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COMMISSION MEETING January 16,2024

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Robert Dame and Commissioner Anderson Ford.

The following staff was present: Senior Account Tech 1 Lindsey Benefield and County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner James Hagins to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Minutes

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the January 2,2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve executive sessions minutes from call meeting on January 11,2024. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James

Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Tece Bloodworth, Donna Asbell, and Joyce Denson

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve hiring Darius Patterson as Retention and Recruitment Coordinator/ EMA Director Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve hiring Darius Patterson as Retention and Recruitment Coordinator/ EMA Director. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

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

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

County Managers Report:

Not present

Comments from the Public

Tiffany Ellison talked about the possibility of property taxes and penalties and interest being waved. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd stated that advised by legal council that the board stays away from waiving of fees.

Robert Davidson discussed the "stipend" for the firefighters. The board discussed that it does need to be approved by Tommy Brown and stated that they would check into it.

Joyce Denson talked about the firemen of the county and of their importance. She also talked in regards to the new EMA director and discussed getting together with him to talk.

Marty Dominy had a question about executive sessions.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, and Commissioner Anderson Ford. Motion carried with no opposition.

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