



**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 25, 2025**

**County Administration Building**

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

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## 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, John Carroll, Mike Van Wie, Bruce Ivey, Gary Burkhalter, Missy Kendrick, Ron Swinford, David Thornton, Dianne Graham, Angela Rubino, Mike Bell, Greg Dobbins, Chip Hood, and Mo Burge.

Chair Watters called the Caucus session to order at 4:02 pm. Mr. McCord began with an update on current projects.

### **Water Rate Discussion**

Consultant Gary Burkhalter went over a proposed water rate increase for 2025.

### **Missy Kendrick with Development Authority**

Ms. Kendrick presented information on a new joint Bartow/Polk/Floyd Development Authority.

Chair Watters and Mr. McCord began review of the agenda. Mr. Wood presented one item on second reading from the Planning Commission. Mr. McCord and Chair Watters continued with the review of the agenda.

At 5:22 pm Commissioner Wallace made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Burnes. 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 6:02 pm.

**II) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG -- Commissioner Hancock****III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**IV) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

IV.1) Adopt minutes of Caucus, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025.

The minutes were approved by common consent.

**V) SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Commission recognized each individual for African American History Month.

V.1) African American History Month Recognition

Shaylan Johnson  
Gregory Greene  
John Ware

**VI) PROCLAMATION****VII) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA****VIII) FIRST READING****IX) SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

IX.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 item from the Planning Commission for second reading. Chair Watters explained the rules of the public hearing. Chair Watters opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor.

### **IN FAVOR**

**Jimmy Holbrook, Rome:** "The business has been at the current location for about twelve years. Prior to that, I operated a business there almost twenty five years ago and we're simply looking to move up the road to where we can have more space for our customers to get in and out. We've kind of outgrown the position that we're in. We're currently employing thirteen people there and quite honestly we don't even have room to park our employees where we're at now so we're looking to expand. When Spencer and Virginia at Lavender Mountain told me that they were going to retire, it was an opportunity that we didn't want to pass up and we want to be good neighbors as we've been in the past in our new location."

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve with the addition of the dark sky lighting recommendation by the Planning Commission, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

## **X) PUBLIC HEARING**

- X.1) Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia regarding the closure of a portion of North Drive.

Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission. Chair Watters opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor. Seeing no one to speak in favor, Chair Watters asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition. Seeing no one to speak in opposition, Chair Watters closed the public hearing.

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

## **XI) RESOLUTIONS**

- XI.1) Adopt a resolution declaring certain property unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority.

Parcel I14Z-224 (66 Line Street)

Mr. McCord presented the item to the Commission.

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

## **XII) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**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  
b. Regular Meeting, April 16, 8:00 AM, 2025
- XIII.4) Public Safety Committee  
DDS Building update  
a. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 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, March 18, 12:00 PM, 2025  
j. Floyd County Library Board  
Next Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 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.

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

- XVI.1) Consider request from the Tax Commissioner to purge submitted bills from the Tax Commissioner's Roll in the amount of \$553.18.

- XVI.2) Consider request from Police Department to approve the purchase of six (6) laptops and mounts along with yearly subscriptions for data, software and installation for school resource officers in the amount of \$32,730.00 using Traffic Fines GL Account # 100454 - 58808. This will require an increase to the budget in the amount of \$32,730 to account number 100454-58808. When this invoice is paid a transfer from the Traffic Fines bank account will be completed to reimburse the General Fund.
- XVI.3) Consider request from Sheriff's Office to approve payment to Icotech for the 5 Year Idemia License in the amount of \$15,500.00 using technology grant funds from GL Account # 100441-53700. This will require a budget increase to Data Processing (100441-53700) in the amount of \$15,500.00.
- XVI.4) Consider request from Purchasing to approve a contract with AT&T for the installation and monthly service fee for bilingual text message services for the E-911 Center. The Installation Cost of \$8790.00 would be charged to GL Account # 205610 - 52000 and the Monthly Service Fee of \$295.00 would be charged to GL Account # 205610 - 54600.
- XVI.5) Consider request from Purchasing to approve a contract with Parker Fibernet for Dark Fiber services at Glenwood. The cost is \$650 per month using funds from GL Account # 100454 - 54600. This will require a budget increase to Telephone expense line (100454-54600) in the amount of \$6,500. This will provide a budget for 10 months worth of service.
- XVI.6) Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD K-9 Vehicle from Donohoo Chevrolet LLC for Police Department in the amount of \$52,760.00 using funds from 2025 EOD K-9 GL Account # 330454 - 55779. Upfitting costs in the amount of \$20,165.00 will be purchased using funds from 2022 GEMA Grant GL Account # 330454 - 67117. This vendor provided the most responsive and responsible submission and was the lowest price. The budget will not need to be adjusted for these as they both were included in the 2025 budget.
- XVI.7) Consider request from Purchasing to deem bobcat bucket attachments as surplus items to be auctioned on GovDeals.com. The Floyd County Water Department Staff have examined the buckets, and they have been considered unsalvageable for Floyd County use.
- XVI.8) Consider request from Facilities to approve a Field Test Agreement with Rinnai for a hot water heater.

## **XVII) OLD BUSINESS**

## **XVIII) NEW BUSINESS**

XVIII.1)Consider request from Finance to approve a nondisclosure agreement (NDA) for portal access to detailed Dept of Revenue (DOR) reports of E911 fees.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

XVIII.2)Consider request to approve Advanced Sports Group to install synthetic turf at Garden Lakes using 2023 SPLOST funds. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$1,775,250. This is the project total (\$1,789,425) less the discount for the multiple locations (\$14,177). This budget increase will need to be completed in account # 320648 - 66151.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

XVIII.3)Consider request from Purchasing to approve to award a bid to Brooks Building Group, Inc for the construction of a Corporate Hangar for the Airport using 2017 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66129 - 60033. This vendor provided the most responsive and responsible submission and submitted the lowest price submission.

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Option A - \$1,560,380.00

Option B - \$1,933,190.00

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

XVIII.4)Consider request from Purchasing to approve the upfitting for seven (7) Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office from Coosa Valley Communications, Inc in the amount of \$53,625.00 using 2023 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 320648 - 66139. This vendor provided the most responsive submission and the lowest price submission.

There is no budget adjustment required as this cost is within the amount of savings from the vehicle purchase that was approved at the last board meeting.

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.5)Consider request from Purchasing to approve the upfitting of four (4) Explorers for Police Department in the amount of \$35,320.00 using 2023 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 320648 - 66139. At the September 24, 2024 Board meeting, the funds for the Police Explorers were approved as "not to exceed \$220,000". This amount is still within the limit, however, this was not carried over to the 2025 budget. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$35,320.00 to account number 320648-66139.

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.6)Consider request from Facilities to approve the purchase and installation of two pump grinder package with water alarm and strobe from Carver & Carver Plumbing Inc. for the Recycle Center in the amount of \$3,810.00. The work will also include the installation of a new sewer line which was budgeted in 2024 but not completed. The total budget increase will be \$17,195.00 for account 515475-52200.

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

XVIII.7)Consider request from Purchasing to approve change orders 17009 & 17010 from Harbor Services for the Rome Emperors Fieldhouse Renovation Project in the amount of \$93,000.00 using 2017 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66130 - 60066.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

## **XIX) OTHER BUSINESS**

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

## **XX) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

## **XXI) ADJOURN**

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