

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING June 6,2023

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, 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.

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

### Invocation

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brewer asked Commissioner James Hagins 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 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 16,2023 and executive session minutes of May 16,2023. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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 Brewer voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

## Visitors' Present

Graham Thompson, Chris Landrum, Donna Asbell, Pat Topping, Wendell Bloodworth, Tece Bloodworth, Perrick Morris, Marty Dominy.

## Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

### Old Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve county ordinance to implement a program to charge rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve of service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC. 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.
- c. The Board of Commissioners discussed approving a quote for landscaping services but decided to table it.
- d. The board also discussed the replacement of the eternal flame and the cost that it may intel. The board decided to table the discussion.
- e. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve a library repair of the doors from SPLOST funds in the amount of \$10,966.32. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd 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.
- f. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve quote for Senior Citizens Center fence repair in the amount of \$16090.00. Motion made by Anderson Ford Shepherd 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.
- g. The board discussed the repairs of the netting at the Recreation baseball field. Recreation director John Carswell mentioned that the season has ended for this year and that he has looked into Team Sports and said that it would cost around \$10,600.00 to get the netting that was needed.

### New Business

- a. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve to fund a 4-H agent for Wilkinson County. 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 of Wilkinson Family Connections contract with Board of Commissioners continuing to act as fiscal agent. 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.
  - c. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Anderson Ford to the Middle GA Consortium/ Workforce Development Board. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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.
  - d. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve reinstatement of GDOT barbeque. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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.
  - e. The Board of Commissioners had a discussion on the use of retired ambulances. The board talked about the value of the parts and how hard the parts are to find. The board decided that they want to keep them in their possession instead of selling them.
  - f. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve replacement of courthouse chairs. 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.
  - g. Chairman Royce Brewer entertained the motion to approve the project list submission of Balls Ferry Park. 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.

#### Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Howard Shepherd Road and about the drain pipe on that road and talked about the issues that road has.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame gave a thank you to Road Superintendent Charlie Palm for working on Balls Ferry Road.

#### 4. Nothing to Report

##### Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

##### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded the commissioners to look into their packets for Insurance and reminded them of the open enrollment date and time. She discussed the paving on Club Road that Scruggs is working on. She also talked about getting signs up on Old Balls Ferry road.

##### Comments from the Public:

- a. Mr. Wendell said thank you for giving the county a 4-H agent.
- b. Mr. Graham Thompson talked about the RV ordinance and asked a few questions about a compliance officer to help enforce the ordinance.

##### 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

The Board of Commissioners welcomes you to our meeting. We ask that you do not talk during the meeting to allow us to hear all discussion between Commissioners. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Board of Commissioners Office at 946-2236 no later than the Thursday prior to meeting.