

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2020  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 A.M on APRIL 7, 2020 in Courtroom A of the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Gotell, Commissioner Pete Williams, Commissioner James Hagins and Commissioner Glen Kester.

Commissioner John Williams absent.

The following staff was present: Director of Finance, Interim Clerk Tracy Strange, County Attorney DuBose Porter and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

Sr. Account Tech I Rakita Sinkfield broadcasted the meeting live on Facebook. A call in phone number had also been installed for public attendance.

## Invocation

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner James Hagins, District-4 to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Kester, District-1 to lead the pledge.

## Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner James Hagins seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the Agenda of the March 17, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes and Commissioner Kester voted yes. Motion carried there was none supposed.

## Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Sessions of March 17, 2020 and the Call Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2020. Motion was made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner

Hagins to approve the Regular Session and Executive Session meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 and the Call Meeting minutes of March 25, 2020. Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes and Commissioner Kester voted yes. Motion carried there was none supposed.

### Visitors' Present

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- a. Representative(s) from Verizon  
Chad Mendelsohn with Masters Telecom representing Verizon gave a brief presentation to the Commissioners on the phone system update. The upgrade would include all county phones. Cost per phone per month would be approximately \$25.00 and would be all inclusive. To install the new system would take approximately 2 to 2 and ½ weeks with no down time to the county offices.
- b. Representative(s) from LocalLoop  
Keith Waddell with LocalLoop presented his proposition to the Commissioners. Approximate cost to the county would be \$720.00 per month, but would allow for someone locally to be available to service the system.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

- a. **Motion to approve Resolution to appoint Aprill Smith as Elections Superintendent.** Motion to approve Aprill Smith Elections Superintendent made by Commissioner Pete Williams seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- b. **Motion to approve moving forward with the Wilkinson County Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds process.** Motion was

made by Commissioner Hagins seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to proceed with approving the Wilkinson County Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds process. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

- c. Motion to approve Resolution to Open a Bank Account for 2019 SPLOST Series. Motion by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Resolution to open a bank account for SPLOST 2019. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- d. County Compliance with Governor's Executive Orders. Discussion among the Commissioners was to keep in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders that no meeting should be more than 10 people and at least a 6 foot distance between personnel at all times. Hopefully by following the rules will keep all employees safe.

#### Chairman's Report:

#### County Managers Report:

#### Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Pete Williams to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel matters seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes motion carried their were none opposed.

Motion by Commissioner Hagins seconded by Commissioner Kester to exit executive session. Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner Hagins voted yes. Motion carried their were none opposed.

No action taken.

#### Adjournment

- a. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes and Commissioner Kester voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

#### Notice to Visitors

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