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MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

July 19, 2022

5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on July 19, 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 were not present.

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 Interim County Manager Tracy Strange.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell lead the pledge.

Motion to Amend the Agenda:

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add on the rebuilding of the multipurpose building. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to amend the agenda to add on the rebuilding of the multipurpose building. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes. Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the agenda with amendments. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner

Pete Williams 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 July 5, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to approve the Regular Session Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes of July 5, 2022. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Royce Brewer, Robert D., Tece Bloodworth, Wendell Bloodworth, Beverly Clark, Chris Daniels, Scott Lewis, Vanessa Lewis, Robert Dame, Joyce Denson, Allen Rogers, Rebecca Rogers, Donna Asbell, Janette Boland, and Chris Boland.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Mayor Davidson- E911 update. Mayor Davidson discussed about a course that is around a weeklong that could help get a certified leader. Mayor Davidson discussed that there was a representative from AT&T who was doing mapping, he discussed how the Tax Assessor sent him an email and said his services were no longer needed. Mayor Davidson asked who gave her permission to let her go. Interim County Manager Tracy Strange talked about how he was doing two different types of services and talked about how to get the contract back with him. Mayor Davidson stated that he is frustrated with how things have been going and are still dispatching the same way we have been. Mayor Davidson stated that he is resigning as chairman of the E911 committee.

EMA Co-Director Tommy Brown – Fire Dept Fuel. Tommy Brown discussed how certain cities were getting fuel from the county gas pump but if that is the case why aren't all cities doing the same thing, he proposed the question why just one city. Chairman Michael Gotell stated that he will get information back to his supervisor.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Motion to approve the appointment of Joyce Denson to the community Service Board.

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to appoint Joyce Denson to the community Service Board. Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and

seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to appoint Joyce Denson to the community service board. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

- b. Motion to appoint Tracy Strange as County Manager effective immediately. Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to appoint Tracy Strange as County Manager effective immediately. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to appoint Tracy Strange as County Manager effective immediately. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Motion to approve replacement of 2 AC Units for the East Wilkinson Library. Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve replacement of 2 AC Units for the East Wilkinson Library. Motion made by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve replacement of 2 AC Units for the East Wilkinson Library. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Not Present
2. Commissioner James Hagins discussed trimming of trees near college street.
3. Nothing to Report
4. Not Present

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Michael Gotell discussed how he was able to ride through the county in areas of goose creek and Jackson Road and spring hill. Chairman Michael Gotell talked about how Commissioner James Hagins and the assessors are doing what they are supposed to do.

County Managers Report:

- a. Interim County Manager Tracy Strange discussed how we can return the windows to Lowes for a full refund.
- b. Tracy Strange discussed how Wriley road is now open.
- c. Tracy Strange talked about how GNS gas will be coming to look at the flame.
- d. Tracy Strange discussed about the MGR public meeting on August 10th, 2022, at 5:30-6:00 PM here in commissioners chambers.
- e. Tracy Strange also talked about how we want to investigate the numbers of COVID-19 in the county and look into a possible mask mandate again. She talked about getting an update from the EMA director.

Comments from the Public:

- a. Flint Sheppard asked where do we post the County Manager job application? Chairman Michael Gotell stated that we didn't post this time we appointed. Flint Sheppard stated isn't it in the personnel policy to post all jobs like that? Dubose Porter stated that it is not required.
- b. Royce Brewer asked if there were bids on the building and if so, what was the price. Commissioner James Hagins stated \$89,700.00.
- c. Robert Dame stated that Mr. Miller was here last time. Chairman Michael Gotell mentioned that Charlie is looking at bids right now and checking prices.
- d. Tece Bloodworth asked can you explain going out and getting bids for the work at bear camp. Tece Bloodworth also asked if we are going out and getting bids or will it be a public bid? County Manager Tracy Strange stated that he wasn't bidding out, that they were just checking prices on materials. Chairman Michael Gotell stated that she will put it out in the paper and will try to use local contractors.
- e. Scott Lewis asked for the price on the two AC units. County Manager Tracy Strange stated \$14,900.00. Scott Lewis asked if it is a public bid also. County Manager Tracy Strange said no, that he went to do some work there and saw that they needed replacing. Scott Lewis asked isn't that still supposed to go out to a bid though? County Manager Tracy Strange stated not necessarily. Chairman Michael Gotell asked if we have another heating and air company in Wilkinson County?

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Pete Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Motion carried with no opposition.

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