

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING December 19, 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 I, 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 December 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

Donna Asbell, John Williams, Marty Dominy

## Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- John Williams had some questions in regards to the election of the new Chairman for the Board of Commissioners. He discussed his concern about the specific date for the election.

## Old Business

- Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of qualifying dates of January 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of qualifying dates of January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 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.
- Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of qualifying fees of \$234.00. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval to add two pieces of equipment to the formal agreement with Hudson and Marshall for auction 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.

## New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of resolution honoring Judge Vivian Cummings. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval of resolution honoring Judge Vivian Cummings. 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. There was a discussion about an appointment to the Middle Georgia Advisory Council but the board tabled it.
- c. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of the 2024 Holiday Calendar. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval of the 2024 Holiday Calendar. 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 discussed trees that are coming down in Allentown around Water Creek Church road.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded everyone of the Wilkinson County Winter Jamboree that we are having on December 22,2023.

Comments from the Public

David Harattis discussed the election for the Chairman position and the dates of that election.

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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