



## FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2020

Administration Building

Caucus—Suite 204 5:30 pm

Regular Meeting—Suite 206 6:00 pm

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**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS SCOTTY HANCOCK, WRIGHT BAGBY, RHONDA WALLACE, ALLISON WATTERS, & LARRY MAXEY; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, COUNTY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA HARMAN, TODD WOFFORD, OLIVIA MORLEY, SUSIE GASS, CHRIS JACKSON, ART NEWELL, BRICE WOOD**

**CAUCUS NOTES: CHAIR HANCOCK AND MR. MCCORD REVIEWED THE AGENDA.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR HANCOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—COMMISSIONER MAXEY LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION—NO PARTICIPATION**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES--CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
  1. Adopt minutes of Public Hearings, Caucus, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020.
- VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**
- VII. PROCLAMATIONS**
- VIII. FIRST READING**
- IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING  
(FIRST READINGS HELD JULY 14, 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 the planning commission. — **MR. NEWELL & MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. NO ONE SPOKE IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THE REQUEST. 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.**

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

**XI. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

1. Appoint Terri Morgan to fill a position on the Georgia Behavioral Health Board which expired July 31, 2020. This new term will expire on July 31, 2023. — **COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT TERRI MORGAN, AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Appoint Megan Van Meter to fill an unexpired term on the Georgia Behavioral Health Board. This unexpired term will expire on June 30, 2021. At that time, Ms. Van Meter will be eligible for a full term. — **COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MEGAN VAN METER, AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BAGBY. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
3. Appoint Commissioner Allison Watters to serve as the Floyd County Commission voting delegate to the ACCG Legislative Conference. – **CHAIR HANCOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER WATTERS, AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**XII. 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 – MR. MCCORD REPORTED ON THE MORNING’S SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MEETING.**
    - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 8:30am.
  - 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

**XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT— NO REPORT**

**XIV. ATTORNEY’S REPORT— NO REPORT**

**XV. CONSENT AGENDA— CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MRS. ELROD IF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. MRS. ELROD STATED THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS REVIEWED IN CAUCUS AND IS IN ORDER. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

1. Approve grant agreement with the Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization program for PAWS.
2. Approve 2020 softball contract between Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation and Shorter University.
3. Approve update to the Floyd County Employee Return to Work Policy.

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Adopt recommendation from the Floyd County Auditor for elected officials to work closely with Finance Department as noted in auditor’s management points from FY 2019 audit.— **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR. THIS INCLUDED THE TAX COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE PRESENTING A QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
2. Approve Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Plan Update — Michael Baker International—Work Authorization #49.— **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION THAT WAS PROPOSED BY MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. VICE-CHAIR BAGBY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

3. Approve FY2020 Mid-Year Budget Revision. — **FINANCE DIRECTOR MS. GASS PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR THE FY2020 BUDGET TO THE COMMISSION. THIS INCLUDED THE MILLAGE RATE INCREASE AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY PAY INCREASE. SHE STATED SALES TAX HAS STAYED FLAT WHICH HAS BEEN A POSITIVE WITH THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE TOTAL \$3.1 MILLION ALLOCATION FROM CARES WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE FIRE FUND. THE CHARGES FOR SERVICES IS DOWN DUE TO CHANGES FROM COVID-19 AT THE COURTHOUSES AND THE JAIL. FINES AND FORFITURES ARE DOWN AS WELL. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MS. GASS TO EXPLAIN THE ITEMS THAT WE'RE SUBMITTED FOR CARES REIMUBURSEMENT. THE MAIN ITEMS INCLUDED SALARIES FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIRE. MR. MCCORD ALSO DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL POSITION AT THE CAVE SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL BE SHARED WITH THE CITY OF CAVE SPRING AS WELL AS SOME OF THE CUTS THAT WERE MADE. CHAIR HANCOCK ALSO ASKED FOR MS. GASS TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE CUTS THAT WERE MADE AS WELL. HE ASKED IF THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS HAD ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. VICE-CHAIR BAGBY APPLAUDED THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, FINANCE, AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT FOR THE JOB THAT HAD BEEN DONE TO KEEP THE COUNTY IN GOOD SHAPE DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. CUTS INCLUDED BALIFF SALARIES, GAS AND OIL, TRAVEL AND TRAINNG, AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL. MS. GASS BRAGGED ON THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO VOLUNTARILY MAKE CUTS TO THEIR BUDGETS. CHAIR HANCOCK RESPONDED ON HOW THERE HAS BEEN A MILLAGE RATE INCREASE AND THAT IT DID NOT COME WITHOUT BUDGET CUTS TO HELP FISCALLY BALANCE THE BUDGET. VICE-CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
4. Approve Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Vendor Policy, Vendor COVID Indemnification; Vendor Application, and Vendor Permit. — **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION EXPLAINNG THAT IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY LEGAL REVIEW. COMMISSIONER WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
5. Approve 2gig connection from Parker FiberNet. — **MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. THIS WAS A NEED FOR MANY YEARS BUT HAS BEEN EXAERBATED BY COVID-19. WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THERE IS NO OTHER**

**CHOICE. THIS PROJECT INCLUDES SWITCHES AND IS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- 6. Approve employee health insurance plan. — MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO THE COMMISSION WHICH INCLUDES A 5% PREMIUM INCREASE FOR BOTH THE EMPLOYEES AND THE COUNTY AS WELL AS A \$50 A PAY PERIOD FOR COVERED SPOUSES WHO HAVE INSURANCE OFFERED THROUGH THEIR EMPLOYMENT. THIS WILL NOT COVER ALL OUR NEEDS. THIS WILL INCLUDE AN AFFIDAVIT AND STATEMENT FROM THE SPOUSE THAT INSURANCE IS NOT PROVIDED. COMMISSIONER WATTERS ASKED ABOUT CLAIMS IN 2019. MS. GASS REPORTED THAT THE 2019 CLAIMS WERE AT \$7.2 MILLION AND ESTIMATED AT \$8.3 MILLION IN 2020. MR. MCCORD EXPLAINED THAT MANAGEMENT WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THE COUNTY’S WELLNESS BENEFITS MOVING FORWARD. CHAIR HANCOCK ASKED MR. BURKHALTER TO EXPOUND ON THE VOLUNTARY INSURANCE OFFERED. MR. BURKHALTER EXPLAINED THAT ALL OF THE AMOUNTS WOULD STAY THE SAME EXCEPT ONE IN THE COMING YEAR. VICE-CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- 7. Approve runway 1/19 & Taxiway “A” Extension Grading & Drainage Package — Construction Consulting Services. – MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. THE TOTAL WAS NOT TO EXCEED \$394,178.00. THE PROJECT INCLUDES LOCAL ENGINEERING FIRMS AND GEO TECHNICAL FIRMS IN THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- 8. Approve Runway 1/19 Drainage and Grading Project by Bartow Paving of Cartersville, Georgia in the amount of \$1,399,665.35. – MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. HE SPOKE OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR BID WHICH CAME IN SIGNIFICANTLY OVER BUDGET LAST YEAR. THE PROJECT WAS THEN SPLIT INTO MULTIPLE PHASES AND THE BID CAME IN UNDER BUDGET IN 2020. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE WITH TWO ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS THAT WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR APPROVAL FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THIS IS SCHEDULED TO COME THIS FRIDAY. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS—THE COMMISSION ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**XIX. ADJOURN – SEEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIR BAGBY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER WATTERS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**