



**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 25, 2021**

**Forum River Center**

**Caucus—Floyd Room 4:00 pm**  
**Regular Meeting—Ballroom 6:00 pm**

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**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS WRIGHT BAGBY, ALLISON WATTERS, LARRY MAXEY, AND SCOTTY HANCOCK; COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER GARY BURKHALTER, COUNTY CLERK ERIN ELROD, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY CHRIS JACKSON; TODD WOFFORD, BRICE WOOD, SUISE GASS, ART NEWELL, OLIVIA MORLEY, BRUCE IVEY, BRANDON BOWEN, AMY DAWKINS, HOLLIS BARTON, AND LAUREN CHUMBLER.**

**PRESENT VIRTUALLY: RHONDA WALLACE**

**CAUCUS**

**1. Update on the Parks & Recreation Department**

**CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE MEETING. MR. WOFFORD UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON PROJECTS, EVENTS, AND REGISTRATIONS AT ROME-FLOYD PARKS AND RECREATION. CHAIR BAGBY CONTINUED WITH THE REVIEW OF THE AGENDA. MR. WOOD PRESENTED THE ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIR BAGBY AND MR. MCCORD CONTINUED THROUGH THE AGENDA. MR. MCCORD ASKED THE COMMISSION TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE AGENDA: UPDATE TO THE FLOYD COUNTY FACE COVERING POLICY AND AN EMPLOYEE VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. MR. MCCORD THEN REVIEWED THE CONSENT AGENDA AND NEW BUSINESS. MS. GASS PRESENTED THE FY2020 FINAL REVISED BUDGET.**

**VICE WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIR BAGBY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG — COMMISSIONER HANCOCK LED THE COMMISSION IN THE INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEMS 1 AND 2 UNDER MANAGER’S REPORT. MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

MR. HUGH TYNER OF SCHNAUZERFEST ROME CAME TO SPEAK TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EVENT ORIGINALLY BOOKED AT THE FORUM RIVER CENTER FOR OCTOBER 22-23, 2021. MR. TYNER STATED IN THIS FALL OF 2019, THIS WAS AN EXCITING EVENT THAT CAME TO ROME. HE PASSED OUT A LETTER THAT HE READ OUT LOUD TO THE COMMISSION. COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD STATED NO ONE IS AGAINST EVENT, BUT THEY HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THE PANDEMIC. HE STATED THERE WAS NO DEPOSIT OR CONTRACT ON FILE AND ASKED MR. TYNER IF HE COULD PROVIDE. MR. MCCORD STATED THAT THE GEORGIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE WAS NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO COURTS RESIDING. HE STATED HE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE EVENT, BUT NOT A SIMPLE PROBLEM. HE STATED THE PROBLEM LIES WITH SECURING THE BUILDING, AND IT IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS HAVING EVENT, LEAVING, AND COURTS OPEN BACK UP. MR. MCCORD STATED THEY DID HAVE DEPOSIT FOR FIREFIGHTERS’ EVENT, AND IT IS A FLUID SITUATION. HE STATED IT IS POSSIBLE IT COULD HAPPEN, BUT HE CAN’T ANSWER THAT QUESTION RIGHT NOW. MR. TYNER ASKED IF THE COURTS WILL BE MOVED FOR THE EVENT STATED. HE STATED THOMAS KISLAT THAT USED TO BE MANAGEMENT AT THE FORUM STATED HE HAD SECURED DATES. MR. TYNER STATED MR. KISLAT NEVER CONTACTED HIM, AND HE NEVER HEARD BACK FROM THE FORUM UNTIL APRIL 2021. HE STATED IT HAS BEEN AN UNUSUAL TIME. HE STATED HE HAS 2,000 PEOPLE AND NO PLACE TO GO. MR. MCCORD STATED HE TALKED TO LISA SMITH ABOUT FAIRGROUNDS. MR. TYNER STATED THAT CHIAHA HAS ALREADY BEEN BOOKED FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS. MR. MCCORD STATED WE ARE ONLY TWO MONTHS INTO TRYING TO PLAY CATCHUP ON JUDICIAL, AND UNTIL THOSE ORDERS CEASE THAT PROCESS IS PRIORITY. HE STATED IT IS A FLUID SITUATION. MR. TYNER STATED THE EVENT IS IN 5 MONTHS, AND THERE IS NO COURT ON SATURDAY. HE ASKED IF HE COULD HIRE THE FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT OR THE ROME CITY POLICE TO HELP SECURE THE BUILDING. MR. MCCORD ASKED IF HE HAD TALKED TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT IT. MR. TYNER STATED HE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MECHELLE, WHO WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE ALONG, BUT THE SHERIFF HASN’T CALLED HIM BACK. MR. MCCORD STATED GIVE ME YOUR NUMBER AND WILL FACILITATE CONVO WITH SHERIFF AND MYSELF. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESIDENTS REQUIRED TO COME TO COURT. VISITOR - CARTERSVILLE? CAN’T FIND AN INDOOR FACILITLY. WANTED TO HAVE IT IN HELEN. HANCOCK – ONE DAY

EVENT? VISITOR – YES, START LATE AT NIGHT ON FRIDAY. BURKS FARM ON FRIDAY.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Adopt minutes of Caucus and Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021. **CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.**

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

1. National Public Works Week — **COMMISSIONER MAXEY PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MICHAEL SKEEN.**

**VIII. FIRST READING**

**IX. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS  
(FIRST READINGS HELD MAY 11, 2021 AT 6PM)**

1. File SUP21-05-02 requesting a special use permit for a solar farm for the property located at 2767 Calhoun Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel L12X015. Planning staff recommends approval. It was approved by the planning commission 7-1.  
**BRICE WOOD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION. CHAIR BAGBY EXPLAINED THE RULES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN.**

**SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

MICHAEL CONNELL, 330 FERRY LANDING, ATLANTA, GA  
MR. CONNELL STATED HE REPRESENTS RADIANT SOLAR ENGERGY. HE STATED THIS SUP IS PART OF A GE PROGRAM THEY ARE CLOSE TO GETTING A CONTRACT FOR, AND HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING. HE LISTED THOSE, STATING THEY HAVE SECURITY FENCING, REINFORCING BUFFERS, IS SETBACK A MIN OF 50 FEET FROM RESIDENTIAL ROAD. HE STATED THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT PROPERTY VALUE, RUNOFF DURING CONSTRUCTION. HE STATED THE PANELS ABSORB SUNLIGHT, AND DO NOT REFLECT. HE STATED THE FENCING FOLLOWS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GA EPD FROM RUNOFF TO WATER SURROUNDING SITE. MR. CONNELL STATED A STUDY REPORT STATES THAT SOLAR FARMS HAVE INCREASED PROPERTIES IN THE AREA, AND HE IS WILLING TO SHARE REPORTS WITH COMMISSION. HE STATED SOLAR FARMS ARE GENERALLY VERY GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND DO NOT PRODUCE A LOT OF TRAFFIC. HE STATED THIS WOULD BE A 23-ACRE PARCEL BUT LANDOWNER WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PARCEL OF FIVE ACRES AND THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT BUFFER AT THE NEAREST NEIGHBOR.

**SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION:**

SHEROLD SALMON, 2485 CALHOUN RD, ROME, GA

MR. SALMON STATED HE APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HIS STORY. HE STATED HE DOES NOT FEEL LIKE THEY NEED THIS IN THEIR AREA, AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL. HE STATED IT WOULD BE AN EYE SORE WITH SOLAR PANELS. HE READ A LETTER WRITTEN BY A CITIZEN WHO WOULD LIVE BEHIND THE SOLAR PANELS, MAURINE DILLARD. THE LETTER STATED: "I DON'T WANT. I TAKE CARE OF MY HUSBAND, AND THE NOISE WOULD MAKE HIM GO CRAZY. IF I EVER WANTED TO BUILD, I WOULD BE RIGHT BEHIND IT. WOULD LIKE SOME SOURCE OF POWER, BUT I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE THIS." MR. SALMON STATED THEY HAVE TRIED TO CLEAN EVERYTHING UP AND LOOKING GOOD, BUT HE WISHED THE COUNTY COULD FIND SOMEWHERE NOT AS CLOSE TO TOWN. HE STATED HE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE IF COMMISSION WOULD CONSIDER NOT APPROVING.

MARVIN RICHARDS, 23 FERNWOOD WAY, ROME, GA

MR. RICHARDS STATED THE MODEL AREA IS A CLOSE-KNIT RESIDENTIAL AG COMMUNITY. HE STATED WE ARE FORTUNATE MOST INDUSTRY IS ON LAND SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED WITH INFRASTRUCURE WITH BENEFITS OF SEGREGATION. HE STATED HE IS CONCERNED WITH MANY FACTORS, INCLUDING VALUATION OF PROPERTY. MR. RICHARDS STATED STUDIES IN 1990'S SHOW PROPERTY VALUE WITHIN .10 MILE OF A SOLAR FARM DECREASES 7-10% AND MILE CIRCUMFERENCE DECREASES 5-7% (1990 SURVEY). HE STATED IT WILL ALTER LANDSCAPE BUT WILL CREATE REAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES, WILL BE HARMFUL TO WILDLIFE, POLLINATION PROCESS, GLOBAL WARMING. HE ASKED IF THE COMMISSION HAD CONSIDERED WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PROJECT PHASES OUT, AND IF THEY HAD PLANS FOR RESTORATION. HE STATED THERE IS TOXIC WASTE LEAKING FROM STORAGE CELLS, CAPITAL WASTE, CAUSING DANGER TO HUMANS. HE ASKED THE COMMISSION IF THEY WOULD WANT NEAR THEIR HOME. HE ASKED WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO BEAR THE BLIGHT TO THE AREA WE CALL HOME.

RAYMOND SIMON, 3025 CALHOUN ROAD, ROME, GA

MR. SIMON STATED HE HAS LIVED HERE SINCE 6 YEARS OLD, AND THIS IS AN AG COMMUNITY, AND THERE ARE MORE PLACES IN COUNTY. HE STATED HE IS NOT AGAINST IT, BUT AGAINST WHERE THEY ARE PUTTING IT. HE STATED TWO MILES OF CITY LIMITS IS JUST A WRONG AREA TO PLACE. MR. SIMON STATED KIDS ARE DRIVING THE SAME ROUTE AROUND THE CURVE TO AND FROM SCHOOL, AND THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT SHINY PANELS. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMERCIAL AREAS.

MICHAEL PEARSON, 22 WHISPERING PINES, ROME, GA

MR. PEARSON STATED THERE ARE 150 YARDS WHERE SOLAR PANELS ARE. HE STATED THIS CAN BE A GREAT THING IN MANY CASES, BUT THEY DON'T WANT THEM THERE. HE STATED THERE IS AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY 2-3% IN CURRENT MARKET. HE STATED HE COMPARED HOME THAT SOLD BEFORE SOLAR PANELS WERE INSTALLED, AND AFTER FOR A COMPARISON. HE STATED PERCENTAGES GO

FROM 10-15% LESS. MR. PEARSON STATED HE IS IN FAVOR OF CLEAN ENERGY, BUT NOT WHERE IT IS, AND HE HAS TALKED TO MANY WHO FEEL THE SAME.

**REBUTTAL:**

MICHAEL CONNELL, 330 FERRY LANDING, ATLANTA, GA  
MR. CONNELL STATED HE UNDERSTANDS THE CONCERNS, BUT THEY ARE UNFOUNDED. HE STATED THE REASON THEY WOULD LIKE IT PLACED THERE IS BECAUSE THE GEORGIA POWER DISTRIBUTION LINE HAS HIGH CAPACITY THERE, AND A LOT OF LOAD IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED. HE STATED IT IS A VERY GOOD SITUATED SITE, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO BUFFER AND STAY AWAY FROM NEIGHBORS. MR. CONNELL STATED FOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURVE, THE SETBACK IS A MINIMUM OF 50 FEET AND THERE IS ABOUT 200 YARDS TO FIRST PANEL. HE STATED IT WILL BE BEHIND A NATURAL BUFFER, AND WILL BE REINFORCED. HE STATED CARS WILL NOT DRIVE BY AND SEE SOLAR PANELS, AND THERE WILL BE NO GLARE OR REFLECTION. HE STATED THE AFOREMENTIONED 1990 REPORTS ARE STALE, AND HIS STUDY IS FROM 2019 AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE. HE STATED SOLAR IS A FRIEND TO AG, WITH NO ADVERSE EFFECTS. HE STATED THEY FOLLOW EVERY LAW, ARE COMPLIANT, AND WILL BE VERY GOOD NEIGHBORS. HE STATED HE IS WILLING TO ADDRESS ANY OTHER CONCERNS.

**CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED 5-0.**

2. File SUP21-05-03 requesting a special use permit for a residential cluster for the property located at 1595 Old Summerville Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel J10Y121B. Planning staff recommends approval with the understanding that any final plans will need approval from the Fire Marshal's Office, amongst others. It was approved by planning commission 8-0.  
**BRICE WOOD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

WALT BUSBY, 8 WAGNON COURT, ROME, GA.  
MR. BUSBY STATED THE PROJECT HAS BEEN 4 YEARS IN THE WORKS, AND THE COMMISSION HAS SEEN THE PROPERTY MANY TIMES. HE STATED HE WAS INSPIRED FROM TRIP TO GAINESVILLE TO LOOK AT INFIELD PROJECT DOING HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES LIKE THIS. HE STATED THEY HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND THERE IS A HUGE NEED IN HOUSING IN ROME AND FLOYD COUNTY. HE STATED 14 WILL BE FOR RENT, AND THE INTENTION IS TO BUILD HOMES WITH 2-3 BEDROOMS ON THIS PROPERTY. HE STATED POCKET COMMUNITIES ARE BEING ADOPTED ACROSS THE U.S., AND IT CREATES A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY. HE STATED HE HOPES THE RENTAL UNITS WILL QUALIFY FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING. HE STATED HE MET WITH SANDRA HUDSON AND TEAM, AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN PLANNING TO GET APPROVAL FOR

ZONING. HE STATED THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS QUESTIONS FOR HIM INCLUDED FIRE PREVENTION. HE STATED HE WILL WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET TRUCKS IN AND OUT SAFELY. MR. BUSBY STATED ONE COMMUNITY ASKED IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CREATE A FENCE IN FRONT TO GIVE PRIVACY. HE STATED IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR SEWER, BUT CAN CREATE A GREEN SPACE AND WALKING SPACE. HE STATED ALL HOUSES WILL BE CONNECTED WITH SIDEWALK TO CREATE COMMUNITY FEEL, PLAYGROUND, RETENTION POND, AND FENCED. MR. BUSBY STATED THERE WILL BE 28 HOMES ON THE WHOLE PROJECT, MAKING TWO POCKET COMMUNITIES. CHAIR BAGBY STATED THIS WOULD BE A UNIQUE SITUATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. BUSBY STATED HE IS VERY OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**WITH NONE SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION, CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH A SECOND FROM COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

3. File Z21-05-04 requesting rezoning from Suburban Residential to Heavy Industrial for the portion of the property shown on the plat for the property at 0 Turners Bend Road, Rome, Georgia; Floyd County Tax Parcel F14X008. Planning staff recommends approval. It was approved by Planning Commission 8-0.

**BRICE WOOD PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION. CHAIR BAGBY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

BRANDON BOWEN, 15 SOUTH (INAUDIBLE?) SQUARE, CARTERSVILLE, GA, OF GEORGIA-PACIFIC. MR. BOWEN STATED HE AGREES WITH STAFF ANALYSIS. HE STATED GEORGIA-PACIFIC BOUGHT LUMBER MILL AND LONG TERM CONTRACT TO USE THE WET DECK. HE STATED THE CONTRACT ENDED, BUT INTERNATIONAL PAPER WILL NOT RENEW IT SO THEY HAVE TO FIND A SPACE. MR. BOWEN STATED HE IS NOT A JOB CREATOR, BUT A JOB SUSTAINER. HE STATED THAT WITHOUT THIS STORAGE, THE FACILITY ONLY HAS 2-5 DAYS OF OPERATION, AND THEY NEED TO STORE TIMBER ELSEWHERE. HE STATED THE LOCATION THEY ARE REQUESTING IS ADJACENT TO CURRENT SITE, ZONED SUBURBAN-RESIDENTIAL, AND A GREAT FRONTAGE ON THE BYPASS. HE EXPLAINED WHAT A WET DECK MEANS. HE STATED IT IS AN AREA WHERE TIMBER IS STACKED AND SPRAYED TO KEEP FRESH. HE STATED DURING DRY MONTHS THE MILL WOULD BUY MORE TIMBER, AND WET TIMES OF YEAR THEY HAVE TIMBER THEY CAN GO TO IT TO KEEP THE MILL OPERATING. AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, THERE WERE CONCERNS OF OVERSPRAY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER (IP) SITE; DRIVING ON BYPASS, CAR WOULD BE SPRAYED, ROADS WOULD BE WET. HE STATED THERE IS A WET DECK ON THE IP SITE WITH TWO SPIRALS OF TIMBER. HE STATED THE CENTER IS A WATER CAN, AND THE SPRAY IS OVER 250 FEET LONG. HE STATED THE TIMBER IS 400 FT WIDE, AND THE MASSIVE WATER CANNON KEEPS THE WOOD WET. HE SHOWED PICTURES ON THE ELMO. HE STATED GEORGIA-PACIFIC WANTS TO USE ONE THAT'S 50 FEET CONSISTING OF 12-15 SMALLER SPRINKLER HEADS, DESIGNED TO KEEP TIMBER WET, BUT NOT AS MUCH OVERSPRAY. HE STATED THEY HAVE ENTERED

INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TIMBER BUYER IN 200 FT BUFFER, BYPASS, TURNER BEND RD AND FRONT OF NEIGHBORHOOD TO SOUTH. HE STATED THEY WILL MAINTAIN THAT BUFFER. HE STATED AS FAR AS TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON TURNER BEND ROAD, HE HAS ARRANGED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH GENERAL SHALE TO HAVE A ONE-WAY ENTRANCE. TRUCKS COME IN ON TURNER BEND BUT ALL TRUCKS GOING OUT THERE WILL BE AN OUTLET ON THE BYPASS. HE STATED THIS WOULD CUT DOWN TRUCK TRAFFIC ON TURNER BEND BY HALF.

MISSY KENDRICK, HORSELEG CREEK RD, ROME, GA, OF ROME FLOYD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. MS. KENDRICK STATED THAT THESE ARE THE TYPES OF CORPORATE CITIZENS THAT WE WANT TO ATTRACT AND KEEP. SHE STATED THEY SET OUT TO MAKE IT RIGHT. SHE STATED THEY HAVE ADDRESSED ISSUES BROUGHT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SUPPORT OF GEORGIA-PACIFIC.

**SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION:**

KERRY BROWN, 284 CRAFTSMAN ROAD

MR. BROWN STATED HE WAS OPPOSED TO THIS COMING IN ON A COUNTY ROAD. HE STATED THEY GAVE MAYS BRIDGE ROAD TO COME IN ON, AND NOW THEY WANT THIS ONE. HE STATED THEY COME IN ON THE SAME PLACE ON THE BYPASS, AND THERE WILL BE NO LEFT TURN TO GET INTO PROPERTY. HE STATED THERE WILL BE 5-6 TRUCKS COMING IN, SCHOOLS BUSES COMING IN AND OUT, AND AT 07:30AM IT WILL BE A DISASTER. HE ASKED WHY A DEAL CAN'T BE WORKED OUT. HE STATED THERE IS ALREADY ANOTHER ENTRANCE AND ASKS TO USE THE WHOLE THING FOR THE ENTRANCE AND THE EXIT. HE STATED WITH THE BIG CURVE AND LOG TRUCKS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE, AND THERE IS NO TURN LANE TO GET INTO.

MIKE LONG, 4 RED FOX DRIVE, ROME, GA

MR. LONG STATED HE HAS BEEN AT THIS LOCATION FOR 22 YEARS AFTER SERVING IN THE US ARMY. HE STATED HE HAS LOTS FOR HIS THREE DAUGHTERS IN THE SAME COMMUNITY. HE STATED HE IS PLEASED GEORGIA-PACIFIC IS ADDING THE GREEN SPACE AS IT WILL BUFFER TO FOX ESTATES, BUT HIS FEAR IS THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL. MR. LONG STATED EVERY TREE FROM TURNER BEND ALL THE WAY TO INLAND HAS BEEN STRIPPED, AND HIS BACK PORCH VIEW IS OF A HILL AND DUST BLOWING. HE STATED THERE IS NOISE POLLUTION AND AT MIDNIGHT IT LOOKS LIKE EARLY DAWN. HE STATED LOGGING TRUCKS ARE TURNING AROUND ON A ONE LANE ROAD, SIGNS ARE BEING DAMAGED, CULVERTS COLLAPSING. HE STATED IT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR TRAFFIC.

**REBUTTAL:**

MR. BOWEN, GEORGIA-PACIFIC STATED IT WAS DESIGNED BY GDOT TO WITHSTAND THIS KIND OF TRAFFIC. HE STATED THE ENTRANCE WAS DESIGNED FOR THAT, AND THEY ARE DEALING GENERAL SHALE.

**SPEAKING IN FAVOR:**

STEVE HENDRICKS, 252 HAPPY VALLEY CIRCLE, NEWNAN, GA  
MR. HENDRICKS STATED THAT THE WET DECK WILL BRING LOGS IN FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, AND THEY ARE LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER HANCOCK ASKED IF LONG TERM PLANNING WAS FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIAL. MR. WOOD CONFIRMED. COMMISSIONER MAXEY ASKED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IF HE COULD MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH A RIGHT IN AND A RIGHT OUT. COUNTY ATTORNEY CHRIS JACKSON STATED THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF TWO CONDITIONS; 1 – TREES ARE MAINTAINED IN A 200FT. BUFFER ZONE, IN NATURAL FORM, AND 2 – GEORGIA-PACIFIC ENTRY ROUTE AND MEDIAN BREAK IN FRONT OF GENERAL SHALE. HE STATED EMPLOYEES WOULD ENTER FACILITY USING THAT ENTRYWAY, AND CONTRACTORS WOULD USE EXISTING DRIVE ON TURNER BEND FOR EXIT AND PASSENGER/EMERGENCY VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

**CHAIR BAGBY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION. COMMISSIONER MAXEY MADE THE MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0 WITH CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Adopt a resolution declaring certain property of the County unserviceable and authorizing the transfer of said property to the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority. **CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
  - a. Tax Map J13J-165, 7 Forsyth Street
  - b. Tax Map J130-265, 19 Heard Street
  - c. Tax Map K13X-184, 29 Clearvue Circle
  - d. Tax Map J130-245, 106 West Ross Street
  - e. Tax Map J130-248, 118 Ross Street
  - f. Tax Map J13P-095, 125 Perkins Street
  - g. Tax Map I14W-246, Nixon Avenue
  - h. Tax Map I14W-247, Nixon Avenue
  - i. Tax Map I14W-330, 410 Hardy Avenue
  - j. Tax Map I14W-332, 414 Hardy Avenue

**XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Appoint someone to Post ? on the Airport Commission.
2. Appoint someone to the Parks & Recreation Authority.



3. Appoint someone to the Planning Commission.
4. Appoint someone to the NWGA Regional EMS Council

**CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT RIP JOHNSTON TO A FULL TERM ON THE AIRPORT COMMISSION, STARTING IN JULY, AND TO REAPPOINT KENNETH METTEAUER TO THE NWGA REGION 1 EMS COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK WITH A SECOND BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

## **XII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

1. **Administrative Services Committee – Commissioners Allison Watters and Scotty Hancock**
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 9:00am.
2. **Public Safety Committee – Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - a. Next Meeting, Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 9:00am.
3. **Public Utilities & Transportation Committee – Commissioners Larry Maxey and Wright Bagby**
  - a. Next Meeting, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 9:00am.
4. **Elected Officials Committee – Commissioners Rhonda Wallace and Larry Maxey**
  - a. Next Meeting, TBD, at 2:30pm
5. **Special Committee Reports**
  - a. **Fire Overview Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Scotty Hancock**
    - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:30am.
  - b. **Joint Services Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
    - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 8:00am.

- c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 2:30pm.
- d. Joint Development Oversight Committee—Commissioners Wright Bagby and Allison Watters**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10:00am.
- e. Joint Solid Waste Commission—Commissioners Allison Watters and Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 8:30am.
- f. Transportation Policy Committee—Commissioner Larry Maxey**
  - i. Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 2012, at 10:00am.
- g. Airport Commission—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00pm.
- h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee—Commissioners Scotty Hancock and Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next meeting, TBD
- i. RFPR Advisory Committee—Commissioner Rhonda Wallace**
  - i. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 12:00pm.
- j. Judicial Committee/(CJIS) –**
- k. Floyd County Library Board—Commissioner Allison Watters**
  - i. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4:00pm.

### **XIII. MANAGER’S REPORT**

1. Update Floyd County Mask Policy to follow current CDC guidelines.
2. Incentive pay.

**COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD ASKED TO UPDATE THE FLOYD COUNTY MASK POLICY TO FOLLOW CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES. MR.**

**MCCORD DISCUSSED INCENTIVE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, PENDING FINAL LEGAL REVIEW. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY, WITH A SECOND BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**XIV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT**

**XV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**CHAIR BAGBY ASKED IF THE AGENDA WAS IN ORDER. MS. DAWKINS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY WITH A SECOND BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

1. Approve GDOT grant contract for construction of Airport Fencing Phase II (North Perimeter Fence). The request is for the Board of Commissioners to increase the Airport Fence from \$166,750.00 to \$170,191.75 (\$3,441.75 increase) and approve the GDOT grant contract for the project.
2. Approve an increase in monthly tuition for competitive gymnastics team members.
3. Approve new construction land lease for DP Air, LLC for construction of a personal hangar on the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.
4. Approve the Tillman and White Aviation, LLC Construction Land Lease Amendment for leased land at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.
5. Approve the portable T-Hangar Land Lease for the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.
6. Approve a special adjustment for position #506-010 for assignment of technical/visual duties in the office of Superior Court. These newly assigned duties will constitute 40% of the work that is assigned this position going forward. The request is for a 5% equity adjustment. Current wages are \$12.6115 hourly and if approved will increase to \$13.2421 hourly.
7. Approve relief of tax bill for boat tax.
8. Approve request for five (5) permanent part-time positions for Floyd County E-911.
9. Approve updated beverage agreement between the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation.

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS – NO REPORT**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve the low bidder submitted for the Redmond Trail Project. The low bidder is Lewallen Construction Company of Marietta, Georgia in the amount of \$838,153.01.

**COUNTY MANAGER JAMIE MCCORD PRESENTED THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION. HE STATED THIS WAS REVISED AT THE APRIL 23, 2021 MEETING. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HANCOCK. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

2. Approve the FY2020 final budget revision.

**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED THE FINAL BUDGET REVISION TO THE BOARD. HE STATED IT IS HARD TO PREDICT, BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON PAST HISTORY. HE GAVE AN OVERVIEW, AND STATED IT WAS A DIFFICULT YEAR, BUT WE ARE LOOKING TO IMPROVE. MR. MCCORD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET REVISION. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. VICE CHAIR WATTERS MADE THE MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MAXEY. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

3. Approve purchase of real property at 43 Hall Road for future road construction, GDOT PI #0017946.

**MR. MCCORD PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, STATING THAT THIS WILL PROVIDE A SAFE ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS OF HALL ROAD IN THE FUTURE. HE STATED CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN IN 2022. CHAIR BAGBY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK MADE THE MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY VICE CHAIR WATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS –**

**CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE COMMISSION HAD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**VICE CHAIR WATTERS REMINDED EVERYONE THAT SOLID WASTE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AT THE LANDFILL BEGINNING JUNE 1. SHE STATED THIS WAS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE OF A SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE WITH TRAFFIC. WATTERS STATED EVERYONE SHOULD NOW USE REMOTE SITES, AND THE WORKERS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP ASSIST. CHAIR BAGBY STATED HE HOPES THIS WILL WORK WELL.**

**XIX. ADJOURN -**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, CHAIR BAGBY STATED THE MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED.**