

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2021  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 A.M on January 5, 2021 in Courtroom B of The Wilkinson County Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner Glenn Kester, Commissioner James Hagins Commissioner Pete Williams and Commissioner John Williams.

The following staff was present: County Manager Dennis Stroud, Rakita Sinkfield Sr. Accounting Tech 1, Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne, 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 Reverend Abraham Crockett to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glenn Kester, District-1 to lead the pledge.

## Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John 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 of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting and Call Meeting of December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and Call Meeting of December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

## Visitors' Present

Angie Coates, Karen Kester, Ulyses Wilson

## Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Ulyses Wilson appeared before the Commissioners in regards to the trucks on Ball Church Road. Mr. Wilson stated that he did not know why they had to use this particular road when other were available. He also stated that they would run the stop sign and was concerned that an accident could occur. Chairman Gotell asked Mr. Wilson to get with the County Manager and Commissioner Hagins after the meeting to further discuss the matter.

Vivian Cummings did not appear.

## Unfinished Business

- a. 911 Recorder System – The County Manager explained to the Commissioners that the present recording system would only enable them to store call for the day and then be dropped. The new system is an upgraded system that would allow calls to be stored indefinitely. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins seconded by Commissioner Hagins to purchase the new up-graded system. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- b. Road Striping - Up-dated list to be presented next meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- c. Restroom & handwashing facility - forwarded to January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- d. Meeting Resolution - Commissioner Williams will meet with the County Manager and present findings in the next meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.

- e. Old Jail – Karen Kester is requesting that the Commissioners look into having the Old Jail / Sheriff’s office designated as an historical sight. This item will be looked at further at the next meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- f. Motion to approve leaving current appointees in place on the MGRC. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to reappoint the present members. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- g. McIntyre LMIG – There were a brief discussion on how many years had been committed by the County and the cost. Will be discussed further at the January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting.

Commissioner’s District Report’s

- 1) Nothing to report
- 2) Nothing to report
- 3) Nothing to report
- 4) Nothing to report

Chairman’s Report:

- a. Chairman Gotell reminded the Commissioners on how important the meetings in their districts are.

County Managers Report:

- a. An annual schedule of meetings was included in your packets along with a work session schedule. The work session will allow a better understanding of the financial standing of the county.

Comments from the Public:

None

Executive Session:

- a. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to enter into executive session do discuss personnel issues and a possible litigation issue. 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 exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Hagins seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams. 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.

No action taken.

### Adjournment

- c. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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