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COMMISSION MEETING
September 21, 2021
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 P.M on September 21, 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, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1, 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 Commissioner John Williams to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glen 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 Glen Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner John Williams voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Chairman Gotell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

would be helpful to the public.

Chairman Gotell stated that there was a budget meeting on Monday September 27, 20221 at 5:00 PM and that the public was welcome.

Sean Kimball Funds for Fire Rescue

Hannah Kimball said she would be speaking for her husband as he was working in Allentown and unable to be here. Mrs. Kimball wanted to know why the county was not supporting the city fire departments when they requested help. Mrs. Kimball stated that the cities responded to many of the calls handled by the county at their own expense, and if the county had to replace city fire departments it would take at least 4 extra fire stations to cover the county. Commissioner John Williams stated that he believed that the county helped the city fire stations when they needed it and he would like to see a list of requests that the cities had made that had not been addressed.

Roger Bacon Discuss City of Irwinton repayment of Excise tax to County.

Mayor Bacon stated that the City of Irwinton would like to receive their full Excise Tax payment and that the City of Irwinton would write the county a check for the overpayment. He also, stated that he and a few other mayors had met and agreed that the monies should be repaid but had asked for a three-year payback instead of two.

Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to discuss Article I General Provisions 15-16-13 Law Enforcement Contracts with municipalities – Chairman Gotell
Tabled
- b. Motion to adopt the Resolution to set the Mileage rate for FY21-22 – Chairman Gotell
Motion was made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to leave the mileage rate the same no increase at this time. Commissioner Glen Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- c. Motion to adopt the Resolution to allow the county to operate at the same fund level until FY22 budget is adopted – Chairman Gotell
Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and Seconded by Commissioner Pete Williams to allow the county to operate at present until the FY22 budget is approved. Commissioner Glen Kester voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes and Commissioner John Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
- d. Motion to adopt the Resolution to adopt the FY22 budget – Chairman Gotell
Tabled

Commissioner's District Report

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

Chairman's Report:

- a. 1071 Covid cases in the county age brackets with the highest numbers are between 10-17 years of age and 35-49 years of age. There are not many cases in the senior age group.

County Managers Report:

- a. Battery back-up is needed for the new Sheriff tower for communications.
- b. Development Authority building is about ready but there may be a roofing issue with the building.
- c. Contract for the court house roofing is signed and weather permitting they should start on Friday.
- d. Quality tire has informed us that they will stay at the same rate for tire disposal for FY22 with an extended contract.

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 Pete Williams 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 Glen Kester. Seconded by Commissioner John 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 James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner John Williams 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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