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COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 21, 2020
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 P.M on JULY 21, 2020 in the Commissioners Chambers. 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, Rakita Sinkfield Sr. Accounting Tech 1 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 Kester, District-1 to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner John Williams seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Agenda of the July 21, 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 suppressed.

Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Sessions of June 2, 2020 and call meeting of July 14, 2020. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to approve the

Regular Session Minutes, Executive Session and Call Meeting Session minutes. 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.

Visitors' Present

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Chairman Gotell recognized Mr. Brian Wright of Wright & Wright, PC the county auditors. Mr. Wright told the commissioners that the audit for FY 2019 was complete and had been submitted to the State in a timely manner, which the county was in reasonable good shape. Mr. Wright also stated that there were a few findings some of which were due to job distancing in the Commissioners office. He stated that he felt the county was doing a great job of keeping expenses down and adhering to an overall budget.

Old Business

- a. Consideration of policy for county buildings. Chairman Gotell expressed his concern to the commissioners regarding the spreading of the Covid 19 Virus. Chairman Gotell asked the commissioners their opinions on making it policy for all employees and public persons entering the courthouse about wearing a mask. The commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea for everyone entering the courthouse to wear a mask and to follow the CDC rules about hand snatiation and social distancing. Motion was made by Commissioner John Williams that all employees and the public entering the courthouse should have a face covering. Motion was 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.

New Business

- a. **Motion to approve the purchase of 2 grass tractors for Road Department.** Two bids were received one by Miles Tractor and the other from John Deere with John Deere being low bid of \$83,000.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to purchase 2 grass tractors from John Deere the low bid. 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. Motion to approve the waiving of tax fees for Cindy Brooks.** Failed for lack of motion.
- c. Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement with The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.** Commissioner Hagins expressed his concern as he and Commissioner Kester have had several conversations regarding the hiring of the 4-H position. Commissioner Hagins was told that the 4-H position was a University position and that the county had no say so in the hiring process. Since the contract has already been approved all that is need is a MOU with the University of Georgia. Motion was made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams. Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Hagins abstained and Commissioner Kester abstained, Motion carried 3 in favor and 2 abstained.

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

Motion by Commissioner John Williams seconded by Commissioner Hagins 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.

Action Taken:

The Commissioner is executive session vote to increase the EMA Directors pay by \$100.00 per month.

Adjournment

- a. Moved by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner John Williams 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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