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COMMISSION MEETING
July 20, 2021
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on July 20, 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: Dennis Stroud County Manager, DuBose Porter County Attorney, Rakita Sinkfield Sr. Accounting Tech 1, Deborah Osborne Sr. Account Tech I, Lindsey Benfield 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 Deborah Osborne 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 Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James 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 July 6th, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kester to approve the minutes of the Regular Session. Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James 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

Beverly Clark, Sharon Carr, Malcolm McEachern, Tece Bloodworth, Donna Asbell

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Donna Asbell to discuss East Wilkinson County Library Funding and Up-date on Eternal Flame.

Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to discuss 5- year strategic plan made by Chairman Gotell. Chairman Gotell discussed the idea of getting a committee together to bring forward a plan to pay Part-Time Fire Department Individuals County Wide.
- b. Motion to discuss Countywide Fire Protection made by Chairman Gotell. Chairman Gotell discussed to pay per call that the Fire Fighters go out on. Chairman Gotell stated he will present a county wide plan soon. Chairman Gotell discussed how he believes this will be a good motivation for individuals to get involved. Chairman Gotell also stated that firefighters will soon have ID's.
- c. Motion to discuss Ordinance's update. County Manager Dennis Stroud discussed how there are ordinances that are outdated and would like to talk about fixing the ordinances for the future in a workshop taking place on August 3rd immediately after the 9:00 AM meeting.
- d. Motion to approve Continuity of Operations Plan. No motion took place County Manager Dennis Stroud discussed about having a workshop in regards to the plan on August 3rd immediately after the 9:00 AM meeting.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Glenn Kester District 1 no report.
2. Commissioner James Hagins District 2 no report.

3. Commissioner Pete Williams District 3 no report.
4. Commissioner John Williams District 4 no report.

Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman Gotell discussed the success of the Citizens Connect Program. Chairman Gotell reminded the public that some projects that are larger can't get completed overnight and can sometimes take years. Chairman Gotell discussed that at the Gordon Town Hall there was a discussion about the dangerous intersections, after a meeting with the DOT temporary adjustments have been made around Highway 441 until future funding approvals are completed. Chairman Gotell assured the citizens that he hears them and is happy with the involvement that has been happening at Citizens Connect Meetings.

County Managers Report:

- a. County Manager Dennis Stroud discussed that there is an Elections Supervisor Vacancy.
- b. County Manager Dennis Stroud also discussed the roof work that needs to be done at the Courthouse as well as at the DPH building.

Comments from the Public:

No comments were made by the public at this time.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner John Williams to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams. Commissioner Glenn Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Michael 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 Glenn 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.

No Action Taken

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner Glenn 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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