

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
February 1, 2022  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on February 1, 2022 in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner Glenn Kester, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner John Williams, Commissioner Pete Williams, (not present) .

The following staff was present: County Manager Dennis Stroud, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1 and County Attorney DuBose Porter.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook. A call-in phone number had also been installed for public attendance. (978) 990-5000 code 180826,

## Invocation

Chairman Gotell asked County Manager Dennis Stroud to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael Gotell led the pledge.

## Motion to amend the Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve to amend the Agenda. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to approve to amend the Agenda. Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed

Chairman Michael Gotell made a motion to amend the Agenda

- a. Amend to terminate the resurfacing contract with Scruggs Company (formerly Dykes Grassing).

## Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by

Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kester to approve the agenda. Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes of the January 4, 2022, meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session minutes Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### Visitors' Present

Greg Boike, Taylor Stickles and Tiffany Dobbins all from Middle Georgia Regional Commission, Beverly Clark, Donna Asbell, Kathy Rease, and Claude Westbrook

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Greg Boike of The MGRC discussed how the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing can help communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-driven housing and revitalization strategies.

Taylor Stickles and Tiffany Dobbins of the MGRC, discussed the Joint Comprehensive Plan and the planning process. Stickles and Dobbins indicated that the plan calls for a series of kick off meetings with elected officials from both the County and the Cities. The intent is to develop a Steering Committee to help develop community goals, needs and opportunities.

### Unfinished Business

- a. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins to reappoint the County Attorney for 2021-2022, seconded by Commissioner John Williams unanimous.
- b. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams to appoint Commissioner Pete Williams as Vice Chairman for 2021-2022 seconded by Commissioner Hagins and Commissioner Kester
- c. Motion made by Commissioner Williams to approve the Final Redistricting Plan, and forward to Senator Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Kester
- d. Gordon Library. Commissioner Williams John asked who was on that Board?

County Attorney explained the difference between the bylaws for EWCL and the Gordon Library.

- e. Motion made to terminate Dykes Contract unanimously approved to terminate.
- f. Approved the purchase of a computer for Tax Commissioner

District Report

- 1. Discussed Holiday Hills HOA
- 2. No Report.
- 3. Not Present
- 4. Commissioner John Williams announced he was not seeking re-election

Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman Michael Gotell stated that the State of The County address will be on February 7, 2022 @ 5:30 via Facebook live.
- b.

County Managers Report:

- a. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Financial Update
- b. Check Registry
- c. Capital Improvement
- d. Bridge on Wriley Road
- e. Update on windows purchase for
- f. Courthouse entrance renovation

Comments from the Public:

Ms. Cathy Rease discussed her dissatisfaction with the Heartland Ambulance Service. Chairman Gotell asked to County Manager to investigate.

Mayor Joyce Denson stated lights was needed at HWY 57 and Brannen Road at the trash collection site. Chairman Gotell asked the County Manager to look into lighting that area.

Adjournment

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

## Notice to Visitors

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