



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

County Administration Building

Caucus - Suite 204
Regular Meeting - Suite 206

3:30 pm
6:00 pm

CAUCUS

Present: Commissioners: Rhonda Wallace, Vice Chair, David Thornton, and Mike Burnes. County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Lauren Chumbler, County Attorney Chris Jackson, Amanda Tierce, Susie Gass, Erin Elrod, Brice Wood, Samantha Bishop, Ron Swinford, Mary Hardin Thornton, Adam Carey, Greg Dobbins, John Blalock, Mike Bell, Kristie Miner and John Bailey.

Not Present: Chair Allison Watters and Commissioner Scotty Hancock.

Vice Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Mr. McCord and Vice Chair Wallace began review of the agenda. Mr. Wood presented the six items on the agenda for second reading from the planning commission.

Vice Chair Wallace and Mr. McCord continued review of the consent agenda. Superior Court Clerk Mary Hardin Thornton gave information on the Sharp copier agreement. Mr. Jackson asked that it be approved pending legal review. Mr. McCord gave project updates.

Budget Discussion

Mr. McCord, Ms. Gass, and Ms. Tierce reviewed the draft budget. Mr. McCord stated the budget workshop will be on December 1st at 12:00 and the public hearing will be at 2:00. Stated the plan is to adopt the budget on December 9.

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

The commission did not enter into executive session.

I) CALL TO ORDER

**II) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG --
Commissioner Burnes**

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0.

IV) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

The minutes were approved by common consent.

V) SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VI) PROCLAMATION

**VII) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

VIII) FIRST READING

IX) SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chair Wallace explained the rules of the public hearing.

IX.1) File Z25-11-08 for the property at 2455 Horseleg Creek Road and o Horseleg Creek Road, Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcels H15Y031A and H15Y031, requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval on the condition that the only livestock can be hens by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor.

IN FAVOR

Richart Levitt, 2455 Horseleg Creek Road; – “Good evening, my name is Richard Levitt and I am the applicant, me and my wife. My wife could not make it today. The home address is 2455 Horseleg Creek Road Southwest in Rome. I want to thank the committee for listening and at least at this point approving the application for hens, I appreciate that very much. I do have a question about a possible future use for baby goats. Would that be something to be addressed at a later time? I’m happy with the chickens for now. I’m not even sure I’ll get baby goats.

I'm just curious what the next step would be should we decide to pursue that."

Chris Jackson: "And we can get to that if you guys have a question about that when the time comes when we get to the public portion."

Vice Chair Wallace: "Ok. Is there anyone else that wants to speak in favor of this request?"

Cyndy Douan – "Cyndy Douan, the Dykes Creek Community. I don't know this gentleman. I'm familiar with the area. I'm assuming that my property on Prater Road is agriculture residential although I don't know for sure. What I am concerned about is setting a precedent that were listing the types of animals that can live on a certain property within ones designated agriculture residential. So, we need to figure out, if it is agricultural, what is agricultural? Do you understand what I'm saying? We're building an Agriculture Center. Well, what's going to be allowed there is probably everything under the sun. So, if we're zoning something agricultural residential, I'd assume that you wouldn't have to come here every time you go to think about buying a different animal to live on your property. Do you know what I'm saying? So, I'm fighting for you so you're not having to come here every time you think you might want a pig or rabbit or a goat or a sheep because I think that's a little bit ridiculous. I can see not having roosters because they make a lot of noise but this is a slippery slope and we don't need to be getting them to come in here and ask permission to get animals on our property. Thank you for that and I just wanted to give that input that concerns me. Thank you."

Seeing no one else to speak in favor, Vice Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition.

IN OPPOSITION

Chuck Hufstetler – "Chuck Hufstetler, 3 Orchard Spring Drive, Rome, Georgia. I wasn't sure if I was going to speak for or against it but I am for the way it was originally written. And while it's true there's agriculture down Horseleg Creek Road there's not any in that Rivermont community where we all are. Scott Herndon here has property adjoining it and I do too. The neighborhood of about 50 homes that all signed something saying, you know, we don't want this in here we don't have any cows or chickens or goats or pigs or anything like that. I went and spoke with the homeowner and, you know, said what do you want to do? At the Planning Commission meeting we agreed on a compromise and said we would do hens only. So, I told the neighborhood not to come, and he agreed to hens only. So that's the only way I would continue to be in support of it. We don't want to take away his right to have a few hens on the property but those are several acre lots, suburban residential only. And on the other side on Radio Springs yeah there's land on that side over there. We put in, when I ran in 1998 for the county commission, we put in a land use plan. It was very controversial back then and I think it's overall been a good thing. You know, the whole

neighborhood, we gave the signatures to the planning commission. We're opposed really to AR as a whole and I offered this compromise to the planning commission to say hens only which the applicant agreed to. You know as long as it stays like that I think everybody's good with it." Vice Chair Wallace called Mr. Levitt back to the podium.

REBUTTAL

Richard Levitt – "Thank you, pardon me. The topic of rabbits, I might want rabbits but not for any commercial breeding again just for family. I did get a copy of that three-page list of residents, there's no wording on it. It's just names and addresses. To me it could be INAUDIBLE for virtually anything. What I saw doesn't have any wording for what it's for. But, you know, rabbits could be only other thing possibly the goats. Rabbits are small animals, they don't cause any noise or anything. I'm going to go sit down, except (unclear)."

Vice Chair Wallace – "I'm not sure what he said."

Chris Jackson – "I think he forgot something important to him and it's in the restroom and realized he washed his hands and left something in the restroom and wants to make sure he gets it back. I don't blame him, I wouldn't want to come home without mine either."

Mr. Jackson also clarified that the property is zoned suburban residential and how it applies to the request as well as the difference between the agriculture residential zoning.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to deny without prejudice, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0.

- IX.2) File Z25-10-02 for the property at 3448 Kingston Hwy., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcel M14291, requests to rezone from Community Commercial (C-C) to Light Industrial (L-I). Staff recommended approval on the condition that no outdoor storage is allowed. Planning Commission recommended approval on the condition that no outdoor storage is allowed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor. Seeing no one to speak in favor, Vice Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition. Seeing no one to speak in opposition, Vice Chair Wallace closed the public hearing.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve with the condition that no outdoor storage is allowed, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

- IX.3) File Z25-11-01 for the property at 148, 425, & 601 Dellinger Rd., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcels L12Y053A, L12Z073A & L12Z070,

requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in support.

IN FAVOR

Jerry McCullough – “My name is Jerry McCullough and I live at 425 Dellinger Road. To keep it kind of plain and simple, I’m trying to build a barn. I didn’t know you couldn’t build a barn there. Public utilities stop probably, county water stops probably a mile from this property. County road pavement stops probably a quarter of a mile from this road, from this property. Also I own another 15 acre tract that’s not on here that I want zoned also but I’ll do that at a later date it didn’t get put on this one. Just to keep it kind of plain and simple I’m just trying to build a barn and was told I couldn’t do that because it was suburban residential and the only way I could was it to be agriculture residential. John Graham, not sure if you all know him or not, has probably a 100-acre pasture between me and the subdivision with livestock and cows and things like that. I’m just trying to think if there’s anything else I needed to mention. But yeah, like I said, county utilities are nowhere near the property, the only thing we have is Georgia Power we have to pump in sunshine up there. My thought on it was to just build a barn and that’s what I’m trying to do.”

Seeing no one else to speak in favor or support, Vice Chair Wallace closed the public hearing.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

- IX.4) File SUP25-11-03 for the property at 197 Isbell Road, Silver Creek, GA 30173, Floyd County Tax Parcel K16200, being zoned Suburban Residential (S-R), requests a Special Use Permit for a solar energy facility (solar farm). Staff recommended denial. Planning Commission recommended approval on 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 by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in support.

IN FAVOR

Warren Kritko – “My name is Warren Kritko, 100 Chimney Springs, I’m here to represent the development company, C-Tech Solar. We’ve been working with Mr. Larry Hampton for quite some time to try to figure out if this project initially would work with him but, I guess let me kind of just get started. The property is there on 197 Isbell Road, what we’re requesting is the special use permit so that we can be able to build solar there on the property as it sits right now we’re more than willing to work with any sort of recommendation that the commission may make for us to abide by to make it work. We’re here full flexibility for whatever those conditions may be. So C-Tech solar we’re a solar developer we develop projects all over the country. First thing that we did is Georgia Power had reached out as a natural RFP, which is a request for proposal, they said they wanted to add additional generation to the grid here in Georgia and specifically here in Rome. And whenever they give us a map they’ll say we want you know 200 additional megawatts of power, here’s a map of the local grid and ultimately where the power is needed on the grid the most. That’s kind of determined by either growth in the community or new manufacturing that could be happening. They say hey look we need power here on the grid. What we do is we just kind of take that map and do a simple exercise. We look at landowners that are around the map that are as close to it as possible and then we contact them. So we had reached out to Mr. Larry Hampton. Larry has owned the land there over 50 years between him and his father. His father had initially some years ago tried to, took it from agricultural zoning initially and had brought it into residential with the purposes of trying to do a community. He wanted to build some houses there, had a friend of his that was a builder and that was their first initial goal. After trying that, you know, for many years and getting financing together and everything else they ended up running into roadblocks on a portion of the land that’s on the most furthest right side just below down where the other road intersects. There was basically a portion of that land that was eventually considered condemned and then that property was ultimately could no longer use it, I guess. It was taken in an eminent domain sort of scenario which blocked ultimately an entrance they were wanting to use that property for. So at that point the plans for trying to do something more residentially concerning kind of went out the door because there was no way to access it in the way they had originally planned it. So after that basically Larry had lived on the property for a period of time. He ultimately was working for Georgia Power for a period of time. So when we reached out to him and we said hey, you know, is there some way, you know, would you be interested in using your property for a solar farm. He said yeah who is this with and we told him about Georgia Power. He was excited about that. Only because he had worked there before in the past. And so, you know, his father has now passed away. His father’s kind of request was like hey Larry figure out some way to have this benefit our family, to make money. I know you can do something with it son, basically. And so basically Larry approached us and said he was interested and wanted to do the lease. And so we’ve reached out to him and basically, you know, we know that, you know, we’re just the developer in the middle of this, you know, we’re not here to create a political statement or anything about renewal energy. We’re

just simply the people who can come in and ultimately fulfill the building side of it from Georgia Power and ultimately the request from the land owner to lease the property. Now, we would be leasing the property which ultimately has financial gain for Larry and his family. First and foremost that's what he's wanting to do. Secondly the project will continue to generate revenue for the city. The taxes for the foreseeable future will continue to be paid by the project year over year over year. Outside of that, the system will help provide cheaper power for the grid which ultimately does help for price and for Georgia Power long term, which will...both Larry and us to hopefully help the community with in that regard. And so, the system itself will provide power for about 2,500 homes and so it's a pretty, pretty good amount of homes. You know in the world of solar this is really like a small project. It's 5-6 megawatts relatively small in most solar farms, you hear that you kind of think kind of like hundreds of acres this huge solar thing. This is really, definitely small, condensed, hidden behind the fence with trees and shrubbery around it so we can make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible. Our goal is to work with the commission in any way that we can ultimately to try to get the special use case permits so we can build it here which ultimately will help Larry and we feel will also help the city and community as a whole."

George Dean – "Hello my name is George Dean, I live at 228 Hennon Drive Apartment A in Rome Georgia. The idea of solar power really excites me as a clean energy alternative. being lifelong asthmatic I'm all for clean air, clean water and clean anything else we can get our hands on. And so what I'm trying to say is there is a criticism out there about solar panels that it can be negated. I'm sure they already thought about via the contractor already uses higher quality panels and maintains them finely at a fine rate and so forth. I'm sure Georgia Power will as they have in many other products throughout the whole state that I've been acquainted with looking through the internet. And so I would just like to urge support for the solar farm and I understand the need for something to be done with a piece of land someone has ambition to do farming with it. Something needs to be done so that the land is maintained and is useful, and in this case, sounds like it's going to be maintained within the family or handed on down and that's a wonderful thing. And that's all I've got to say."

Amelia Fair – "Hello, my name is Amelia Fair address is 670 DeKalb Avenue SE, Atlanta Ga. I'm here with the Georgia Land and Liberty Coalition. We are a 13-state project of the conservative energy network which is based in 26 states here. We believe in supporting secure reliable affordable renewable American made energy. We at the Land and Liberty Coalition work to support utility scale renewable energy developments on the basis of conservative values like property rights, economic prosperity, national security. The coalition consists of farmers, landowners and key stake holders who hold these values to heart. I have the privilege of working across the state of Georgia and get to bear witness to communities like Floyd County as they are asked to make decisions about how we in Georgia think about our future, how we

balance growth and land use, landowners rights and long term economic stability for the community. These decisions are not always simple but they are critical and why I am here today and what my organization believes at its core is that these solar leases are first and foremost a property rights issue. Land owners who have worked their land for a generation or generations should have the freedom to decide how best to provide for their families and maintain their property. Often landowners say yes to a solar lease because it offers stable long-term income. Income that keeps the land in the family and protects open space for more intensive development. Too many farmers today are forced to sell of their land to make ends meet and that usually means that land is lost forever due to dense cookie cutter subdivisions that permanently change the character of a rural community. For example, I'm from a small town in Indiana and just recently the commission denied a solar project and instead a neighborhood of 700 cookie cutter houses went where that would be. And I think that's a perfect example of how solar does indeed keep your community rural. You can provide, as the commission, buffers that protect the visual landscape and other things. Again, to emphasize you can't remove 700 homes once they're there but you can remove a solar project at the end of its lifecycle. Solar offers a different path, it allows landowners to keep their property, keep their independence and keep their land in the family. A solar lease provides a stable income without selling a single acre and unlike residential development, solar is temporary like I said. When the project reaches end of life, the panels come out, the equipment is removed and the land can return to full agriculture use. Solar doesn't take farmland away, instead it helps preserve it. Local solar development also strengthens local economies. Utility scale solar projects deliver millions of dollars in tax revenue over their lifetime. Funds that support your local schools, public safety and county services without requiring new infrastructure or adding strain to community resources. Specifically in Georgia, renewable energy provides \$31 million dollars in drought proof land lease payments to farmers, ranchers and land owners, \$41 million dollars in property and state local taxes that invest in local communities and support 28,000 Georgians in renewable energy jobs. They create local construction jobs, support small businesses and attract new investment. This is a steady predictable revenue that counties can count on year after year. Responsible solar development is a matter of planning for the future. Energy demand in our state continues to grow and it's not going to stop. Georgia can either meet that need by embracing home grown power that supports your local community or by relying on out of state resources that don't benefit your citizens or your community. Property sited solar is not a threat to a way of life but a tool to preserve it. It protects property rights, provides long term economic stability, contributes to ever growing energy demands and allows counties to guide their growth on their own terms. I'm out of time."

Seeing no one else to speak in favor, Vice Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition.

IN OPPOSITION

Cynthia Decker – “My name is Cynthia Decker and I live at 316 Isbell Road. So I am actually one of the residents that live off the road. I unfortunately just found out about this last night when I went to pick up a Thanksgiving pie and somebody heard my address and told me about this. I was not notified, I did not know any of this was going on but I am quite concerned. I just moved here. It will be a year in December. I came here for peace, for agriculture. I have a house I moved into it was built in 1938, it's an old barn and we have a lot of wildlife in this area. Isbell Road is only a one lane road, it is not a big road. It is a cut through that not everyone uses but we do travel it. Most people have to pull over to let the other person go. It's not like a road that you can have a lot of heavy trucks coming up and down. I'm pretty concerned about this to be honest because I moved from a very busy area in Ball Ground, Georgia and I went through some hardship and lost my home and kind of had to move out here over an hour from my family and I found this place to be extremely peaceful. And the people here are like no other place to be honest. I love everything about here honestly. I am quite concerned about this because number one when they came to do the survey which happened last about a month, my road was littered. I would go out there and pick up trash off the road where all the surveyors left all their trash. I also love walking that road and seeing nature and seeing the beauty of it and I really don't want to look at a solar panel farm to be quite honest. We're in a residential area, there's a lot of homes, there's a neighborhood there. There are churches on either side. I don't think this is a proper place to build a solar farm. Build a farm a cattle farm something I mean something that's going to benefit. I understand that these do benefit but I mean but put it somewhere else. I mean we've got 411 we've got highway after highway could we not stick it out there. Why does it have to be on my road? I know I speak for a lot of people because I saw it all over Facebook. And it just bothers me. I understand I'm not against progress but I'm kind of against it in my neighborhood. I just don't think I want to look at solar panels and that's just the honest truth. And there's a humming sound that comes from them. Would you want to live next to that? When you moved here for the beauty of the agricultural land I mean who wants to be next to a solar panel. Not to mention it's going to destroy our property value I mean nobody wants to...how would you sell your house living next to a solar panel farm? Like I, I just really in my heart because all the animals we have. Where are they going to go? You have to clear that out they're are fire risk. We're rural. I mean that thing sets of fire the wind that comes through. I mean, I've got four trees. I've got five trees they're over 200 years old. They're historical. Like if something happened and that thing caught ablaze the wind that comes through my property is unbelievable, like, and that's a real problem. If that did happen you can't put them out, there electrical. They're very hard, like electric cars. What are you going to do? Most of the time they just let them burn. What happens to the houses? What happens to the guy across the street whose backing up to it. I mean I just, I've never done anything like this but honestly I'm against this. I don't think it's okay. I don't think it's the proper place. I'm not against solar farms I just don't think this is the proper place to put it. It's a small little area and I love my area and I love my peace. I really do. I don't

want to see trucks on my little road in front of my house constantly trying to build a solar panel farm. It's going to take a year to do something like that. You talk about the destruction, the trash and the noise and the humming. Would you want to live next to it? I'm just being honest. Would you? I wouldn't. I don't. And I didn't buy this house to live next to it. I wouldn't have never even have thought this would even have been an option to be honest. I thought maybe a neighborhood would go up there. I'd rather have houses and people than a solar far. That's just, that's just my opinion. I'm about nature and Jesus, living my life in peace and that's just what I want. Apparently the Planning Department declined it and said they didn't want it but somehow here we are. I think they were right. I don't think this is the proper place, little Silver Creek. It's a beautiful area. It's quiet. People keep to themselves. And from what I remember the man that owned the farm who has passed away, he didn't want the land to be out of his family and I get that, but I don't think we would have wanted solar panels on it and wiping it clean so that you can build something like that. That's my personal opinion. I wouldn't have wanted that if it was my land. So, that's my feelings and I hope that you all take that into consideration as somebody that was never notified and lives there and loves that place. So."

Kristie Miner – "I actually didn't sign up, I wasn't sure I was going to speak or not. It's Kristie Miner, at 207 Dodd St. I only come because I actually, my home is in Vermont and I can tell you over the last 10 years there has been an explosion of solar panel farms in Vermont. So when I return home the landscape looks so different and my mother complains about it constantly. I know we're just talking about one little patch here but my concern is where that might lead. And also the corporate...the term I want to use probably is not appropriate right here. The corporate stealing of our resources. I just pulled an article, from this is July of this year 2025, out of Solarcell "Are Solar Panels Vermont's Latest Untouchable Icon" I'm just going to read some things I was underlining as the previous lady was talking. Inefficiency and environmental risks, industrial scale solar power may appear compelling at first glance however when placed incorrectly within our fragile ecosystems it becomes inefficient and can lead to severe environmental ramifications. The industrial solar plantation dilemma as Vermont moves toward becoming an industrial solar plantation state, high value renewable energy generation here may be sold off without any guarantee that it will benefit local communities or residents instead of contributing to the state's energy needs or economy. This power could be exported elsewhere while wealthy developers reap substantial profits. You know I want this family to be able to keep their land. I want, I think, honestly I think its terrible that they've had the domain taken away so they can't even access for their regional plan. There's so much government control over personal property so I actually agree a lot with what Ms. Amelia had said previously so these are big issues and concerns. I don't want to take away their rights to use their land but I do have concerns with this solar project."

Wayne Clonts – “I’m Wayne Clonts and I live at 205 Isbell Road and I’ve been living there about 40 years. I’m in the middle of that and I think it would be a good thing there. We have a lot of power outages over there and it’s due to not having enough power a lot of times and I think personally if we had another source of power and put power in that would be a good thing. I’ve been there 40 years and there’s not another house within 125 yards of the solar farm if and when it goes in. But I personally think it would be a good thing and help matters out that way, I do. That’s all I’ve got to say.”

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to deny, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

- IX.5) File Z25-11-06 for the property at 1192 Mays Bridge Road (o Mays Bridge Road as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel F14Y024A, requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval on the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district. Planning Commission recommended approval on the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor.

IN FAVOR

Joseph Dekam – "Hello my name is Joseph Dekam, I own the property at 1192 Mays Bridge Road and I just wanted to clarify that I do not plan to use that building for any kind of commercial operation. It’s basically just for my stuff. I do plan on building a house there at some point but I don’t have the money to put the house up now and also build the barn. So that’s why I wanted to rezone so I could build the barn first and hopefully use that for the next five or so years so I can move up this way and build the house. Again it’s just going to be used for personal storage and stuff that I need, tractors and stuff that I need for the property itself. Thank you."

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve with the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district., seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0.

- IX.6) File Z25-11-07 for the property at 965 Plainville Road (o Plainville Rd. as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Plainville, GA 30733, Floyd County Tax Parcel N09132, requests to rezone from Suburban Residential (S-R) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Staff recommended approval on the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or

activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district. Planning Commission recommended approval on the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Wood presented the item from the planning commission for second reading.

Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor.

IN FAVOR

Steven Garland – "Good evening my name is Steve Garland, I'm the property owner. I live at 22 Winnie Road Rome, Ga. My family has been farming the area there for right at 100 years. My family's got about 100 acres connected nearby. I appreciate the consideration to get this rezoned so I could put a barn and shop up. I do plan on building there here in the near future but it will be a little time out before we'll be ready to do that. That's all I got thank you."

Seeing no one else to speak in favor, Vice Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition. Seeing no one to speak in opposition, Vice Chair Wallace closed the public hearing.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve with the condition that the shop will be used for personal storage and/or activities or a use allowed within the A-R zoning district, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

X) PUBLIC HEARING

- X.1) Adopt an ordinance of the County Commission of Floyd County, Georgia regarding the closure of a portion of Lakeridge Circle NW.

Mr. McCord presented the ordinance to the commission. Vice Chair Wallace opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor. Seeing no one else to speak in favor, Vice Chair Wallace asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition. Seeing no one to speak, Vice Chair Wallace closed the public hearing.

David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 3-0.

XI) RESOLUTIONS

- XI.1) Adopt a resolution to extend a moratorium regarding convenience store and gas stations.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

XII) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**XIII) COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Wallace gave an update on the former LEC and historic courthouse renovations.

Commissioner Burnes gave an update on a refurbished fire truck, new recruits at the fire department, and the Thunderbirds scheduled for an airshow in April. Commissioner Thornton gave an update on Joint Solid Waste, TCC/TPC, and the recent ribbon cutting for the Clocktower restoration.

XIII.1) Public Safety Committee

- a. Next Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 10:00 AM, 2025

XIII.2) Administrative Services Committee

- a. Next Meeting, Thursday, January 22, 10:00 AM, 2026

XIII.3) Elected Officials Committee

- a. Next Meeting, TBD

XIII.4) Public Utilities & Transportation Committee

- a. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 AM, 2025

XIII.5) Special Committee Reports

- a. Fire Overview Committee

Next Meeting, TBD, 2026

- b. Joint Services Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 9:00 AM, 2025

- c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission

Next Meeting, Thursday, December 4, 2:30 PM, 2025

- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee

Next Meeting, TBD, 2026

- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission

Next Meeting, TBD, 2026

- f. Transportation Policy Committee

Next Meeting, TBD, 2026

- g. Airport Commission

Next Meeting, Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 PM, 2026

- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Next Meeting, TBD

- i. RFPR Advisory Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 16, 12:00 PM, 2025

- j. Floyd County Library Board

Next Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 4:00 PM, 2026

XIV) MANAGER'S REPORT**XV) ATTORNEY'S REPORT****XVI) CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Chumbler reported that the Consent Agenda was in order with item #2 be approved pending final legal review.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 3-0.

XVI.1) Consider request from Parks and Recreation to approve a sponsorship agreement with United Rentals at the Ice skating rink in the amount of \$2,000. This will be billed at the time of approval.

XVI.2) Consider request to approve the renewal of the SHARP/Everbank copier agreement for the Clerk of Superior Court's office. This contract is \$900 less annually than the current contract.

XVI.3) Consider request from Purchasing to approve a renewal agreement for the UKG Kronos Time Clock module with UKG Kronos in the amount of \$5,080.00 annually. This vendor has supplied us with this service since 2018. We request approval pending Legal Review. This is included in the 2026 budget.

XVI.4) Consider request from County Clerk's Office to approve a change of ownership for consumption off premises beer license and self service fuel license to Kalasben Raval for Rocket 3 Inc. dba Burnett Ferry Quick Stop at 500 Burnett Ferry Road. All fees and signatures have been obtained by the application.

XVI.5) Consider request to approve first amendment and ratification agreement with Studio 8 for the Ag Center.

XVII) OLD BUSINESS

XVIII) NEW BUSINESS

XIX) OTHER BUSINESS

XX) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vincent Mendes, Rome; Addressed the Commission requesting the removal of an elections board member.

David Kearns, 670 Rush Chapel Road; Addressed the commission regarding an issue with Georgia Power.

George Dean, 228 Hennon Drive, Armuchee; Addressed the commission regarding paving on Hennon Drive in Armuchee.

XXI) ADJOURN

Seeing no other business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

