

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING February 7, 2023

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Royce Brewer, Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Robert Dame and Commissioner Anderson Ford.

The following staff was present: Tracy Strange County Manager, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1 and Rakita Sinkfield Senior Account Tech 2.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the pledge.

Motion to Amend the Agenda:

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add authorization to purchase a trailer for road detail. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford to add authorization to purchase a trailer for road detail. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Chairman Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Agenda

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the agenda with amendments. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins

voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Minutes

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 17,2023 and executive sessions minutes of January 17,2023. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Felton Swicord, Royce Brewer, Takarah Dupree, Josh Phillips, Donna Asbell, Tece Bloodworth, Wendell Bloodworth, Roger Bacon, Lloyd Hatsfield, Beverly Clark, Michael Veal, Marty Dominy, Tanya Mixon, Joyce Denson.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- a. Mike Veal discussed the hazardous conditions to drivers on White Springs Church Road. He discussed potholes in that area. Mike Veal was asking for help with the speeding and damage to White Springs Church Road.
- b. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the continuation for WCBOC being fiscal agent for the new FY24 for Family Connections. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Josh Phillips discussed the issues that he is facing with four travel trailers as well as tents near his home. He discussed that he is concerned about the water in their area as well as property value. Chairman Royce Brewer stated that they will discuss it in further detail.
- d. Roger Bacon discussed some work that had been completed on a fire engine truck. He requested a reimbursement for the City of Irwinton Fire Department he requested \$2,800.00. Chairman Royce Brewer stated that we will discuss it.

Old Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve updated firefighter pay per call policy. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. There was discussion in regards to the consideration of the replacement of the eternal flame. Commissioner Robert Dame stated that we will discuss it again and table it.
- c. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to resend the approval of BOC budget increase of December 20,2022 minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes,

Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

New Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve agreement with Georgia Power for Courthouse parking lot lights replacement. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve contract with Triple Point engineering to continue landfill post closure maintenance. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve update to financial software version and to add budget program. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- d. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve use of the old GED Building for elections department storage. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- e. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve contract with The Scruggs Company for road repairs. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- f. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the creation of a paid firefighter position. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Flint Shepherd discussed how the roads in Gordon survived the rain.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about White Springs church Road.

3. Commissioner Robert Dame discussed the condition of Liberty Church Road and how he would like it to get looked at for repairs .
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed repairing various roads in the county.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Royce Brewer discussed the multipurpose building and getting things fixed.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange had nothing to report.

Comments from the Public:

- a. Mayor Joyce Denson discussed house bill 189 and how it will affect the roads in the county even more. She discussed how it will increase the number of tons that each truck carries from where it is at now to ninety thousand pounds.
- b. Tece Bloodworth talked about software and QuickBooks.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Brewer voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes and Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Brewer voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Notice to Visitors

The Board of Commissioners welcomes you to our meeting. We ask that you do not talk during the meeting to allow us to hear all discussion between Commissioners. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Board of Commissioners Office at 946-2236 no later than the Thursday prior to meeting.