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COMMISSION MEETING April 2, 2024

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Robert Dame and Commissioner Anderson Ford.

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner Robert Dame 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 March 19,2024 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

Ulyses B. Wilson, Denise Ryals, Graham Thompson, Marty Dominy
Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Commissioners discussed the different details between the proposals from University of Georgia and Condrey and Associates, and came to a decision.
Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of vendor for Salary Study Services by UGA. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval of vendor for Salary Study Services by UGA. 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 of Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Away Environmental. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval of Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Away Environmental. 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. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Asbury bridge is near completion.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame stated there will be a clean-up event at Balls Ferry on April 20, 2024. He also received some calls from the public about trash on the roads in his district. He has spoken to the road superintendent concerning this issue and about obtaining guard rails for Bear Camp Road.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd talked about broadband moving forward. He also reminded individuals to go and vote for the run off election for Chairman.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange stated she has spoken to Road Superintendent Charlie Palm about the guardrails for Bear Camp Road also he has talked with someone who is interested in the Asphalt grinder. She stated checking with Yancey in regards to the transmission in the road department.

Comments from the Public

Ulyses Wilson talked about how something needs to be done with Asbury Church and Spring Hill road. He talked about the amount of log trucks that come on those roads when they are not supposed to. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd suggested hiring more deputies to help with the issues.

Marty Dominey talked about the new Chairman position and talked about not being able to act until the Chairman has training. He stated that training is not available until December. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd and County Manager Tracy Strange stated that it has been looked into and virtual training is available for new Chairman.

Executive Session was not needed.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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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