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COMMISSION MEETING April 16,2024

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

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

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked County Manager to lead the pledge

Agenda

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve the agenda. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner 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

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the April 16,2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner 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, Kev Lord, Graham Thompson, Dustin Danner, and Felton B. Swicord

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- John Leggett with MSI went over the three different options for the health insurance renewal for the county. He stated that option one would be no change and things would stay almost the same as they are now with Cigna Insurance. The second option talked about how there may be a slight increase with the rate of Cigna Insurance, however with renewing for next year it shouldn't be as large of a jump if we stayed with the same provider. Option three is Anthem medical insurance which is less right now but it is possible that they may charge more for a renewal for next year. The commissioners talked and discussed the different options in front of them.

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve option number two with Cigna Health Insurance Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approve option number two with Cigna Health Insurance. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Old Business

- Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approval of GDOT Lighting Resolution Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approval of GDOT Lighting Resolution Motion. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of the appointment of Jarrett Hilliard to the Board of Assessors Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approval of the appointment of Jarrett Hilliard to the Board of Assessors. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner 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. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approval of the multi-purpose building rental fees and usages. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd of approval of multi-purpose building rental fees and usages. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner 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. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval for May 15, 2024 that the football stadium will be known as the Alvin Bud Dupree Football Stadium Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford of approval for May 15, 2024 that the football stadium will be known as the Alvin Bud Dupree Football Stadium. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner 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. Commissioner Flint Shepherd talked about the lake being fixed in Ivey.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about Asbell Church Road and Spring Road being paved.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said he spoke to Road Superintendent Charlie Palm about ordering no truck signs to go on Long Branch and talked about getting guardrails for Bear Camp Road.
4. Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to Report

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange just stated that there was need for executive sessions.

Comments from the Public

Graham Thompson talked about semi-trucks speeding on roads they are not supposed to be on.

Marty Dominy talked about how he believes we have limited law enforcement.

Graham Thompson talked about how cameras may help with semi-trucks speeding in areas they shouldn't. He also spoke about needing additional people helping on the Balls Ferry State Park Day.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Anthony Bentley 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 Anderson Ford. Seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Anthony Bentley 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 Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner James Hagins 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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