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COMMISSION MEETING September 19, 2023

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

The following staff was present: Rakita Sinkfield Senior Account Tech 2, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1, 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 James Hagins 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 September 5, 2023 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

Ulyses B. Wilson, Penelope Moye, Mike Blizzard, Jo Anne Henderson, James R. Dean, Scott Lewis, Robert Donaldson, Marty Dominey, Kathy Thompson, Karen Kramer, Denise Royals, Tom Royals, Donna Asbell, Tece Bloodworth, Wendell Bloodworth, and Graham Thompson.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Graham Thompson discussed how he wanted to stay on the Board of Equalization. His main concern was not wanting to get attorneys involved in the matter.
- Wendell Bloodworth talked about his desire to stay on the Board of Equalization.
- Penelope M. Moye addressed the board about retaining her position with the Board of Equalization. Her main concern was why was there a request to remove her.
- JoAnn Henderson spoke to the Board of Commissioners about her concerns with Brewer Road. Discussing the increase of heavy traffic which was causing damage to the road. Commissioners stated they would look into the matter.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval to appoint Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins to appoint Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. 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. Commissioner James Hagins talked about the ongoing problem with log trucks going on Ball Church Road.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said that there has been drilling in Danville that has caused damage to some of the roads.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford spoke about how he received calls concerning road damage on Wriley Road. Commissioner Anderson Ford stated he has spoken with Charlie Palm about getting some issues resolved.

Chairman's Report:

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd talked about how the kickoff for Balls Ferry went.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange was not present.

Comments from the Public

- Donna Asbell asked about the bathrooms in the multipurpose building, asked if septic has been installed.
- Tece Bloodworth thanked Commissioner Anderson Ford for helping take care of an issue that was brought to him.
- Wilkinson County Middle School teacher Crystal Salter talked about a program in which she's getting more students involved with local businesses teaching them about the day to day operations.
- Recreation Director John Carswell spoke about an upcoming football game at the Wilkinson County Recreation field. He talked about how he hopes that the department will be able to support itself financially.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked for 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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