



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2025

County Administration Building

Caucus	4:00 pm
Regular Meeting - Suite 206	6:00 pm

CAUCUS

Present: Commissioners: Allison Watters, Rhonda Wallace, Mike Burnes, and Scotty Hancock; County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Lauren Chumbler, County Attorney Chris Jackson, Erin Elrod, Brice Wood, Ron Hunton, Mark Wallace, Michael Bell, Ryan Davis, Shane Hendrix, Bruce Ivey, Ron Swinford, Angela Rubino, Dianne Graham, Mo Burge, Chip Hood, and Greg Dobbins.

Chair Watters called the Caucus session to order at 4:02 pm.

Update from Planning Director Brice Wood

Planning Director Brice Wood gave an update on the progress of the UDC.

Chair Watters and Mr. McCord began review of the agenda. Mr. McCord asked that Consent Item #3 be deferred until a later meeting. Mr. Wood presented one planning item to the Commission for first reading. Chair Watters and Mr. McCord continued with the review of the agenda. County attorney Chris Jackson asked that New Business Item #1 be approved pending final legal review. Mr. McCord went over project updates with the Commission. Mr. McCord and Ms. Elrod then went over 2023 SPLOST updates.

At 5:44 pm, Commissioner Wallace made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

Executive session to discuss property acquisition, litigation, and personnel.

I) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watters called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG -- Chair Watters

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda with the deferral of item #3 under Consent Agenda, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

IV) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV.1) Adopt minutes of Caucus, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025.

The minutes were approved by common consent.

V) SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VI) PROCLAMATION

VI.1) Arbor Day

Commissioner Burnes presented the proclamation to Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful Coordinator, Hannah Bagley.

VII) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

VIII) FIRST READING

VIII.1) File SUP25-02-02, for the property at 4065 Martha Berry Hwy., Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel J11X197, being zoned Community Commercial (C-C), requests a Special Use Permit for Farm Equipment Sales and Service.

Staff recommended Approval on the condition that the SUP will become void if the proposed use ceases for more than 365 days. Planning Commission voted to approve on the condition that the SUP will become void if the proposed use ceases for more than 365 days and that any outdoor lighting will be dark sky compatible by a vote of 9-0.

Mr. Wood presented the Planning item on first reading to the Commission.

IX) SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

X) PUBLIC HEARING

XI) RESOLUTIONS

XI.1) Adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Georgia regarding a road closure for a portion of North Drive.

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Mr. McCord presented the resolution regarding the road closure to the Commission.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

XII) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

XII.1) Consider appointing Chair Watters to the Redevelopment Agency.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

XIII) COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

XIII.1) Administrative Services Committee

a. Next Meeting, March 27, 9:00 AM, 2025

XIII.2) Elected Officials Committee

a. Next Meeting, TBD, 2025

XIII.3) Public Utilities & Transportation Committee

a. Next Meeting, February 12, 8:00 AM, 2025

XIII.4) Public Safety Committee

DDS Building update

a. Next Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 10:00 AM, 2025

XIII.5) Special Committee Reports

a. Fire Overview Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 AM, 2025

b. Joint Services Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 AM, 2025

c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission

Next Meeting, Thursday, March 6, 2:30 PM, 2025

d. Joint Development Oversight Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 AM, 2025

e. Joint Solid Waste Commission

Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 8:30 AM, 2025

f. Transportation Policy Committee

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 10:00 AM, 2025

g. Airport Commission

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 26, 4:00 PM, 2025

h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Next Meeting, TBD, 2025

i. RFPR Advisory Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 12:00 PM, 2025

j. Floyd County Library Board
Next Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 4:00 PM, 2025

XIV) MANAGER'S REPORT

XV) ATTORNEY'S REPORT

XVI) CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Chumbler reported that the Consent Agenda was in order with item #3 being deferred.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XVI.1) Consider request from the Board of Health for the title release of one (1) vehicle as a trade in on the purchase of a new vehicle.

XVI.2) Consider request from Sheriff's Office to approve the annual fee for the Sheriff's App to OCV, LLC in the amount of \$8,990.00 using ICS Technology Grant funds. This will be paid for out of Data Processing, 100441-53700, and requires no change to the budget for 2025 as it was included initially.

XVI.3) Consider request from Airport to approve Kinetic Aviation Maintenance, LLC Land Lease Amendment #2. -- DEFERRED

XVI.4) Consider request from Human Resources to approve a 2.5% Special Salary Adjustment under Merit System Rule III H Special Salary Advancement for Human Resources Technician. This was approved by the Administrative Services Committee.

XVI.5) Consider request from Sheriff's Office to approve the upgrade of body cameras from Visiologix in the amount of \$21,622.47 using ICS Technology Grant funds. This will require an increase in the budget for \$2,160.00 in Data Processing for the annual cloud subscription. There was \$11,000 already in the budget for 2025 for this expense, this is to increase to cover the remainder. There will also need to be a budget increase to Supplies, 100441-51000, in the amount of \$8,465.00 for the amount of the new body cameras.

XVI.6) Consider request from Police Department to approve training funds for Captain Ron Hunton's selection to participate in the 32nd Delegation of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) to Israel. The cost for this is \$12,000. We will need to increase the travel and training budget, 100454-51900, by \$12,000. We will then do a transfer from forfeiture funds in the Federal Equitable Sharing bank account to the General Fund bank account to cover this cost.

XVI.7) Consider request from the Sheriff's Office to increase the 2025 Equipment expense, 100441 - 52000, by \$7,000 in order to pay the

invoice for work that was budgeted in 2024, but did not finish until 2025. In October 2024 the Sheriff's Office started working on getting a new sally port roll up door at the Jail. Even though they were assured multiple times this would be completed before December 31, 2024 the company did not finish the install until January 2, 2025, causing this to now be a 2025 expense.

- XVI.8) Consider request from Public Works to approve a grant with EPD to pave Rush Chapel Road with a Rubber Modified Asphalt. This will require a budget increase in Capital Projects for the total expense of \$451,450 in account number 330456-67143. There will also need to be a budget increase for the grant revenue in the amount of \$204,055 in account number 330456-85524. The County will have a match of \$247,395 and this will be cover by the existing 2025 paving budget in 2023 SPLOST. This will require an increase to the Transfer from 2023 SPLOST account number, 330720-49038, in the amount of \$247,395 and an increase to the Transfer to Capital Projects account number, 320721-69922 in the amount of \$247,395.
- XVI.9) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of Bid #25-003 ?Trade Package for (1) Bobcat E60 Mini Excavator or equivalent to Wespro JBC in the amount of \$60,080.00 using funds from GL Account # 500646 - 67040. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible bid with the lowest pricing submitted. No change to the budget is needed as this was included in the 2025 budget.
- XVI.10) Consider request from Sheriff's Office to approve an increase of \$38,220.00 to the Equipment, 100441-52000, budget for 2025 due to tasers not being delivered until 2025. This expense was not carried over during budget time as they were assured that the product would arrive in 2024. This price does include an extended warranty that runs until 2030 and started February 1, 2025.
- XVI.11) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the ratification of a purchase of one (1) 2025 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD Crew Cab from Hardy Automotive Fleet & Government Sales for the Prison in the amount of \$67,165.00 using GL Account # 330460 - 67040. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible bid with pricing that was below State Contract Pricing. This is \$22,835.00 under budget, which would allow for upfitting charges if needed.
- XVI.12) Consider request from Airport to approve CMT Task Order #15 for Runway 1-19 Lighting & Signage Improvements (Construction) in the amount of \$79,615.00 using funds from GL Account # 330570 - 67127. No change to the budget is needed.
- XVI.13) Consider request from Airport to approve CMT Task Order #16 for Runway 7-25 Lighting & Signage Improvements (Construction) in the amount of \$64,825.00 using funds from GL Account # 330570 - 67137. No change to the budget is needed.

XVI.14) Consider request from Airport to approve CMT Task Order #17 for DBE Plan Update Revisions. The cost of \$2,205.00 will be included within the RMG Lighting Improvements Project of 2025 and will be charged to GL Account # 330570 - 67127. No change to the budget is needed.

XVI.15) Consider request from Airport to approve Lighting and Signage Rehabilitation Construction Contract GDOT Project No.: AP025-9086-44(115).

XVII) OLD BUSINESS

XVIII) NEW BUSINESS

XVIII.1) Consider request from Purchasing to approve a 5 - year Service of the Mobile Vision Cloud Transfer to Safe Fleet Law Enforcement Mobile Vision for the Police Department using 2023 SPLOST Funds from GL Account # 320648 - 66139. This is budgeted for \$100,000 in the 2025 budget, however, we respectfully request a budget increase in the amount of \$1,345.00, for the first year which requires initial set up and transferring costs. This would be considered a sole source vendor since the equipment information being transferred is on their equipment.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission and asked that this be approved pending final legal review.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.2) Consider a request from Purchasing to approve a change order request from Rehab Construction Co for additional work at the Brighton Water Plant Treatment Improvements project in the amount of \$39,700.00 using funds from GL Account # 500646 - 55221 - 50027. It is also requested to approve replacing (2) Gear Boxes at the Brighton Water Plant from Carl Eric Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$41,215.00 using funds from the same account number, 500646 - 55221 - 50027. To cover these purchases a transfer of \$20,920 from Machinery and Equipment, this was a savings on the trade ins of the 3 mini excavators, will need to be completed. Water is also requesting a reduction in the water main replacement project of \$10,000 and a reduction of \$50,000 in the water pump project to cover these two new expenses at the Brighton Water Plant.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.3) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of seven (7) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles from Carville CDJR for the Sheriff's Office for a total amount of \$274,020.00 using 2023 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 320648 - 66139. This vendor supplied a

responsive and responsible bid with the lowest pricing. This purchase is \$55,985.00 under budget.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.4)Consider request from Purchasing to approve a change order from Pennant Construction Management, Inc for the Glenwood FCPD Renovation Project in the amount of \$18,790.00 using funds from GL Account # 330455 - 67045 - 33001.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.5)Consider request from Facilities to approve a change order from Advanced Sports Group to increase the water line size at the AdventHealth Stadium and repair damaged fence along the outfield wall for a total amount of \$34,020.00 using funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66130 - 60066. This will require no change to the 2025 budget at this time.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 4-0.

XVIII.6)Consider request from Facilities to approve the purchase of netting for AdventHealth Stadium hitting tunnels from Sportsfield Specialties in the amount of \$51,640.00 using funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66130 - 60066.? There is no change to the budget for 2025 needed.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

XIX) OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Watters stated the commission entered into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. No action was taken.

Chair Watters also recognized Michael Ross who was in attendance for Leadership Rome.

XX) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XXI) ADJOURN

Seeing no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.