

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING August 1, 2023

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Royce Brewer, Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins and Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Robert Dame was not present.

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the pledge.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the July 18, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Ulyses B. Wilson, Bruce Shefford, Pat Topping, Graham Thompson, Marty Dominy.
Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Commissioners discussed the agreement with the DOT lighting but discussed tabling it until they can get more information.
- b. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve Election Authorization Resolution. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about how he has a meeting with Sheriff Richard Chatman in regards to a log truck going through Balls Church Road.
3. Not Present
4. Nothing to Report

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange discussed about how the hot water heater burst yesterday and how the courthouse did shut down around 1:00 PM. She talked about how a company named Marla's Plumbing came in and got things fixed and said it would cost around \$1300.00. She also talked about the netting for the recreation department and discussed how the quote was under what was approved for \$8739.00 however they do need to find someone to install the netting. She also stated that she is waiting for numbers for revenue and as soon as she has them she said that she would reach out to the commissioners to set up a work session.

Comments from the Public

Pat Topping thanked the board of commissioners for appointing two individuals to his board.

Graham Thompson discussed the hospitality industry in the county. He discussed how he hopes that Balls Ferry area can turn into something great for the hospitality industry of the county.

Bruce Shefford asked about the process of getting a road that is near his home looked at for some improvements. He talked about Gulley Road and how there are some larger trailers that travel down that way.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Royce Brewer 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 Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Brewer voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

Adjournment

Chairman asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Brewer voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

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