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COMMISSION MEETING August 15, 2023

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner Robert Dame. Chairman Royce Brewer was not present. In Chairman Royce Brewer's absence Vice Chairman Commissioner Flint Shepherd conducted the meeting and the ones to follow.

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion to amend the Agenda

Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve to amend the Agenda to add Consideration of approval of DOT 5311/ Transit Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Agenda

Commissioners Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve the agenda with amendments. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Minutes

Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

- a. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion to approve for consideration of GDOT Lighting Agreement. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

New Business

- a. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion to approval of consideration of approval of bid for landscaping services by Landscape Innovations. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion to approval of consideration of reappointment of Marian Burney to the Board of Assessors. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. The board discussed appointing either Kimberly Little or Jerry Adams to the Board of Assessors but ended up tabling for a later date.
- d. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion of approval of the Wilkinson County Alcohol Referendum Ordinance including wording for ballot. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- e. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion to approval of Resolution for Mattie Pitts, New Bethel Baptist Church. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

- f. Commissioner Flint Shepherd entertained the motion to approve the state park event at Balls Ferry State Park. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Balls Church Road about logging companies having trucks coming through that road.
3. Nothing to Report
4. Nothing to Report

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange discussed Interim EMA Director Tommy Brown and a grant for turn out gear. She discussed the DAWC loan check. She talked about Scruggs Company should begin work in September 2023. She talked about Glass Company with Macon will bring the library doors next week.

Comments from the Public

Tece Bloodworth asked about the Board of Assessors and if there were things in place to make the public aware of when seats were available. Commissioner Robert Dame mentioned that in the Tax Assessor's Office there were plaques that show that information.

Malcom McEachern discussed with the board the use of the possible extra equipment go to the cities who are short on turn out gear and need it. Commissioner James Hagins said he would check with Interim EMA Director Tommy Brown.

Mr. Bloodworth asked about Cemetery Road and if it could get filled up with dirt talked about how big trucks go through and really tear down the road.

Ulysses Wilson asked about some further details in regards to the Wilkinson County Transit and the specifics in regards to going outside of the county.

Graham Thompson offered to say a word of prayer for our Chairman Royce Brewer.

Adjournment

Commissioner Flint Shepherd asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

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