

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING May 16,2023

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM in Commission Chambers. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Royce Brewer, 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, Rakita Sinkfield Senior Account Tech 2 and County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

### Invocation

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Robert Dame to lead the pledge.

### Motion to amend the Agenda

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve to amend the Agenda to add Consideration of approval of Firefighter MOU with the city of Allentown and Consideration of approval of resolution for Recreation Board number of members to old business and Discussion of equipment for road department to new business. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve to amend the Agenda. 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

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins to approve the agenda with amendments. 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 with no opposition.

### Minutes

Chairman Brewer entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the May 2,2023 and executive session minutes of May 2,2023. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. 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 with no opposition.

### Visitors' Present

Lloyd Hatfield, Matt Fowler, Graham Thompson, Donna Asbell, Felton B. Swicord, Beverly Clark, Tece Bloodworth, Wendell Bloodworth, Tommy Brown, Richard Chatman, Marty Dominy

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- a. Mr. Robbie Mixon asked for consideration of a wave of penalties on his property tax for 2021. He discussed how he believed that the escrow company had taken care of all fees when he paid his home off in the fall of 2021. Chairman Royce Brewer stated that they would have a conversation in regards to the request.
- b. Sheriff Richard Chatman came to the board requesting the movement of funds from SPLOST 19 to general funds for flock cameras.  
Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the motion to move funds from SPLOST 19 to General fund for flock cameras. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. John Leggett with MSI insurance presented an insurance review along with options for the Board of Commissioners to choose from.  
Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion change insurance for the county to Cigna. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- d. Donna Asbell asked about an update on the hardware store in Irwinton. County Attorney Ben Vaughn stated that he will look into that property.

### Old Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve of Firefighter MOU with the city of Allentown. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve resolution for Recreation Board number of members from 7 to 9. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes,

Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### New Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the appointment of Tommy Brown as Interim EMA Director. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Chairman Royce Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. The Board of Commissioners discussed the areas that need repair at the library building.  
Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve to get the process started on repairs to the library building. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame 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 Scruggs Paving the roads and the process of that. County Manager Tracy Strange discussed when Scruggs would start and gave a update to Commissioner James Hagins on anticipated start time and the prep work that needs to be done
3. Commissioner Robert Dame discussed how road superintendent Charlie Palm installed a new drain pip on Gladys Porter Road.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed that he received a call about Criswell Cemetery and how it was hard to get to and the lack of a driveway there and talked about looking into that.

#### Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

#### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange talked about Travis McAdam's coming to clean carpets at the courthouse. She discussed the landscaping that needs to be done around the courthouse and discussed using someone local.

#### Comments from the Public:

#### Executive Sessions

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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 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 Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Brewer 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.

### Adjournment

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

### Notice to Visitors

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