

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING
January 4, 2022
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on January 4, 2022 in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner Glenn Kester, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Pete Williams, Commissioner John 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 Commissioner Hagins to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael Gotell asked Commissioner Glenn Kester to lead 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 Glenn Kester 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. Motion to appoint Eddie Williams to replace Joyce Denson on the Recreation Board.
- b. Motion to appoint Rodney Evans to replace Rose Lawrence (deceased) on the Recreation Board.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins 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 James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kester 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

Beverly Clark

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Unfinished Business

- a. Sheriff Chatman highlighted for the board some of the concerns he was having with the Local Loop phone system. His primary concern was what appear to be a lack of responsiveness. Chairman Gotell ask the County Manager to intervene and set up a meeting with Local Loop.
- b. Recreation Board. 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.

Commissioner's District Report

1. No Report.
2. No Report.
3. No Report.
4. Commissioner John Williams (not present).

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. 2022 LMIG:

County Manager emphasized the need to update the 5 Year Plan for the Recreation Department. Chairman Gotell mentioned "Stick to the Guns" we are on track to focus on health and wellness and to stay the course.

b. Reminded the Board about the February 1, 2022 Georgia Initiative Housing Meeting hosted by Middle Georgia Regional.

c. Reminded the Board of the Redistricting meeting and why the meeting was needed.

d. Gave an update on the potential Intergovernmental Agreement between the Municipalities and the County on animal control.

e. Updated the Board on employees being out with COVID

f. Judge Dykes asked for clarification on when employees will be charged sick time and when they won't. Chairman Gotell asked the County Manger to meet with the CO's /Department Heads and get a consensus.

g. Waste Management 3% increase (Bring back in January)

Comments from the Public:

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner James Haginis to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kester. Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Chairman Michael Gotell voted yes, Motion carries there were none opposed.

Chairman Michael Gotell entertained a Motion to approve the retiree's as essential employees for 2021. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner John Hagins. Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Chairman Michael Gotell voted yes, Motion carries there were none opposed

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Glenn Kester. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Chairman Michael Gotell voted yes. Motion carries there were none opposed.

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.

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