

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING October 3 ,2023

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: 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 Robert Dame to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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 September 19, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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

Tece Bloodworth, Kellie Lane, Donna Asbell, Beverly Clark, Felton Swicord, Graham Thompson, and Denise Ryals

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Denise Ryals discussed supporting local tourism. She discussed a Tiny House Festival that is coming up.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of Continuing Budget Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins for the approval of Continuing Budget Resolution. 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. The Board of Commissioners discussed the need to fill the seat for the City of Ivey for the Recreation Department.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of the appointment of Kellie Lane to the recreation board. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve appointment of Kellie Lane to Recreation Board. 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. Commissioners discussed the presented invoice for additional Christmas Decorations from Mosca Design.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of the invoice from Mosca Design for Christmas Decorations. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of the invoice from Mosca Design for Christmas Decorations. 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. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd discussed his district getting fire hydrants.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Gordon McIntyre Road getting paved.
3. Nothing to report
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed dumpsters on John Golden Road that have become an issue.

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange was not present.

Comments from the Public

- Graham Thompson discussed tourism in Wilkinson County and talked about how in 2022 there was 39.8 billion visitors in Georgia.
- Donna Asbell talked about the library funding to pay the librarian until the budget is approved. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd stated that we will be addressing that in the next meeting. Commissioner James Hagins stated that we will try to have a workshop in between.
- Mr. Smith talked about how he received a letter that talked about a lien placed against his property and how he is waiting for a meeting with the Board of Equalization.
- Tece Bloodworth talked about having a notice put on the letters that are sent out to the Tax Commissioners. County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn stated to request that to the Tax Commissioners.
- Felton Swicord talked about how he didn't know about a liquor ordinance that was put in place. Donna Asbell did state that it was posted on all the boards around the Courthouse.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes and Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes and Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked for 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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