



Joint Services Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Sam King Room, 601 Broad St., Rome, GA**

Minutes

Commissions: Floyd County Board of Commissioners
Rome City Commission

Members: Chair Allison Watters, Floyd County
Vice Chair Larry Maxey, Floyd County
Mayor Craig McDaniel, Rome City
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Bojo, Rome City

Others Present: County Manager Jamie McCord, Rome City Manager Sammy Rich,
County Clerk Erin Elrod, Cave Spring City Manager Nick McLemore,
Doug Walker, David Crowder, Chief Denise Downer McKinney, City
Clerk Joe Smith, Toni Rhinehart, Aundi Lesley, Chris Jackson, and Mark
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I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Mayor Craig McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The minutes of the February 6, 2024 Joint Services Committee meeting were approved by common consent.

II. Parking Management

County Manager Jamie McCord and City Manager Sammy Rich began a discussion on parking management in Downtown Rome. McCord provided an update regarding parking and informed the committee of the County's intent to retain the management of the parking decks on 4th and 6th Avenues. Rich notified the committee of the City's exploration of privatized parking enforcement downtown. Rich commented, "There are going to be a lot of changes for parking going forward... It is going to be a coordinated effort."

III. COAM Update

Mayor McDaniel began the discussion on the recent moratoriums issued by the City of Rome, Floyd County, and the City of Cave Spring. McDaniel notified the committee of his concerns as they relate to stores that sell vape products and stores that house Coin

Operated Amusement Machines (COAMs). McDaniel would like to analyze what is being sold to ensure it is legal.

McDaniel expressed interest in the City creating a City issued stamp, which would be obtained by paying a corresponding fee per COAM. McDaniel added that the revenue generated by this endeavor could be used for community service efforts. Additional conversation ensued related to vape shops and COAMs. This discussion resulted in a suggestion by Chair Allison Watters for the members of the committee to “get the blessing” of their respective commissions prior to proceeding with the conversation. Watters also encouraged the committee to discuss the regulatory options with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), and state legislators.

IV. County PD Relocation

County Manager McCord began by notifying the committee of a bid opening for the renovation of Glenwood School, which will be the new home of Floyd County’s police department. City Manager Rich notified the committee of the Rome Police Department’s upcoming move to 375 Technology Parkway, which will take place in the coming days. Rich expects the Rome Police Department to be open at 375 Technology Parkway on April 9, 2024.

V. Jail Agreement

County Manager Jamie McCord notified the committee that the booking and daily fee for inmates of the Floyd County jail increased on April 1, 2024. The booking fee is \$25.00, and the per-day fee is \$65.00. City Manager Rich stated the agreement would be brought before the Public Safety Committee prior to being presented to the Rome City Commission.

VI. Other Business

County Manager McCord informed the committee of the recent passage of Georgia Senate Bill 349.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.