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COMMISSION MEETING
November 21,2023

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: Tracy Strange County Manager, Lindsey Benefield Senior Account Tech 1, and County Attorney Natalie Sundeen.

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.

Motion to amend the Agenda

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve to amend the Agenda for consideration of approval of elections storage building porch repairs. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve to amend the Agenda for consideration of approval of elections storage building porch repairs. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Brewer voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed

Agenda

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve the agenda with amendments. 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 November 7,2023 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

Beverly Clark, Jan Masses, James Dean, Tece Bloodworth, Wendell Bloodworth, Penelope Moye, Denise Ryals, Marty Dominy

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Wendell Bloodworth talked about getting legal representation. The Board of Commissioners discussed doing mediation with no attorneys to find a resolution.

Old Business

New Business

a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval agreement with Hudson and Marshall for Property auction. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval with Hudson and Marshall for Property auction. 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 of approval to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget. 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 of approval of Resolution to call a Special Election for BOC Chairman. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve Resolution to call a Special Election for BOC Chairman. 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 to approve of elections storage building porch repairs using ARPA funds. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve of elections storage building porch repairs using ARPA funds. 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. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of Resolution in support of expansion of state mental health services. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval for Resolution in support of expansion of state mental health services. 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.

f. The Board of Commissioners discussed county garbage services.
Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval to open up for a bid for garbage services. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval to open up for a bid for garbage services. 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. Commissioner Robert Dame asked about the possibility of having a contract with the state of Georgia for the inmates picking up trash on the sides of the road. The board discussed the cost of transportation.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:
Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd talked about Oconee EMC doing their Broadband kick off.

County Managers Report:
County Manager Tracy Strange told the commissioners about the notice of Dr. Owens with the Board of Health how his seat expires on December 31st 2023. The position that is being held needs to be either a Dentist or Nurse. She talked about how we can either re-appoint or look for someone to be in the seat. She talked about how the Middle Georgia Regional commission let her know that there is a seat up for reappointment and we need to have someone fill that seat by December 15, 2023. The board talked about how the Recreation Department needed to have a fence put into the ballpark.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of Better Baseball quote for the fence installation. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of Better Baseball quote for fence installation. 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.

Comments from the Public

Donna Asbell asked about the qualifying date and the board said they would get back with her on the date.

Beverly Clark discussed the Main Street Irwinton parade on December 16th that starts at 1:30 PM. She also talked about how he wished that deputies could give fines for those who litter.

Executive Sessions

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

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

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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