

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
July 5, 2022  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on July 5, 2022 in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Pete Williams, Commissioner John Williams, and Commissioner Glenn Kester.

The following staff was present: Interim County Manager Tracy Strange, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1 and Rakita Sinkfield Senior Account Tech 2.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

## Invocation

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Pete Williams to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glenn Kester to lead the pledge.

## 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 James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

## Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes and the

Executive Session Minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the Regular Session Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes of June 21, 2022. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner Glenn Kester, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### Visitors' Present

Ulysses B. Wilson, Flint Shepherd, Pat Topping, Beverly Clark, Donna Asbell, and Joyce Denson.

#### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Mayor Robert Davidson was not present.

#### Old Business

#### New Business

- a. Motion to approve Fire Fighter Pay Per Call Resolution.  
Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve Fire Fighter Pay Per Call Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to approve Fire Fighter Pay Per Call Resolution. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Motion to amend the current budget and purchase 2 bush hogs for road department for immediate use.  
Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve amend the current budget and purchase 2 bush hogs for road department for immediate use. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve amend the current budget and purchase 2 bush hogs for road department for immediate use. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Motion to reappoint Tommy Brown to the Central Georgia Regional Five Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.  
Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to reappoint Tommy Brown to the Central Georgia Regional Five Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to reappoint Tommy Brown to the Central Georgia Regional Five Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted

yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

- d. Motion to replace damaged control system for jail.

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to replace damaged control system for jail.

Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kester to replace damaged control system for jail. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

- e. Motion to utilize the services of Mr. Robert West for mobile home inspections.

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to utilize the services of Mr. Robert West for mobile home inspections.

Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to utilize the services of Mr. Robert West for mobile home inspections. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Commissioner James Hagins discussed roads still having issues like Springhill Church Road
3. Nothing to Report
4. Commissioner John Williams discussed how the appointment of the library will serve until their replacements and how they are willing to continue to serve.

#### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Michael Gotell discussed a basketball camp with the recreation department. Chairman also discussed that July 30<sup>th</sup> is registration for football.

#### County Managers Report:

- a. Interim County Manager Tracy Strange stated that the pressure washing has been completed.
- b. She discussed how we have not been able to find anyone to install windows for the library. She discussed sending the windows back to Lowe's to have the new contractor start the process over. There were no objections from the board.
- c. She mentioned that she spoke with Mr. Joel Beasley with Mills Industrial and that

Cross Justice has been completed and open. Wriley Road is being inspected this week.

- d. She gave a reminder about an appointment that is needed to the Community Service Board to fill Mayor Joyce Denson's seat. She also mentioned how there are also two appointments that are needed for East Wilkinson Library Board.
- e. She mentioned that she is speaking with someone to get the shrubs cleaned up and looking into someone taking down the sign that is unreadable in the front of the courthouse.
- f. Commissioner John Williams asked for an update on the flame in regards to it being out. Interim County Manager Tracy Strange mentioned that she tried to fix it per instructions from Mr. Dennis Stroud but was unsuccessful. She spoke to G&S gas and they are going to come and look at it. Commissioner John Williams asked if she could look into a more cost-efficient way to keep the flame going.

Comments from the Public:

- a. Donna Asbell asked about the cost of the control panel that was approved for the Sheriff's Office. Miss Strange stated that the commissioners discussed it in budget hearings and therefore, did not have it in their current paperwork. She would give her the amount from her office.
- b. Ulysses B. Wilson asked where the county is with Broadband. Chairman Michael Gotell stated that Commissioner John Williams and Mr. Pat Topping are the individuals who attend meetings about Broadband. Commissioner John Williams stated that we are waiting on grants and money to come in, and stated that thus far we haven't gotten anything.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Kester to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Michael Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, and Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Glenn Kester. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Glenn Kester and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Commissioner John Williams voted yes, and

Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### Notice to Visitors

The Board of Commissioners welcomes you to our meeting. We ask that you do not talk during the meeting to allow us to hear all discussion between Commissioners. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Board of Commissioners Office at 946-2236 no later than the Thursday prior to meeting.