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COMMISSION MEETING
June 1, 2021
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 A.M on June 1, 2021 in Commission Chambers. 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, County Attorney DuBose Porter, Rakita Sinkfield Sr. Accounting Tech 1, Deborah Osborne Sr. Account Tech I.

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 Pete Williams to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Kester to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins 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 and the Executive Session Minutes of the May 18th 2021 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the minutes of the Regular Session. 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

Donna Asbell, Emma Bacon, Angie Coats

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Donna Asbell asked the what the status of the Flame was and how the landscaping and maintenance of the courthouse was progressing. Chairman explained that the County Manager was working on them and would address the Flame in his report.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to add Executive session to the Agenda to discuss personnel and possible ligation issues. 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.

Unfinished Business

- a. County wide Fire Protection: The County Manager and EMA Director are working on a plan to help lower the ISO for taxpayers in the county. At this time different options are being considered.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to report
2. Nothing to report
3. Nothing to report
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

a.

County Managers Report:

- a. June 7th the new Tax Assessor Romona Vaifale will be here.
- b. Martin's will start working on the Development Authority building.
- c. Working on the surplus equipment sale for departments.
- d. Will meet with Paws & Claws and bring information back to commission.
- e. American Rescue Plan:
 - Allentown vaccination site
 - Tuition assistance for 10 students affected by Covid ranging between \$300 - \$500 dollars.
 - Broad Band
 - Sewer Project
- f. The county has received a quote to repair the Flame in the amount of \$3,823.20 from Grand Effects.

Comments from the Public:

Donna Asbell asked how much the ARP was for the county and how many Facebook users the county had.

Executive Session

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

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Kester 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 carries there were none opposed.

No Action Taken

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner John Williams 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.

Notice to Visitors

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