

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING April 16,2024

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. Newly elected Chairman, Anthony Bentley was in attendance but due to not being formally sworn in, did not participate on any votes.

The following staff was present: Senior Account Tech 2 Rakita Sinkfield, County Manager Tracy Strange, Senior Account Tech 1 Lindsey Benefield 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 Robert Dame 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 April 2,2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. 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 to approve the Call Meeting Minutes of the March 13,2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by

Commissioner James Hagins. 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

Graham Thompson, Donna Asbell, Beverly Clark, Darius Patterson, Randy Moon, Nancy Moon, Tece Bloodworth, Marty Dominy

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Visitor Arkee Hodges was not present

Old Business

New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve National Day of Prayer Recognition Proclamation Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approve National Day of Prayer Recognition Proclamation. 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 to approve contract with Scruggs Company for road repairs in the City of McIntyre. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve contract with Scruggs Company for road repairs. 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.
- c. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve Speed Breakers Resolution and Ordinance Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve Speed Breakers Resolution and Ordinance. 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.
- d. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve an offer from City of McIntyre to purchase 2021 Chevy Tahoe. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approval of offer from City of McIntyre to purchase 2021 Chevy Tahoe. 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.
- e. The Commissioners discussed having Macon Volunteer Clinic to provide health care services to residents of Wilkinson County. County Manager Tracy Strange discussed how these services would be at no cost to the County.
Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve Macon Volunteer Clinic to provide health care services to residents of Wilkinson County. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approve Macon Volunteer Clinic 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.

- f. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the formal GDOT Roundabout Lighting Assistance Agreement. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approval of formal GDOT Roundabout Lighting Assistance Agreement. 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. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd talked about the dam in Ivey is nearing completion and how Connexon Broadband is moving forward.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Spring Hill Road and how a logging company has been driving there when they shouldn't. He mentioned about the possibility of getting Rod Chatman to have more patrol around that area.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said he spoke to Road Superintendent Charlie Palm about the guard rails on Bear Camp and how they are getting them installed.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd talked about how you can sign up in the office with Oconee EMC for Broadband.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange advised commissioners that things for their upcoming conference is in place. Documents have been sent ahead of them.

Comments from the Public

Tecee Bloodworth asked about the multipurpose building and when it was going to be completed. Stated that she may have someone who would want to use it. The commissioners said they would get back with her.

Darius Patterson gave an update on the fire department and said that the response time for fires has been getting better. He said that there would be a CPR class soon for those who would like to participate. He stated that he will post the details on the EMA Facebook page.

Randy Moon asked about the roundabout and how it could possibly affect the nearest firehouse. The commissioners stated that they would look into that for him.

Adjournment

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

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.