

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
June 15, 2021  
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 P.M on June 15, 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 and Lindsey Benefield Sr. Accounting 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 James Hagins to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Pete Williams to lead the pledge.

## Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner 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.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add

- b. Brian Wright of Wright & Wright Audit report for the county
- c. Mayor Robert Davidson of Allentown
- d. Mayor Roger Bacon of Irwinton

e. Heath Bache with the Sheriff Department

Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to amend 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 June 1st 2021 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams 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

Robert Davidson, Heath Bache, Brenda Broach, Joyce Denson, Lisa Dykes, Romona Vafalie, Virginia Hipp, Cindy Brooke, Vanessa Lewis, Donna Asbell, Angie Coates, Roger Bacon

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Brian Wright of Wright & Wright presented the Commissioner the finding of the County's Annual Audit. Mr. Wright explained to the Commissioners that the county was in good financial shape at this present time.

Mayor Robert Davidson expressed to the Commissioners that he was concerned about the overpayment of the Excise Tax that was made to the cities and he for one did not understand how the computation worked. He also expressed that the City of Allentown would have a hard time paying back the monies.

Mayor Roger Bacon also, expressed his concern of the overpayment and suggested that they cities be given 3 years to pay back the monies instead of the options given 12 months payment or one-time payment. He would also like to sit down with the County Manager and have the computations explained to him.

Heath Bache with the Sheriff Department brought before the commissioners an amendment to the Fleet 3 contract. The licensing agreement was inadvertently left off the original contract. The county will need approximately 13 for the patrol vehicles and Deputies.

Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to approve The Family Connection FY2022 Contract.

Commissioner's District Report

- 1. Commissioner Kester has received several complaints from people about the mask policy the county has.
- 2. Nothing to report
- 3. Nothing to report
- 4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

- a. Citizen's Connect Townhall live Tour

Date	Time	Location
7/8/2021	5PM	Downtown McIntyre
	6PM	Ivey City Park
	7:30 PM	Downtown Gordon
7/9/2021	5PM	Long Bridge Road @ Spring Hill
	6PM	Allentown @ Danville Ball Park
	7:30 PM	Downtown Toombsboro
7/15/2021	6PM	North Wilkinson Fire Station
	7:30 PM	Asbell Road @ Fountain Grove
7/16/2021	6PM	Downtown Irwinton

County Managers Report:

- a. Renovation of the DWAC building will start Monday June 21, 2021
- b. Working on RFP for Courthouse roof

Comments from the Public:

Donna Asbell asked why the auditor was not put on the agenda to begin with and had to be added. The County Manager responded that the agenda had been sent out early due to training he would be attending.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner John Williams to enter into executive session to discuss land purchase. Motion 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.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner John Williams seconded by Commissioner Hagins. 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 Hagins 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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