



FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2025

Floyd County Administration Building

Caucus - Suite 204

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, Brice Wood, John Bailey, Bruce Ivey, Mike Reiter, Adam Carey, Dianne Graham, Chip Hood, Greg Dobbins, Ron Hunton, Mike Bell, Shonna Bailey, David Thornton, Ryan Davis, and John Carroll

Chair Watters called the Caucus session to order at 4:01 pm and began review of the agenda.

Mr. Wood went over the three items for first reading from the Planning Commission.

Mr. McCord and Chair Watters continued review of the agenda.

Mr. McCord went over the project updates since the last meeting.

Update from Airport

Airport Manager John Carroll gave an update on the Airport.

At 5:31 pm Commissioner Hancock made a motion to enter into 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 6:01 pm.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG -- Commissioner Wallace

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda with the deferral of the resolution and item #2 on the Chair's Report, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025.

The minutes were approved by common consent.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VI. PROCLAMATION

1. Georgia Agriculture Week

Commissioner Burnes presented a proclamation in recognition of Georgia Agriculture Week to representatives of the agricultural community. Ag Center Director Kate Harman thanked the commission for the proclamation and the other representatives present.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

VIII. FIRST READING

Mr. Wood presented three items from the Planning Commission for first reading.

1. File SUP25-03-03, for the property at 32 Brownlow Dr. (o 3rd St. as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcels E13Z022 and E13Z023, being zoned Suburban Residential (S-R), requests a Special Use Permit for a Union Hall. Staff recommended denial without prejudice so the applicant has time to gather the following information for review and can bring this back to the commission once ready: (1) Official site plan including driveway location, ingress/egress, parking, location of building to meet setback requirements (2) Landscaping plan If the commission decides to approve, staff suggests the following condition: (1) That the SUP will become void if no progress is made upon establishing the proposed use within 365 calendar days after issuance, or if the proposed use ceases to exist for more than 365 calendar days once established. Planning Commission voted to deny without prejudice by a vote of 8-0.
2. File SUP25-03-04, for the property at 871 Reeceburg Rd. (o Donahoo Rd. as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Silver Creek, GA 30173, Floyd County Tax Parcel J17Y010, being zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R), requests a Special Use Permit for an Event Venue. Staff recommended denial. Planning Commission voted to approve on the condition that the SUP will become void if no progress is made upon establishing the proposed use within 365 calendar days after issuance, or if the proposed use ceases to exist for more than 365 calendar days once established and that the Special Use Permit will be for the following events: farm tours, fishing events, birthday parties, weddings and family reunions by a vote of 8-0.
3. File Z25-03-06, for the property at 1429 Bells Ferry Rd. and o Bells Ferry Rd., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcels L09056, L10X002, and L10X012, requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission voted to approve by a vote of 8-0.

IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

X. PUBLIC HEARING

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. Adopt a resolution to create a Joint Development Authority between Bartow County, Polk County, and Floyd County. -- **DEFERRED**

XII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Consider appointing Joshua Daniel Smith to the Northwest Georgia Region I EMS Coordinating Council to fill an unexpired term. This term will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

2. Consider appointments to the Joint Bartow County, Polk County, Floyd County Development Authority -- **DEFERRED**

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 1. Administrative Services Committee**
 - a. Next Meeting, March 27, 9:00 AM, 2025
- 2. Elected Officials Committee**
 - a. Next Meeting, TBD, 2025
- 3. Public Utilities & Transportation Committee**
 - b. Regular Meeting, April 16, 8:00 AM, 2025
- 4. Public Safety Committee**
 - **DDS Building update**
 - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 10:00 AM, 2025
- 5. Special Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Overview Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 10:30 AM, 2025
 - b. Joint Services Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 AM, 2025
 - c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 3, 2:30 PM, 2025
 - d. Joint Development Oversight Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 AM, 2025
 - e. Joint Solid Waste Commission**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 8:30 AM, 2025
 - f. Transportation Policy Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 10:00 AM, 2025
 - g. Airport Commission**
 - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 26, 4:00 PM, 2025
 - h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, TBD, 2025
 - i. RFPR Advisory Committee**
 - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 PM, 2025
 - j. Floyd County Library Board**
 - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 4:00 PM, 2025

XIV. MANAGER'S REPORT

XV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chris Jackson recognized paralegal Tish Edwards's father passing and asked everyone to keep her family in their thoughts.

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Chumbler reported that the Consent Agenda was in order.

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

1. Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase of one (1) GMC 2500 HD Crew Cab or equivalent from Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC for Water Department in the amount of \$49,845.00 using funds from GL Account # 500646 - 67040. This vendor submitted a responsive and responsible bid with the lowest pricing.
2. Consider request from Police Department to approve the purchase of two (2) night vision goggles for SWAT from NightFall Optics in the amount of \$17,890.00 using funds from GL Account # 330454 - 55775. This is using GEMA grant funds with no local match required. This was included in the original budget so no change to the budget is needed.
3. Consider request from Police Department to approve the purchase of laptops, vehicle mounts and installation in the amount of \$139,780.00 using GL account # 100522 - 52000 and software using GL account # 100522 - 53700. The monthly Verizon charge will be charged to account number 100522 - 54600. All of these items were included in the original 2025 budget so no change to the budget is needed.
4. Consider request from Finance to approve the following budget changes regarding GDOT funding for the Airport:

The GDOT contract for this project has been updated and we need to make the following changes to the grant:

- Create/assign an expense account for the DBE Plan Update and increase the budget for this account to \$13,695. This is 100% reimbursable.
- Create/ assign a revenue account for the DBE Plan Update and increase the budget for this account to \$13,695.
- Increase account # 330570 - 80169 for Runway 1/19 Rehabilitation and Overlay Design Reimbursement by \$78,210. This is a different project that design work was completed in 2018 for and the reimbursement has been included at this time.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 67137, Runway 7 & 25 Construction by \$15,900.
The original budget for 2025 was \$992,000 this included design that was paid for in previous years and it is not reimbursable in this grant.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 85213, Runway 7 & 25 State Revenue by \$12,000. This is in order to be in line with the updated GDOT contract.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 80207, Runway 1/19 Federal Revenue Design by \$3,030. This is in order to line up with the updated GDOT contract.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 85207, Runway 1/19 State Revenue by \$1,100. This is in order to line up with the updated GDOT contract.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 80207, Runway 1/19 Federal Revenue by \$18,400. This is in order to line up with the update GDOT contract.
- Lower the budget for account # 330570 - 67127, Runway 1/19 Construction Expense by 17,000. This is in order to line up with the update GDOT contract.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation for reimbursement of interest in the amount of \$841.06.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission. Mr. McCord recommended denial of the request. Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve the denial of the request, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 4-0.

2. Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase and installation of MaxLink Lines to replace POTS Lines in Floyd County elevators to TKE Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$46,805.00. This vendor is currently under contract for our elevator needs and offers a good solution to emergency contact capabilities in our elevators. This would be an annual savings of \$193,196.39. The installation will be charged to Capital Projects in account # 330455 - 67040. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$36,250 for the installations at the Administration Building, LEC, Library, Recreation Administration, and Judicial Building. This will use fund balance within the Capital Projects fund.

The monthly service charge for the MaxLink will be charged to the Repairs and Maintenance line for each location and a budget increase will be needed to cover the installation, one month of the higher telephone bill amount (where this applies) and the monthly service cost. The breakdown is as follows:

Administration Building - increase account # 100455 - 56602 \$8,000 for the increased Windstream bill and \$1,100 for 10 months of service. This is a total increase of \$9,100

LEC - increase account # 100455 - 58300 for \$1,100 for 10 months of service in the LEC building and 100455 - 56605 for \$550 for 10 months of service at the LEC Parking Deck.

R/F Library - increase account # 100455 - 57410 \$1,100 for 10 months of service.

Recreation Admin. - increase account # 530806 - 52200 \$550 for 10 months of service.

Judicial Building - increase account # 100455 - 56701 \$6,000 for the increased Windstream bill and \$1,650 for 10 months of service. This is a total increase of \$7,650.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

3. Consider request from Purchasing to approve a change order submitted by Pennant Construction Management, Inc for the Glenwood Renovation Project in the amount of \$40,340.00 using funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66123 - 60016. This will require an increase to the budget for this account to cover this change order.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

4. Consider request from Purchasing to approve Change Orders #17002R, #17007R, #170012, and #17013 for the Renovation Project at AdventHealth Stadium in the amount of \$111,145.00. using 2017 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66130 - 60066. These change orders have been submitted by Harbor Services, Inc. and have been discussed with The Sizemore Group, the architect of record for the project. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$111,145.00 to account number GL Account #319639 - 66130 - 60066.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0 with Scotty Hancock voting no.

5. Consider request from Purchasing to award bid # 25-011 Mid-Size Hydraulic Excavator & Rotator Head to Jasper Tractor for Public Works in the amount of \$225,345.00 using 2023 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 320648 - 66144. This vendor was the lowest responsible bid that met all specifications. This item was approved for purchase in 2024 for \$210,000 and was rolled over to 2025. This will require a budget increase in the amount of \$15,145.00 to GL Account # 320648 - 66144.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

6. Consider request from Purchasing to approve the purchase and installation of prison door control upgrades from American Detention Services LLC for the Work Release Center in the amount of \$35,000.00 using 2017 SPLOST funds from GL Account #319639 - 66122 - 60008. This was included in the 2025 original budget and no change to the budget is needed at this time.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

7. Consider request from Purchasing to approve awarding a bid to Alarm Systems for the purchase and installation of card readers for the Glenwood FCPD Renovation Project in the amount of \$22,145.00 using funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66123 - 60016. This vendor supplied a responsive and responsible bid with the lowest pricing. This will be an increase to the budget.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

8. Consider request from Purchasing to award bid # 24-005 for Runway Lighting & Signage Improvements to Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,527,300.00. This bid is for the Runway 1/19 Lighting Rehabilitation and the Runway 7& 25 Lighting project.

The bid will be applied to the following accounts: Runway 1/19 Lighting expense of \$1,616,040 should be applied to account # 330570 - 67127. Runway 7 & 25 Lighting expense of \$911,260 should be applied to account # 330570 - 67137.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

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

9. Consider request from Purchasing to approve Change Order #3 from Advanced Sports Group for additional work on the Synthetic Turf at AdventHealth Stadium in the amount of \$75,295.00 using 2017 SPLOST funds from GL Account # 319639 - 66130 - 60066. This will be a budget increase.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the Commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0 with Scotty Hancock voting no.

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 -- NONE

XXI. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned by common consent at 6:22 p.m.