

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING March 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 James Hagins to lead the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brewer lead the pledge.

### Motion to amend the Agenda

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve to amend the Agenda to add I. Consideration of approval of replacement of fire alarm panel at jail due to lightening damage and II. Consideration of approval to update intercom system at jail due to recent partial update. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve to amend the Agenda. 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 there were none opposed

### Agenda

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd 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 the February 21, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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 Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

### Visitors' Present

Ulyses B. Wilson, Royce Brewer, Pat Topping, Graham Thompson, Donna Asbell, Marty Dominy, Richard Chatman, and Elizabeth Ruark

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

### Old Business

### New Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion of approval of Courthouse carpet cleaning by Travis Professional Carpet Cleaning. 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.
- b. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the replacement of fire alarm panel at jail due to lightning damage. 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.
- c. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve to update intercom system at jail due to recent partial update. 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.

### Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Flint Shepherd discussed that it's fairly quiet he said Ivey is working on their zoning. Gordon did a big trash pickup this last weekend, he said they are going to

start scheduling those for about once a month they picked up about 38 bags of trash on the main strip Saturday.

2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about how he was just waiting on the pavement and the signs to get put up.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about individuals have spoken to him about potholes. He also spoke about how he spoke with Donna Asbell about Balls Ferry and how there is allot that can be done with that area. Donna Asbell discussed how an individual wanted to park their vehicle in that area, and she discussed the condition of the area.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed how he spoke with Mr. Bloodworth about Davis Cemetery Road and the hauling on the road. He went to checked it out and there is a great deal of potholes on the road. He stated that what happens is that the tires of log trucks are sliding around and hurting the pavement quality. He stated that he will get with Charlie and see what can be done.

#### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Royce Brewer discussed how he checked into the fire department employees trying to hire someone.

#### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded the board about the appointments that need to be done. She stated that she gave the recovery hub to the County Attorney.

#### Comments from the Public:

- a. Ulyses B. Wilson discussed Ball Church Road along with a few other roads and how the roads are not being maintained properly. He also asked about how the board is coming along on Broadband. Tracy Strange stated that she spoke to Terri Howard and said that they are working out the paperwork to get that in place.
- b. Donna Asbell asked what maintaining the round about on highway 18. Commissioner Robert Dame stated that it was a state highway. Donna Asbell also discussed about updates that need to be made on the county website

#### Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins to enter executive session to discuss litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. 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**. Seconded by **Commissioner**. 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

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