

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING
September 7, 2021
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 A.M on September 7, 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, Tracy Strange Director of Finance, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1, 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 Commissioner James Hagins to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glenn Kester to lead the pledge.

Chairman Gotell said he would like to state before the meeting started that there was some misprint printed in the newspaper. The Commissioners have not approved a tax increase for this coming year.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kester voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete 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 August 17, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to approve the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session minutes. 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

Tommy Brown, Emma Bacon, Vanessa Lewis, Joyce Denon, Lisa Dykes, Amanda Holder, Donna Asbell, Brandon Smith

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Regina Brantley not present

Unfinished Business

- a. **Appointment of Tommy Brown as Deputy EMA Director – Director Emma Bacon.** Motion was made by Commissioner John Williams to appoint Tommy Brown as Deputy EMA Director motion was seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams. 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 carries there were none opposed.
- b. **Purchase of Turnout Gear for Firefighters – Director Bacon.** Motion was made by Commissioner John Williams seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to purchase turnout gear for the firefighters. 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 carries there were none opposed.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to report
2. Nothing to report
3. Nothing to report
4. Commissioner John Williams expressed his concerns regarding the spread of Covid within Wilkinson County and urged everyone to get vaccinated

Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman Michael Gotell he had noting to report for Recreation as John Carswell was not present.

County Managers Report:

- a. County Manager Dennis Stroud stated that most of his report would be discussed in the workshop that was to follow.
- b. County Manager Dennis Stroud stated that the roof contract had been signed.
- c. County Manager Dennis Stroud stated that the flame is burning.

Comments from the Public:

None

Executive Session

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

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

Action Taken to hire Kristen Pitts as Elections Superintendent.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner John Williams and seconded by Commissioner James 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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XI Executive Session

XII Adjournment

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