

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 5, 2020  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 A.M on MAY 5, 2020 in Courtroom A of the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Gotell, Commissioner Pete Williams, Commissioner James Hagins and Commissioner Glen Kester and Commissioner John Williams.

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook. A call in phone number had also been installed for public attendance.

## Invocation

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Pete Williams, District-3 to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glen 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 John Williams to approve the Agenda of the May 5, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Kester voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there was none supposed.

## Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Sessions of April 21, 2020. Motion was made by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Session Minutes. Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner

Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Kester voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there was none supposed.

### Visitors' Present

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

John Leggett – MSI Benefits Group. Mr. Leggett with MSI Benefits Group updated the Commissioners on various health insurance options for consideration in the up-coming year.

### Old Business

- a. **Motion to move forward with ABM.** Chairman Gotell stated that the Commissioners needed to make a decision to either pay ABM the \$7,000.00 for the Environmental Study that had been done and not go with completion of the project or to allow ABM to proceed with the upgrade of equipment for the courthouse. It was then suggested that the County have the company come back in January of 2021. No action taken at this time.
- b. **Discussion of Pole Barn project.** The pole barn received damaged during Hurricane Irma. Quotes were received and Special Services was awarded the bid for \$3,500.00 to repair the pole barn. Work has not been completed. Commissioner Hagins will get with them and find out when it will be completed.

### New Business

- a. **Motion to approve internet update with Windstream.** Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the internet update with Windstream. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman reported that Felicia Cummings resigned from the 4-H position. UGA will start a search for a replacement.
- b. David Smallwood resigned from the Elections Board. Asked the Commissioners to be thinking about a replacement.

County Managers Report:

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner John 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, and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

- a. Executive Session Personnel decisions. Motion to move Emma Bacon from Interim EMA Director to Part Time EMA Director. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- b. Executive Session Personnel decisions. Motion by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to vacate the position of Assistant EMA Director at this time. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

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

## Adjournment

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

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