

**City of Rome**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 8, 2025**

**PRESENT:**

Committee Chairman Jim Bojo  
City Commissioner Jamie Doss  
City Commissioner Wayne Robinson  
City Manager Sammy Rich  
Assistant City Manager Meredith Ulmer  
Finance Director Toni Rhinehart  
Assistant Finance Director Kraig Ingalsbe  
Vicki Blair, Recording Secretary

Guests: Joe Smith, City Clerk  
Becky Smyth, Purchasing Director  
Kelley Ledford, Assistant to the City Manager  
Major Mark Tison, Rome Police Department  
Doug Walker, Public Relations

Committee Chairman Jim Bojo called the meeting to order and the minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by common consent. He then turned the meeting over to Finance Director Toni Rhinehart.

Ms. Rhinehart stated that the final payment has now been made for TAD 2 and the process has started to dissolve it. A resolution will be presented to the full City Commission at the next Commission meeting to continue the process. A motion was made by Commissioner Wayne Robinson to present this to the Board and was seconded by Commissioner Jamie Doss. Ms. Rhinehart then turned the meeting over to Purchasing Director Becky Smyth.

Ms. Smyth presented and reviewed the changes and updates being made to the 2025 Draft Purchasing Policy, emphasizing the increase in procurement thresholds which align with the Department of Administrative Services guidelines. Additionally, procedural updates were made due to the increase in cost for staff time and the increase in the cost of goods and services. She also noted that the Purchasing Department produced 80 RFPs in 2024 compared to only 44 RFPs in 2019, therefore reflecting the need for the updates. A motion was made by Doss to present these changes to the full City Commission at the next Commission meeting and was seconded by Robinson.

City Manager Sammy Rich began a discussion regarding the FLOST implementation. He presented two different examples to assist in understanding the new House Bill 581 and the advantages to the City and taxpayers of opting in. After an in-depth discussion, it was recommended to present the information to the full City Commission at the next caucus.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Blair