



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2020

Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204 4:00 pm

Public Hearing—Suite 206 6:00 pm

Commission meeting to begin at the close of the public hearing.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS SCOTTY HANCOCK, WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, ALLISON WATTERS, AND LARRY MAXEY. COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD (VIA ZOOM), ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD (VIA ZOOM), ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK AMY DAWKINS, SUSIE GASS, ARTAGUS NEWELL, BRICE WOOD, SHERIFF TIM BURKHALTER, MAJOR RICHARD ARGO, OLIVIA MORLEY

CAUCUS NOTES: MAJOR RICHARD ARGO REPORTED ON ISSUES WITH ELECTIONS. HE STATED THAT SOME CARDS WERE NOT WORKING WITH THE VOTING MACHINES. HE STATED AT THE GLENWOOD LOCATION, ONLY PAPER BALLOTS WERE USED UNTIL 1030. CHAIR HANCOCK STATED THE ISSUES AT THE POLLS WILL BE ADDRESSED LATER WITH ELECTIONS.

I. CALL TO ORDER

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG —
COMMISSIONER WALLACE**

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus and Regular Meeting of July 28, 2020.

2. Adopt minutes of Public Hearing on August 4, 2020.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS

VII. FIRST READING

(SECOND READINGS HELD AUGUST 25, 2020 AT 6PM)

1. File #Z20-08-03 requesting rezoning from Community Commercial to Suburban Residential for the property located at 3105 Barker Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel G13X239. This was recommended for approval by the planning department and a unanimous approval by the planning commission. **BRICE WOOD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION IN CAUCUS.**

**VIII. SECOND READING
(FIRST READINGS HELD JULY 14, 2020 AT 6PM)**

CHAIR HANCOCK EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. EACH PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK SHALL COME TO THE PODIUM AND STATE HIS OR HER NAME AND HOME ADDRESS. THERE IS NO LESS THAN 10 MINUTES PROVIDED FOR ALL SPEAKING IN FAVOR, AND NO LESS THAN 10 MINUTES PROVIDED FOR THOSE SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION.

1. Adopt an ordinance by the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia shall stand amending Chapter 2-4 regulating Alcohol Beverages. **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia to amend by striking Section 2-3-32(1) thereof in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and a resident of this county, and said residence must be maintained during membership on the airport commission. **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER BAGBY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

3. Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia to amend by adding the following paragraph immediately after the end of Paragraph 2-4-113(4) “the Board of Commissioners is authorized to delegate its authority to grant or deny such permits to the County Manager or his designee” and by striking Section 2-4-113(4)(a)(3) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following that “street address of proposed off premises location.” **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Adopt a resolution of Floyd County, Georgia to authorize the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) terms and conditions agreement; to authorize the acceptance of grant payments, including all understandings and assurances contained within such agreement; to direct and authorize the person identified as the official representative of the County, or the designee of the County to act in connection with the grant applications; and to provide such additional information as may be required. **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Adopt a resolution setting the 2020 millage rate for the Floyd County Board of Education M&O and Floyd County Government M&O, Fire Protection, and Solid Waste. **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY**

DISCUSSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE STATED FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - 18.25, FLOYD COUNTY M&O - 9.88, FIRE PROTECTION - 1.650 FIRE, SOLID WASTE - 1.656 SW; FOR AN INCREASE OF .40 MILS. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Adopt a resolution providing for the 2020 Street Light Assessment for the annual cost of maintenance and operating street lights. **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. CHAIR HANCOCK DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST. NO ONE SPOKE IN SUPPORT. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. CHAIR HANCOCK CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER BAGBY MADE A MOTION, AND COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

X. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Appoint someone to fill a position on the Georgia Behavioral Health Board. Deborah Malone's third term is expiring on July 31, 2020. This new term will expire on July 31, 2023.
2. Appoint someone to fill a position on the Georgia Behavioral Health Board. Karen Cook is moving out state and is unable to fulfill her term. This unexpired term will expire on June 30, 2021.
3. Appoint Wade Hoyt IV to the Public Defender Supervisory Council to fill an unexpired term. This term is set to expire September 30, 2021. Mr. Hoyt will be eligible for a full term at that time. **CHAIR HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT WADE HOYT IV, AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. **Administrative/Finance Committee – Commissioners Bagby & Wallace**
 - a. Next Meeting TBD
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Maxey & Hancock**

- a. Next Meeting TBD
- 3. Public Works Committee – Commissioners Watters & Bagby**
 - a. Next Meeting TBD
- 4. Water Committee – Commissioners Wallace & Maxey**
 - a. Next Meeting TBD
- 5. Special Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Overview Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - b. Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Maxey**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 2:30pm.
 - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Bagby & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - f. Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioners Wallace & Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - g. Airport Commission—Commissioner Wallace**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
 - h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Hancock & Wallace**

- i. RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Bagby**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD
- j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) – Commissioner Wallace**
- k. Floyd County Library Board— Commissioner Watters**
 - i. Next Meeting TBD

XII. MANAGER’S REPORT NO REPORT

XIII. ATTORNEY’S REPORT NO REPORT

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA – CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. DAWKINS IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. MRS. DAWKINS STATED THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS REVIEWED IN CAUCUS AND IS IN ORDER. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 1. Approve one (1) hangar lease at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.
 - a. Earl Tillman
- 2. Approve an ownership change for a beer license self-service fuel license for 17 Smith Road, LLC dba Handy Food Mart located 17 Smith Road, Rome, Georgia. The application is paid in full and has been approved by all necessary departments.
- 3. Approve an ownership change for a beer & wine license and a self-service fuel license for YASH RAM Business Inc., located at 5680 Alabama Highway, Rome, Georgia. This application is paid in full and has been approved by all necessary department.
- 4. Approve the reclassification of the Airport Service Worker II at a pay grade 109 to an Airport Maintenance Supervisor at a pay grade 114.
- 5. Approve the reclassification of the Warehouse Manager in Public Works from a pay grade 118 to a Warehouse Supervisor at a pay grade 115.
- 6. Approve ACCG-IRMA Interlocal Risk Management Agency/Group Self-Insurance Workers’ Compensation Fund – Safety Discount Verification Forms.
- 7. Approve employee wellness proposal with Garner and Glover Insurance.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the purchase of a new SCADA System in the amount of \$105,441.00 from Dorsett Technologies for the Floyd County Water Department. The request will require the movement of funds from the 2019 budget that were allocated but not spent. The board had approved \$110,000.00 in 2019 for this project. **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW. STEVE HULSEY PRESENTED THE ITEM IN CAUCUS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

2. Approve the installation of BitDefender endpoint security by CDW-G on all Floyd County computers to help fight against viruses, phishing and ransomware. This protection is purchased for a three (3) year period and is in the amount of \$23,863.00. **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER BAGBY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

3. Approve license agreement with Georgia Power for EV charger at Town Green (pending final legal review as well as the City of Rome's approval). **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW, THE REQUEST AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

4. Approve location south of the terminal for a new hangar for Earl Tillman at Richard B. Russell Airport. **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

5. Approve change order for Jail Medical facility for fire alarm with Carroll Daniel Construction Co. for \$154,561.00. **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION STATING THAT THIS WOULD COME FROM SPLOST 2017 FUNDS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

6. Approve 2020 Air Show agreement between Wings Over North Georgia, LLC (WONG) and Floyd County, Georgia. **MR. BURKHALTER PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-0.**

XVII. OTHER BUSINESS - CHAIR HANCOCK STATED THE COMMISSION WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS TO DISCUSS PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER WATTERS ADDRESSED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, STATED THAT THE COMMISSION DOES NOT TAKE RAISING THE MILLAGE RATE LIGHTLY. SHE STATED THEY HAVE HEARD NUMEROUS PRESENTATIONS WITH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

XVIII. ADJOURN - SEEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER BAGBY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.