

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 12, 2017                      4:00 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Manager Jamie McCord, Assistant Manager Gary Burkhalter, County Clerk Erin Elrod, Assistant County Clerk Amy Dawkins, 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 called for a motion to add item nine and approve the December 12, 2017 agenda. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey SECOND Commissioner Watters VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

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Chair Wallace asked County Attorney Wade Hoyt if the minutes were in order. County Attorney Hoyt stated the minutes have been reviewed and are in order. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to adopt the minutes of the Caucus, and Regular Meeting of November 28, 2017. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

- 1. Floyd County Police Officers Lt. Ron Hunton, Sgt. Rusty Williams. Officer Brittany Heffelfinger, Officer Dallas Bryant, and Officer Craig Stanfield for their kindness and hard work in assisting a Floyd County Citizen in need.**

County Manager McCord asked Lt. Ron Hunton to come forward and tell them about the work they did. He stated he knew that they went above and beyond to help out a Floyd County citizen from what was in the newspaper, but he wanted their perspective on it. He stated that he appreciated what they did on a daily basis but he would love to hear what they do outside of their daily routine.

Mr. Hunton stated that he went to a call at Ms. Patterson's house, she had been in the hospital and she had said that someone had stolen her bell. She said that she did not know why anyone would want to take it because it was just a fiberglass bell that use to hang outside the Taco Bell on Shorter Avenue thirty years ago. He stated that Ms. Patterson told him where it was, it was a brush pile, so he went over and started digging around. He found it, but it had been crushed. He stated that he had spoken with her before earlier that day, and throughout the years. She told him about her situation with her yard, she was upset because she felt it was an eyesore to her neighbors. Mr. Hunton then talked about it

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to Sergeant Williams and they decided that they were going to go out there and help Ms. Patterson by cleaning up the yard a little bit. He stated the other officers present were the ones that volunteered to help. They spent a day out there cleaning up her yard and doing the best they could to help Ms. Patterson out.

County Manager McCord stated that it was a great event and thing that they did. He stated that police do not get a lot of positive press these days. It seems like everything is negative, anytime something is wrong it's on video, and audio, but these are the things that they do not see. He stated that he appreciated what they did and what they do on a daily basis.

### **2. Employees with at least 15 Years of Service**

- a. Jason Broome, P.A.W.S, 19 Years (Was not Present)**
- b. Tina Williams, Sheriff's Office, 19 Years (Was not Present)**
- c. Toni Mann, E-911, 19 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- d. Janet Pastovich, Tax Appraisers, 19 Years**
- e. Carl Lively, Police, 17 Years**
- f. Susan Day, Sheriff's Office, 17 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- g. Ojilvia Lom, Police, 16 Years**
- h. Dale Johnson, Police, 16 Years**
- i. Godfrey Spence, Water, 16 Years**
- j. Christina Lucas, Human Resources, 16 Years**
- k. Joeletta Albert, Prison, 15 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- l. Michelle Edmondson, Juvenile Court, 15 Years**

### **3. Employees with at least 20 Years of Service**

- a. Joseph Ineichen, Public Works, 22 Years**
- b. Chaquita Crawford, Superior Court, 22 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- c. Tim Herrington, Emergency Management, 22 Years**
- d. Brian Blair, Tax Appraisers, 20 Years**
- e. Mike Matthews, Airport, 20 Years**

### **4. Employees with at least 25 Years of Service**

- a. James Allred, Sheriff's Office, 29 Years**
- b. Darrel Silvers, Facilities Management, 29 Years**

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- c. Mike Rhinehart, Engineering, 29 Years**
- d. Bill McCord, Facilities Management, 29 Years**
- e. Danny Franks, Public Works, 28 Years**
- f. Cathryn Hyde, Sheriff's Office, 27 Years**
- g. Levear Irvin, Public Works, 27 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- h. Mechelle Cliatt, Sheriff's Office, 27 Years**
- i. Jerome Poole, Police, 26 Years**
- j. Shari Kisor, Human Resources, 25 Years**

**5. Employees with at least 30 Years of Service**

- a. Rick Haase, Parks & Recreation, 33 Years**
- b. Kathy Patterson, Superior Court, 32 Years (Unable to Attend)**
- c. Wayne Allen, Public Works, 31 Years**
- d. Sherry Battle, E-911, 30 Years**
- e. Dana Collum, Police, 30 Years**
- f. Tom Ewing, Police, 30 Years**

**6. Employees with at least 35 Years of Service**

- a. Mark Wallace, Police, 37 Years**

Chair Wallace thanked the employees present and stated that it was an honor to be a part of it. She thanked them all for the services that they provide for the county.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**1. Charles Culberson**

Vice-Chair Hancock thanked Mr. Charles Culberson for coming and stated that it was an honor. He stated this World Series was probably the most exciting World Series and Champion Series that they have ever gotten to watch in Floyd County. He stated that they were all really proud of Mr. Culberson and presented him with the proclamation.

Mr. Culberson thanked the Commission for having him, and stated it was an honor to receive the proclamation. He stated he was very proud to say he was from Rome where he grew up and

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played baseball. He introduced his family and friends in attendance and stated that the proclamation was very special and appreciated. He thanked Vice-Chair Hancock for reaching out to him and setting the proclamation up.

### **2. David Newby**

Commissioner Watters stated that Rome, Floyd County and Cave Spring are so fortunate to have Mr. Newby as a part of the community. Not only is he a great business leader, but he is a great community leader, and they are so thankful for that. She presented Mr. Newby the proclamation.

Mr. Newby thanked Commissioner Watters and the Commission. He stated he moved to the community about thirty-three (33) years ago. When he moved the company said that he would be there for three (3) years and then transferred to another location while he was still young. Those three years came and he was asked to leave the community, by then he had already realized that Floyd County was probably the best community that he has ever lived in and he has grown to understand that it is probably the best community in the southeast. He stated that he does not say that lightly because he has been there for thirty-three years instead of just three years. He was pleased to be asked to serve on the SPLOST Committee. It is a hard thing to go to voters and ask if they would pay a penny tax. He stated that he has never looked at it as a penny being taken away from the citizens, but rather a penny that they spend on their selves and community, and the results will come forth. He stated he was very honored to have done so, and someone had asked him "What about a third time?" he replied with a quote from Clint Eastwood, "A man's got to know his limitations." He thanked the Commission again.

### **3. Chief Bill Shiflett**

Commissioner Maxey stated that it was safe to say that he was one of the ones who knew Chief Shiflett before he was a police officer, and they were going to take the time to recognize him with the proclamation.

Chief Shiflett stated first he wanted to thank all the men and women in blue. He stated there were a lot of close people there that go back into the 70's with him. It has been an honor to be with those people his whole adult life, he has watched their children grow up and they have watched his, now they are raising grandchildren together. He stated Floyd County has been a great place for him to work and always has been. When he got here he never wanted to leave, he has worked for about seven different County Managers and no telling how many Commissioners. He stated this group and especially County Manager McCord has been far reaching better than a lot of

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people, as a Board they have let Mr. McCord do his job and has let the Police Department do their job. People can say that there has not been any support of equipment, but he can say differently. All through the years they have always had the equipment that they needed, they have always asked for what they needed and not what they wanted, and he thinks the Board has always reciprocated by giving them what they need. Some of the cases that they have worked and the big cases they have always had outstanding backing from the Board who realized the big picture. He stated that Policing is not just a small picture that people think it is, it is the big picture to get to the bigger people that causes society to be bad. Again he appreciates all the men and women in blue, and he knows the Commission is trying to help them as much as they can with pay and benefits. They appreciated it and he appreciates it. He stated that it was a bad and dangerous time for police right now, and his prayers will always be with them. It has been a pleasure and he never minded one day to go to work. He has been well blessed by great family, a great place to work, a great life, and he appreciated it.

### **SECOND READING:**

**(FIRST READING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2017)**

- 1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 2-14 OF THE FLOYD COUNTY (THE "CODE") ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" BY REMOVING SECTION 2-14-22 ENTITLED "RIGHT OF APPEAL" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND AMENDING SECTION 2-14-51 ENTITLED "APPEAL PROCEDURES."**

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for insight.

County Manager McCord stated that he would let County Attorney Hoyt handle it.

County Attorney Hoyt stated it was house cleaning on the personnel department, it is concerning appeals. They had to take several of the appeals out because they did not match with the rest of the section. One of them was dealing with personnel appeals directly to the Board of Commissioners, another dealing with personnel appeals by applicants for jobs. They took those two out, that is what the sections are.

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

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**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 Vice-Chair Hancock to adopt the ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 2-14 of the Floyd County Code entitled "Personnel" by removing section 2-14-22 entitled "right of Appeal" in its entirety, and amending section 2-14-51 entitled "Appeal Procedures" SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. FOR COMMENTS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for the details.

County Manager McCord stated they have had multiple weeks of discussion on the budget. He wanted to thank Ms. Gass, Floyd County Finance Director, and Mr. Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager and Comptroller, for their assistance on this. They have done a lot of hard work trying to get a good budget for this year. There are still some unknowns out there as far as revenues and expenditures go, they obviously struggle with that year to year. Unfortunately, there is also going to be an increase on health insurance, which is not a good thing, but they have gone four (4) plus years with no increases. They would like to think that they are not in the norm by anyone by going that long without any increases with their cost of healthcare. They still do pay a significant amount, over eighty-two percent (82%) for individual employees as far as their contribution to their self-insured plan. He stated their revenues are increasing, they have budgeted at two and a half percent (2.5%) increase in their digest, hopefully that will come true. They have seen some

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upticks in the economy. Positive on the building side, positive with planning, zoning and those type operations are indicators. The landfill funds are also up, an activity they seen an increase in when the economy is improving. He stated they have some positions in the budget, they added four (4) positions at the Sheriff's office, two (2) at the prison, and some reorganization at Barbara Penson's (Superior Court Clerk's Office) office and Kevin Payne's (Tax Commissioner's Office) office that they are working towards. Overall, he thinks they have a good strong budget. They still have a shortfall through this year's budget of \$2.532M in the use of fund budget, this is a six point four percent (6.4%) increase from the previous year. He stated he wanted to recognize that for the last two (2) years they have had significant savings and he believed that they would hit that again, they have a budgeted deficit of over two million (\$2M) for 2017, and himself and Ms. Gass were confident that they were going to be significantly under that. He stated that they had some deferred capital that they would look at the end of the first quarter and try and make a good evaluation based on the final number of taxes coming in and final revenues that come in throughout the year. He stated that there were some positives in there as well, merit increases from 0-2% starting in January on hire dates, so they were looking forward to getting back into the merit raise side where supervisors can reward the people that have done well. He stated he wanted to commend department heads for doing a good job of submitting their budgets in a timely manner and getting accurate information to them. They are also adopting, possibly at record time, historically they adopt their budget in January, if not the second meeting in January, but he likes this schedule better as it will give them some time to plan for next year and get ready for year end. He stated that they had a good solid budget with some capital funding in the budget, but again, they would be looking at that at the end of first quarter to see where they end the year. He stated he would be more than happy to answer any questions the Commission or public may have. He added, in this budget they have fully implemented phase III of their Law Enforcement Pay Plan, under the current scenario they have they have the Correction Officers pay plan will be implemented July 01, 2018. It is a little sooner than they hoped, they had originally talked about it being done at the end of next year or beginning of the following year, but he believed at the last couple meetings they decided to move it up six (6) months. This is part II and those guys have been real patient in waiting on that and he believes that they have a good plan forward

**Chair Wallace declared the Public hearing open and asked if there was anyone there to ask questions or make comments about the budget, seeing none and hearing none, she closed the public hearing.**

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to adopt the Fiscal

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Year 2018 Budget Resolution. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord to clarify how much funds they have left in their reserve, once they take the funds out for their balance.

County Manager McCord stated they should be in excess of thirteen million dollars (\$13M) at the end of this budget if everything went as it went today. Again, it is subject to change based on how they end the year because they have a two million (\$2M) debit. If they have a two million (\$2M) swing this year and a two point five (\$2.5M) in 2018 it will be less. Based on their projections they should still be in excess of \$13M in fund balance. Again, it has been good to keep that but they obviously have to look to the future and hope things improve. He stated he believed things were improving, except in the sales tax end that they were all well aware of.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**1. SPLOST REIMBURSEMENT**

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for insight.

County Manager McCord stated they do this when a SPLOST passes. When a SPLOST passes they have to adopt a resolution allowing them to reimburse themselves if they ever decided to do anything in advance of the funds coming in. He stated they did this for 2013 SPLOST and they are doing this again for SPLOST 2017 in the event that they decide to do anything early. This does not bind them to doing anything early but in the situation that they might do that. Once

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funds start coming in its pretty irrelevant at that point, but if they decided to do anything prior to funds coming in. first funds for 2017 SPLOST do not start collection until April of 2019, so they are a year and three and a half months from seeing any funds.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to adopt the 2017 SPLOST Reimbursement Resolution. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Wallace stated there were several openings, for the Floyd County Board of Health, a couple on the Library Board, Assessor's Board, Animal Control and Welfare. She stated there was also an opening on the Floyd County Development Authority.

Chair Wallace made a MOTION to appoint Ryan Earnest to replace Garry Fricks on the Floyd County Development Board with a term set to expire on June 30, 2019. SECOND by Commissioner Bagby. VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Bagby		
" Watters		
" Maxey		

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Vice-Chair    Hancock  
Chair            Wallace

Motion Carried

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

**1. Administrative/Finance Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**

- a. Next meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 8:00am.

**2. Public Safety Committee- Chair Wallace & Commissioner Bagby (Alternate)**

**3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**

- a. Next meeting, Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:30am

**4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**

- a. Next meeting, Monday, December 18, 2017, at 3:30pm

- i. Everett Springs Water Project

Commissioner Maxey stated they were happy to report that they have bought the permit for the first pump station on Everett Springs. He stated it's a good sign things are getting ready to go.

County Manager McCord stated all three (3) contracts should be ready to go by December 14, 2017 and will have notice to proceed. He stated they should see some activity between now and the end of the year on the

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Everett Springs Project at all three areas, the pump station, the tank, and lines.

- 5. Judicial Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby**
- 6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters**
- 7. Special Committee Reports.**
  - a. Fire Overview Committee- Chair Wallace and Vice Chair Hancock**
  - b. Joint Services Committee- Chair Wallace, Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey**
    - i. Next Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:00am  
  
Chair Wallace stated that Joint Service Committee met earlier in the day and they discussed the Dog Park, their Water Agreement, and Planning Meeting. She stated that County Clerk Elrod would be getting some dates to the Commission for the Planning Meeting. They also discussed about having half of their meeting being with the city.
  - c. Joint Development Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby**
  - d. Joint Solid Waste Oversight Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Bagby**
  - e. SPLOST Project Overview Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Commissioner Watters**
  - f. 2017 SPLOST Project Planning- Chair Wallace**
  - g. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock**

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- i. Next meeting, Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 11:30am.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- 1. Recognition of Floyd County Sheriff’s Office enrollment and participation in CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.) Accreditation.

County Manager McCord stated that they wanted to recognize the Sheriff’s Department for enrollment in CALEA or Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Just knowing the efforts that Sheriff Burkhalter and his staff go through to do this is a lot of processing and a lot of time consuming efforts that they have to put forward. It is clearly a powerful tool to encourage best practices in the public safety industry and it helps the community as a whole. He stated that he just wanted to recognize them for going through the process and effort it takes to do that and they appreciate it on their behalf.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

No Report

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

County Clerk Elrod stated it was reviewed and in order.

Chair Wallace stated as a reminder they did add an additional item so they have items one through nine.

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 Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

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	"	Maxey
Vice-Chair		Hancock
Chair		Wallace

Motion Carried

- 1. Approve T-Mobile PE amendment.**
- 2. Approve Beer & Wine, & Self-Service Fuel License Renewal for Kaish Inc., dba Value Food Mart at 3110A Maple Road, Lindale, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by Floyd County Police and the Floyd County Tax Commissioner's Office.**
- 3. Approve removal of \$1,190.90 from the Tax Commissioner's Roll. The Property was converted into Right-of Way and is no longer a parcel.**
- 4. Approve Temporary Non-Profit Beer & Wine pouring license for John Finley Niedrach at Rome Cinemas, 2535 Shorter Avenue, to benefit the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Rome, GA Inc.**
- 5. Accept supplemental state funds from the office of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Counselor position for the Rome Circuit Mental Health Court.**
- 6. Approve transfer of vehicle #249, a 2004 Ford E-350 Van, from Surplus to Recycling and transfer vehicle #93, a 2001 Dodge Maxwagon Van, from Recycling to Animal Control.**
- 7. Approve agreement with Ray Dempsey for lease of property for Floyd County MATRIX program.**
- 8. Approve Beer, Wine, and Self-Service Fuel License application for Jubilee 2017 Inc., dba as Rozy Food Mart at 2406 Gadsden Road, Cave Spring, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by the Floyd County Health Department, Floyd County Police, the Floyd County Tax**

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**Commissioner's Office, Rome-Floyd Fire Marshall, and Rome-Floyd Building Inspector.**

- 9. Purge from the tax roll of Floyd County property taxes owed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to #41 Daryl Road, SE, Silver Creek, GA 30173 and #18 Woodberry Drive, SE, Silver Creek, GA 30173 and mark the 2017 ad valorem taxes for these two properties as paid in full.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

County Manager McCord stated they had already covered this item at the Public Hearing part.

- 2. APPROVE SURPLUS AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ON SHORTER INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY MORE SPECIFICALLY LAND LOT 131 OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SECTION OF FLOYD COUNTY TO THE ROME-FLOYD COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY.**

County Manager McCord stated item two is to surplus and transfer property on Shorter Industrial Boulevard, more specifically land lot 131, District 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Section of Floyd County to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority. He stated this was a piece of property that they acquired back in 2002 to build a new pump station out on the Shorter Industrial side for the pump station that is connected to the City of Rome. They had to buy the entire tract and really only needed about a third (1/3) of the property. He stated he believed that this would be a good property to transfer to the Land Bank and they can potentially have a sale on that property. It is useable land in that area and he believes it would be a good sale for them to put some funds in the Land Bank's account so that they could maintain what they have. He recommended approval to surplus and transfer property on Shorter Industrial Boulevard, more specifically land lot 131, 4<sup>th</sup> District, 4<sup>th</sup> Section of Floyd County to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve surplus and transfer of property on Shorter Industrial property more specifically land lot 131 of the 4<sup>th</sup>

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District and 4<sup>th</sup> Section of Floyd County to the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.  
SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**3. APPROVE ADDITION OF DONATED TRUCK TO FLOYD COUNTY'S FLEET.**

County Manager McCord stated item three is adding a vehicle to the county fleet. In 2007 or 2008 the prison donated their fleet of 2 flatbed dump trucks from where they did various details throughout the county. Warden Long was able to obtain some state funds to acquire a federal surplus vehicle, through on the job training program that his inmates have gone through they totally refurbished the truck. The truck had really low mileage to begin with when they got it though he is not sure of the details of why it has such low mileage. It only had 350 miles on it. Going through the process of getting the truck cleaned up, taking it down to the frame, painting it, and redoing it, it has a value of over \$100,000.00. He stated that it would allow the prison to transfer equipment and supplies across the county to various details and assistance that they provide. He recommended approval the addition of the donated truck. He also commends Warden Long for the forward thinking and creating a vehicle. Not only creating an opportunity for those work release inmates to learn that skill, but for getting them a vehicle at basically no charge.

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to approve the addition of the prison's donated truck to Floyd County's fleet. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

**4. APPROVE LIST OF ROAD FOR RESURFACING THROUGH 2018 LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT. THE GRANT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,092,063.00**

County Manager McCord stated item four is to approve the list of LMIG funding for 2018. He stated they had some additional funding this year through their formula and what was offered by GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) went up about \$80,000.00 so they were at \$1,092,063.00 for 2018. He stated they had a good list of roads at approximately fifteen (15) miles throughout the community. All he mentioned in caucus is that most all of these are below sixty (60) on their conditional rating index, obviously they needed to do more, but this was a good start for 2018. He stated they were about 80 percent (80%) with their 2016 list, they are still waiting on some water projects and things. He stated that Mr. Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director, had done a good job at keeping them current, where they are no more than a year from being complete. The 2018 total amount again is \$1,092,063.00 and their thirty percent (30%) that will come from their labor and paving equipment at \$327,619.00. He recommended approval the road resurfacing list for 2018 LMIG in the amount of \$1,092,063.00

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Watters to approve the list of roads for resurfacing through 2018 Local Maintenance Improvements Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$1,092,063.00. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

YES NO

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

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Motion Carried

**5. RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT AND APPROVE CONTRACT FOR POLICE CHIEF**

County Manager McCord stated item five is the recommendation to appoint and approve the contract for the Chief of Police, there was one going out and a new one coming in. He stated he would like to announce and recommend Mark Wallace as the new Floyd County Police Chief. Mark was born and continuously resided in Rome and Floyd County his entire life, a 1980 graduate of Pepperell High School, completed his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice at Floyd College, a Bachelors in Organizational Management from Covington College, and a Master's in Public Administration from Columbus State. He stated that Mr. Wallace began a career in Law Enforcement in 1980, they gave him 37 years of service credit earlier tonight. He has had various promotions throughout his career, most recently in 2016 as Assistant Chief, when they did some restructuring through the pay plan and created the Assistant Chief position. He is a 2001 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia where he attended with 250 other Law Enforcement professionals from twenty-nine (29) countries. He also completed polygraph school at Georgia Public Safety Training Center back in 2001, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Hospitality House of Rome, the Noon Optimus Club, Member of Georgia Association of Chief of Police, Georgia FBI National Academy Associates, and a member of Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church. He stated he didn't know what else they needed to look for on the list to know that they have a good one and they are glad that he has decided to stay here in Floyd County because there is no doubt in his mind that somebody would and could have snatched him well before now. He stated he was excited to present this as a recommendation for the Commission to approve his contract. He stated that Mr. Wallace was married to the former Renee Stewart, they have one daughter Emily who is a student at University of Georgia, and they live in the Armuchee community. He stated that he could not say anymore good about Mr. Wallace, when they interviewed him it was a good process. They talked about why he wanted to be the chief and he said that it was kind of the ultimate goal. He believed that he has put an explanation on that goal today, he knows he is going to do a good job, and has a lot of respect not only from his colleagues that he works with but from other Department Heads, kind of a no

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nonsense guy, he does his job, he has been a lot of help and support to him as Manager, and he looks forward to working with him. He recommended approval Mark Wallace as the new Police Chief of Floyd County

Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock to approve and appoint Mark Wallace as Floyd County Police Chief. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace abstained from voting based on recommendation by County Attorney Hoyt due to conflict of interest. She asked if Mr. Wallace would like to come forward and say a few words.

Chief Wallace stated when Mr. Shifflett said it was a family and they watch each other's kids grow up, he was one of the kids they watched grow up. He started when he was eighteen (18) and Huston Freeman was Chief of Police, he hired him, and several years ago he wrote him a letter. Huston was like a father to them, he wrote him a letter and said, you know, an eighteen-year-old came in your office applying for a job and you took a chance. He stated that he was forever grateful for doing that. This is humbling, he looked at the picture of the Chief of Police going back to 1914 and just knowing of the stories that were on that wall, all the way through Bill Shifflett the eleventh chief and him being the twelfth chief unless there is some other notes out there that is lost out of the history books, but it is a humbling thing. He stated he was looking forward to it, was excited, and this was his family. He has his core family which was his wife Renee, and his daughter Emily, his brother Mike and wife Lynn, his brother Ronnie and Don and Ronnie's wife Rhonda, that is his core family but there are other family members there. Jerome, Jeff, Tom, these are his family, he never wanted to leave because it is just like leaving a family. He is here, again he is excited and he thanked them for their trust in him, he takes it seriously, and he takes what all the chiefs before him have done to make this department succeed and grow. His promise to them is that he is not to do anything to upset that.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chair Wallace stated that they had several members from Leadership Rome there. She asked that they come to the podium and tell them their name and where they are employed.  
Brandon Ball with United Community Bank, Leadership Rome Class of 2017.

Ballard Bets, Commercial Lender with Synovus Bank, and was a Business Associate with University of Georgia Small Development Center. He stated that Leadership Rome was a great program and he tipped his hat to the whole team there at the Chamber. They are doing a great job and they have a great group of classmates there that would make them proud. He thanked the Commission for their service to the county.

Ryan Streeter, Active Pest Control stated that he has not been in the Rome community very long but in the time he has been made to feel very welcomed. He stated he was very excited to be part of Rome Leadership, and he looked forward to doing big things in Floyd County.

Erin deMesquita, Hospitality House for women Community Outreach Coordinator. She stated that she was extra excited to be part of this Leadership Rome group. She has enjoyed the people of Rome and Floyd County and even more so every day.

Lisa Swardenski, Realtor at Toles, Temple, & Wright. She stated that she is not originally from Rome but has been there for many years and enjoyed her experience with Leadership Rome thus far to learn more about the town she calls home and to become more vested in it for herself and her family.

Julie Tomlin, Victim Advocate for the District Attorney Office. She stated she is not originally from Rome but has lived here for twenty-five (25) years and she was glad to be there with them, she thanked the Commission.

Chair Wallace thanked them all for being there. She stated they appreciated what they are doing and congratulated them for being honored to serve.

Chair Wallace stated they went into executive session for purging of two tax bills.

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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  
Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CAUCUS**

**December 12, 2017 2:00 PM**

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

Commissioners and staff reviewed and discussed items on the agenda for the meeting of

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**ATTEST:**

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**ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**