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COMMISSION MEETING February 6, 2024

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

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner Robert Dame to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd 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 16, 2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Robert Dame. 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

Michael Berry, Darius Patterson, Randy Moon, Graham Thompson, Tece Bloodworth, Tony Bentley, Charlie Palm, Donna Asbell, and Marty Dominy

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Recreation Director John Carswell discussed the need for SPLOST funds for score boards for the baseball fields and turf and padding. He talked about having volunteers helping to get this done to lower cost. John talked about the main two fields that need a score board Frankie's field and Owl's Field.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the request of funds from SPLOST for two score boards for the Recreation Department. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the request of funds from SPLOST for two score boards for the Recreation Department. 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.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion for approval of 120- day extension of road improvements contract with The Scruggs Company. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson for the approval of 120- day extension of road improvements contract with The Scruggs Company. 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.
- b. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion for approval of appointment of John Williams to the Middle Georgia Advisory Council. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame for the approval of appointment of John Williams to the Middle Georgia Advisory Council. 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.
- c. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion for approval of Wilkinson County alcohol ordinance and updated application. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford for approval of Wilkinson County alcohol ordinance and updated application. 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.
- d. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion for approval to issue quit claim deeds for property sold at county auction on January 27,2024. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford for approval to issue quit claim deeds for property sold at county auction on January 27,2024. 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.

- e. The Board discussed bids for a front-end loader and an asphalt grinder the Commissioners decided to reject the bid. Road Superintendent Charlie Palm will look into what can be done with the equipment regarding use and repair as well as other sale methods.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to report
2. Commissioner James Hagins discussed with Road Superintendent Charlie Palm about the bridge getting fixed over on Asbury Church Road and that they were hoping to have it completed by April. They also discussed keeping sand on Balls Church Road.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about pot holes being a problem in his district. He said that anytime he needs help with those that Road Superintendent Charlie Palm and the road department are very good at getting things fixed. He also discussed Balls Ferry clean up on April 20, 2024.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd discussed the Balls Ferry Clean up on April 20, 2024.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange talked about waste management RFP being released and putting out notices. She also discussed how there are 3 recreation board appointments needed for April 1st, 2024 for the current board members Richard Taylor, Shaquita Jackson, and Rachel Anderson.

Comments from the Public

Graham Thompson talked about the Board of Equalization Tax Appeal at 9:00 AM on February 7, 2024 and discussed how it is open to the public and that they are going to hear around 62 appeals in 3 days.

Donna Asbell talked about how one of the library's bathrooms is not handicap accessible and it needs to be fixed. The board said that they would ask Road Superintendent Charlie Palm to take a look at them.

R&R Coordinator / EMA Director Darius Patterson gave an introduction of himself to the Board of Commissioners and the public letting everyone know his plans for the future. He did also discuss trying to get some EMA smoke detectors issued to the public. He also talked about volunteers signing up to become Fire Fighters.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins 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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