

REGULAR MEETING
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 23, 2018 6:00 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, 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 for a 4/5 vote to cancel the March 27, 2018 meeting, to add a resolution to adopt the Opioid Crisis resolution, and remove item one from the Consent Agenda. SECOND Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

Chair Wallace called for approval of the January 23, 2018 agenda. MOTION made by Vice-Chair Hancock. SECOND Commissioner Watters VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair Wallace stated they had a Ms. Deborah Malone signed up for Public Participation. She asked that Ms. Malone approach the podium, state her name and address.

Deborah Malone, 4 Garrett Road, Rome, Georgia. Ms. Malone stated she was a member of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council. She stated as an appointee she was proud to represent Floyd County. The Regional Advisory Council is charged with advising DBHDD on matters of service design and delivery of policy. DBHDD serves people with mental illness, addictive disease, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Region 1 is composed of thirty-one (31) counties covering the north part of Georgia. The Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald has asked the advisory councils to identify three (3) top priorities each year. They have just completed months of community outreach that culminated in six (6) advisory councils identifying priorities for their region, all of the advisory councils then came together to identify the top three statewide priorities. All the priorities have been presented to DBHDD leadership that she included in the packet she presented to the Commission. She stated that she was at the meeting in regards to an open slot for another member from Floyd County, she wanted to submit Karen Cook for consideration. She stated that she knew Ms. Cook personally and highly recommended her, they took the partners in policymaking class together in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Cook has personally adopted three (3) children with disabilities and has given her life to the advocacy of those who need a voice. She stated because the slot has been open for so long, she was looking for a quick resolution in fulfillment in the opening. She thanked the board for their time and consideration. She stated they were welcome to call her anytime to answer any questions that they may have. She added that she included Ms. Cook's resume in the packet presented to the Commission. She stated she has been on the advisory council for several years and the other member that way representing Floyd County did not attend any of the meetings last year.

Vice-Chair Hancock stated he believed he was familiar with the situation and the member had

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submitted a letter of resignation a few months ago. He stated that it may have been an oversight on their end to fill the spot.

Ms. Malone stated that she knew Ms. Cook personally and she knew that she would be committed to this because there has to be a reason to be committed to be able to attend.

Vice-Chair Hancock stated the member had gotten another job which requires a lot of travel so that was the reason she was not able to attend.

Chair Wallace thanked Ms. Malone for being there and stated if Ms. Malone wanted to give the information to County Clerk Elrod then they would get the information taken care of and try to add someone to the board.

Ms. Malone thanked them for their consideration.

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 Bagby to adopt the minutes of the Caucus, and Regular Meeting of January 09, 2018. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

- 1. Presentation of Third CALEA Reaccreditation Award to the Floyd County Sheriff**

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Tim Burkhalter

Chair Wallace stated they had a special recognition and a lot of people to recognize. She asked County Manager McCord to do the presentation.

County Manager McCord stated this was in recognition to their (Sheriff's Office) third (3rd) award for CALEA. He stated he was going to read a little about CALEA and Vice-Chair Hancock was going to present the award to Chief Deputy Tom Caldwell, and his staff. He stated the Law Enforcement accreditation program was the first credentialing program established by CALEA after its founding. It was originally developed to address what was seen as a need to enhance law enforcement as a profession, and to improve law enforcement service delivery. That mission continues today through a tiered law enforcement accreditation program, agencies may participate in CALEA law enforcement accreditation tier one, or CALEA advance law enforcement accreditation tier two, without regard to agency size. Since the first CALEA accreditation award was granted in 1984, the program has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement, the standards upon which the law enforcement accreditation program is based reflected the current thinking and experience of the law enforcement practitioners and researchers, major law enforcement associations, leading education and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives, internationally acknowledge CALEA standards for law enforcement agencies and its accreditation programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies. CALEA accreditation requires an agency to develop a comprehensive well thought out set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals while providing directions to personnel. Accreditation all standards also provide the necessary reports and analysis as a CEO to make fact based information decisions. Accreditation also requires a preparedness program to be put into place so an agency is ready to address natural, manmade, or unusual occurrences. It's also a means for developing or approving upon an agencies relationship with the community. Accreditation strengthens the agencies accountability both within the agency and community through a continuum of standards that clarify and clearly define authority performance and responsibilities. Being CALEA accredited can limit an agencies liability of risk or exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards of law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent, outside, CALEA trained assessors. It also facilitates an agencies pursuit of professional excellence. He stated that he wanted to congratulate the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Burkhalter, Chief Deputy Caldwell on the accreditation. He stated he knew a lot of hard work goes into this, a lot of time and effort, in addition to their normal responsibilities throughout the year and time. He asked that they come up so they could get a picture and

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congratulate them.

Vice-Chair Hancock stated he wanted to thank all of them for what they do. Chief Deputy Caldwell, his staff, and the Sheriff's office for all they do. He stated they do a great job and the award shows the level of professionalism that they have at the Sheriff's Department, it starts with the leadership. He thanked them again.

Chief Deputy Caldwell stated that Sheriff Burkhalter could not be there but if he could of he would have wanted him to give credit to the folks that deserve the lion's share of it, they do most of the work on the years outside of accreditation. He introduced Sergeant Edge, Accreditation Manager, Captain Pearson, Professional Development, Captain Roberson, Field Operations, Deputy Patellis, Operations, Lieutenant Jody House, Courthouse Operations, and Mechelle Cliatt, Executive Office Manager, who is a jack of all trades. He stated he just wanted to make sure that they got credit because they are the ones that actually do it. He thanked the Commission.

Chair Wallace thanked them for being there and for the job well done.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Georgia Day

Chair Wallace stated they had one proclamation, but the members were not there.

SECOND READING:

(FIRST READING HELD ON JANUARY 09, 2017)

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR FLOYD COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND TO APPROVE RECREATION AUTHORITY PLAN ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT.

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for insight.

County Manager McCord stated he would be brief due to the lengthy discussion they had. This basically will enable the Recreation employees to come over to the county retirement system. It

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is totally employee positive, depending on the situation, employees will either receive the Recreation benefit that they received when they started working at Recreation, or the full county benefit, depending on their situation, age, and time served. He stated this would get the Recreation authority transitioned to a county department. The existing retirees will stay the same, but the new employees that became full time county employees, the amendment would allow the employees to retire in either their existing retirement with Recreation, the county, or an A+B scenario. He stated this is again what they agreed to do it has been very complicated, but they will have the asset transfer as well. There is an asset through GebCorp that would be transferred as part of this, but this would allow the employees to receive the entitled benefits either through Recreation, the county, or A+B, dependent upon their situation.

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 Bagby to approve adoption of a resolution to amend the Association County Commissioners of Georgia defined benefit plan for Floyd County employees and to approve Recreation Authority plan asset transfer agreement. SECOND by Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION:

1. OPIOID CRISIS RESOLUTION

Chair Wallace asked County Manager to briefly give them an update on the resolution.

County Manager McCord stated they discussed this in caucus and it outlines he resolution

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regarding the opioid crisis throughout the country and not just in Georgia. He stated Georgia has seen a significant increase in deaths through opioids. It highlights the crisis, that they do have a crisis, and that they will be declaring that there does exist a nuisance and any related such issues that they will research here, and consider the possibility of pursuing legal action in the future.

Chair Wallace called for a motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve the Opioid Crisis resolution. SECOND by Commissioner Watters.

Vice-Chair Hancock stated he wanted to add during the caucus they spoke about having a panel discussion with some of the medical leaders in the community to talk about this issue as well.

VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT:

1. Floyd County Library Board, Ansley Saville's second term is expiring 12/31/17.
2. Floyd County Animal Control & Welfare, Dr. Daniel Todd has resigned. His term was set to expire 9/30/19.
3. Floyd County Animal Control & Welfare, Greta Willoughby has resigned. Her term was set to expire 9/30/20.

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- 4. Floyd County Animal Control & Welfare, Joan Fluegge has resigned. Her term is set to expire 9/30/19.
- 5. Comprehensive Plan Committee

Chair Wallace stated there were several openings on boards, one on the library board, and a couple on the animal control. There is also the Comprehensive Plan Committee that they agreed to defer.

- 6. Approve time change for February 27, 2018 meeting from 6pm to 4pm.

Chair Wallace stated that they had a meeting in Atlanta so they are requesting to move that from 6pm to 4pm.

Chair Wallace made a MOTION to change the meeting time from 6:00pm to 4:00pm and the caucus from 4:00pm to 2:00pm on the February 27, 2018 meeting. SECOND Vice-Chair Hancock. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

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

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- a. Next meeting, Thursday January 25, 2018 at 8:00am.
- 2. Public Safety Committee- Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 8:00am.
- 3. Public Works Committee- Vice Chair Hancock & Commissioner Watters (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:30am.
- 4. Water Committee- Commissioner Maxey & Vice Chair Hancock (Alternate)**
 - a. Next meeting, Monday, January 22, 2018, at 3:30pm.
- 5. Judicial Committee (CJIS)- Commissioner Bagby**
- 6. Floyd County Library Board- Commissioner Watters**
 - a. Next meeting, Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 4:00pm.
- 7. Special Committee Reports.**
 - a. **Fire Overview Committee- Commissioner Bagby and Vice Chair Hancock**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9:30am.
 - b. **Joint Services Committee- Chair Wallace, Commissioner Bagby & Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 8:00am.
 - c. **Joint Development Oversight Committee- Chair Wallace & Vice Chair Hancock**

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i. Next meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 10:00am.

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

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

f. RFPRA Task Force Committee – Vice Chair Hancock

i. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 22, 2018, at 11:30am.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

No Report

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 with the removal of item one the agenda was reviewed and is ready for approval.

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

YES

NO

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

Motion Carried

- ~~1. Approve request for reimbursement to Robert Moss in the amount of \$15,607.45~~

Removed

2. Approve Quit-Claim deed for surplus and transfer of property at 409 Wilkerson Road to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority.
3. Approve Quit-Claim deed for surplus and transfer of property at 6 East Drive to the Rome-Floyd Land Bank Authority.
4. Approve agreement with Multi-Craft Construction, Inc. for installation of fire suppression and alarm systems at new Recycling Center located on Lavender Drive in the amount of \$78,622.00. This is part of the 2013 SPLOST
5. Approve purchase of a 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 from John Hendrick Motor Company in the amount of \$16,500.00 for the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROME CIRCUIT MENTAL HEALTH COURT AND HIGHLAND RIVERS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD.

Chair Wallace asked County Manager McCord for insight.

County Manager McCord stated there were two items for consideration. The first is to approve professional services agreement with Rome Circuit Mental Health Court and Highland Community Service Health Board. He stated he believed this was just a modification to the original agreement. It has been reviewed by the County Attorney and is ready for approval.

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Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Bagby to approve the professional services contract between Rome Circuit Mental Health Court and Highland Rivers Community Service Board. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

2. APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DEPUTY WARDEN POSITION AT FLOYD COUNTY PRISON.

County Manager McCord stated item two is to approve the employment contract for Deputy Warden position at Floyd County Prison. He stated that Warden Long was there with them tonight and he has gone through an extensive search and process Warden Long is recommending Betty Bailey-Dean to be placed in the Deputy Warden position at Floyd County Prison. He stated that Ms. Bailey-Dean was a thirty (30) year retiree with Georgia Department of Corrections, she has been in care and treatment for ten (10) plus years, and Warden Long was able to recruit her into a second career with Floyd county. Ms. Bailey-Dean comes to them with multiple years of experience, and will be very familiar with the care and treatment standard operating procedures, since she wrote most of them. He stated Warden long had done a good job in recruiting Ms. Bailey-Dean. She comes to them with a Bachelor's degree from Alabama A&M, and a Masters from Jacksonville State University. Ms. Bailey-Dean is currently working under contract with the state and is having to travel throughout the state. She is a resident of Floyd County which gets a resident back home where they can live and work in the community. Annual salary will be \$63,000.00 per year. He recommended approving the contract of employment with Betty Bailey-Dean for Deputy Warden of Floyd county.

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Chair Wallace called for a Motion. MOTION made by Commissioner Maxey to approve employment contract with Betty Bailey-Dean for Deputy Warden position at the Floyd county Prison. SECOND by Commissioner Watters. VOTING:

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

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Wallace asked if there were members of Leadership Rome if they could come to the podium and tell them their name, and where they work.

Jan Caldwell, Director of Human Resources at Big Time Products.

Mark Bell, Distribution Manager with Georgia Power Company.

Chair Wallace stated it was nice to meet them both and they were glad they were there.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a MOTION was made by Vice- Chair

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Hancock. SECOND by Commissioner Maxey that the meeting be adjourned. VOTING:

YES

NO

Commissioner Bagby

" Watters

" Maxey

Vice-Chair Hancock

Chair Wallace

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS**

January 09, 2018 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

Bob Finnell and Andy Davis, spoke on behalf of the Opioid Crisis. The Commissioners and staff reviewed and discussed items on the agenda for the meeting of January 23, 2018.

ATTEST:

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ERIN ELROD, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK