd County Police EOD K9.**
- 18. Approve temporary occupancy/performance agreement with Reynolds family.**
- 19. Approve upgrade of bucket truck operator position from an EOII to an EOII non-certified position.**
- 20. Approve budget revision increase of \$2,500.00 for Magistrate Court**

OLD BUSINESS:

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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1. APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH EARTHLINK/WINDSTEAM FOR PHONE SERVICES.

County Manager McCord stated item one is to approve the contract with EarthLink/Windstream for phone services. They only renewed for one (1) year because they were installing some fiber at the Prison and Public Works Camp, and had gotten some T1 lines in place with the savings being close to \$1,000.00 a month. He stated this was a renewal of the contract at the new rate using their current fiber. It will be for a two (2) year agreement and will be with EarthLink/Windstream for phone services. The 2018 cost should be less than \$75,000.00 annually. He recommended approval.

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve a two year (2) contract renewal with EarthLink/Windstream for phone services. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

2. APPROVE POSITIVE PAY/CHECK BLOCK/ ACH BLOCK/ACH FILTER CONTRACT WITH UNITED COMMUNITY BANK FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY OPTIONS ON ALL OF FLOYD COUNTY'S BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,200.00 ANNUALLY FOR TWO YEARS. THIS RATE IS DISCOUNTED FROM THE NORMAL \$40,320.00 ANNUAL AMOUNT.

County Manager McCord stated item two is to approve positive paycheck block, ACH block, and filter with United Community Bank. This would provide some additional security on all accounts with filters and other things. He stated that they would be notified if there was any unusual activity, and be provided a list of approved vendors for those who only use ACH items. They have a lot of that being done, while it is much more secure, they do need to have the check

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block, ACH block, and filter in place with the bank. He stated Ms. Susie Gass, Floyd County Finance Director, was able to negotiate the amount down from the standard price to \$19,200.00 annually for two (2) years at an almost fifty percent (50%) discount. He recommended approval positive pay/check block/ ACH block/ ACH filter with United Community Bank for additional Security options.

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve positive pay/Check Block/ACH Block/ ACH Filter contract with United Community Bank for additional security options on all of Floyd County's bank accounts in the amount \$19,200.00 annually for two years this rate is discounted from the normal \$40,320.00 annual amount. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

3. ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FOR SPAY NEUTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

County Manager McCord stated item three is to accept recommendation for spay neuter proposal request as they discussed in detail in caucus. He stated that they had put out three (3) request for proposals (RFPs) going back to March, earlier this year, and shortly after the Target Zero analysis from the consultant on the new shelter. They realized early on from an operational standpoint that there is an intake issue in Floyd County. Multiple communities their size have much lower intakes and multiple communities even larger than them have much smaller intakes. He stated they realized that they had to address this in some way or form. Through recommendations through Target Zero and the RFP, they received, on the third try, a response from National Spay Alliance to provide veterinarian aspects and a spay and neuter program that is a basic service to the citizens and rescue groups by helping with a decreased intake. He stated they are recommending a twelve (12) month contract to provide rabies vaccination and sterilization services for approximately ninety percent (90%) of the animals. They estimate the cost to be \$273,000 annually. There will be some additional services offered by NSA that is a

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cafeteria selection, per the customer. It will also allow NSA to provide low income sterilization services that will not have any charge to Floyd County but it would be through these low income residents through NSA. He stated they have some offsets to help get the amount down, they are recommending an adoption and rescue fee of a forty-dollar (\$40.00) increase, this would be an increase to the current rate of forty-dollars, and an increase of forty-dollars to rescues that go through the program; which would offset over half of the program. They are also recommending a surrender fee that will offset up to \$50,000.00. The twenty-dollar (\$20.00) fee will be for both cats and dogs, it will not include litters that come in, there will just be one flat rate for that. He stated this was something that is done in other communities and they have not seen any issues with this, but they have got to address their intake numbers to try and get their numbers down. They are estimated to hit right at 4,000 animals this year which is pretty large for a community this size. He stated there was some startup equipment and additional funding in contingency to handle special situations, of \$9,000.00. With the net effect of this program being \$89,560.00, which is a best case scenario, as he said earlier in caucus he believed it would be between \$89,000.00 and \$125,000.00 because they just do not know the impact and how some of the citizenry will act to this as far as intakes and surrenders. He recommended to approve a twelve-month contract with NSA, National Spay Alliance, for sterilization services and vaccination services for rescue and adoptable animals. He stated he thought it would be a better opportunity for someone who is adopting an animal at the facility, a better opportunity to reach out to additional rescues, and opportunities to get these animals for live outcomes.

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to accept proposal recommendation for a twelve (12) month contract with National Spay Alliance for sterilization and vaccination services. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

4. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF CHANDILERS AT

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FORUM RIVER CENTER.

County Manager McCord stated item four is to approve agreement of chandeliers at Forum River Center. There is a single bid that has been evaluated over several weeks with different opportunities to place the six (6) chandeliers that were designed as a renovation for the facility. The amount from Multi-Craft Construction is \$45,400.00. He stated they received a lower bid from Ready or Not of \$18,494.00 but these are two separate type installations, with ready or not being a truss system, where all six go up and down at the same level. With the Multi-Craft proposal, they would have the ability to raise and lower each individual light, it includes all labor and equipment, materials, hoists, cable reactors, and wiring. He recommended approval installation of chandeliers at the Forum River Center as part of the 2013 SPLOST for \$45,400.00 to Multi-Craft Construction.

Vice-Chair Hancock called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve agreement to Multi-Craft Construction for installation of six (6) chandeliers at the Forum River Center as part of the 2013 SPLOST in the amount of \$45,400.00. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

~~**5. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE CITY OF ROME AND ROME CITY SCHOOLS ELECTIONS**~~

DEFERRED

County Manager McCord stated item five would be deferred. They did not get approval at the Rome City Commission meeting and they (the City Commission) would be taking it back through committee. He stated it was approved at Joint Services, but they would discuss this item at their next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

YES NO

Commissioner Bagby
" Watters
" Maxey
Vice-Chair Hancock

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS
October 24, 2017 4:00 PM**

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

Floyd County Finance Director Susie Gass and County Manager McCord reviewed the first draft of the 2018 capital budget. Commissioners and staff reviewed and discussed items on the agenda

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for the meeting of October 24, 2017.

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK