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COMMISSION MEETING May 21,2024

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM. 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, 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 Commissioner James Hagins to lead the pledge

Agenda

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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 May 7,2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. 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

Tece Bloodworth, Penne Moye, Beverly Clark, Graham Thompson, Kevin Lord, Donna Asbell, Malcolm McEachern , and Roger Bacon.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of the purchase of a backhoe for Road Department from Yancey Brothers - Capital Improvement budget. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of the purchase of a backhoe for Road Department from Yancey Brothers- Capital Improvement budget. 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 property and liability renewal quote through ACCG. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of property and liability renewal quote through ACCG. 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. Commissioners discussed the Caterpillar lease offer and wanted to wait until budget talks before making any decisions.
- d. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of quote for East Wilkinson Library renovations by Ricky A. Thomas. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approval of quote for East Wilkinson Library renovations by Ricky A. Thomas. 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 discussed how there is a top coat being put on EH Snow Road and how more roads are going to be sealed.
2. Commissioner James Hagins discussed how there has been a slowdown of traffic with the speeding haul log trucks on Ball Church Road.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said that Road Superintendent Charlie Palm has put up some signs on Long Branch Road to help with continued traffic. He also discussed a major wreck that happened a few days prior that involved two semi-trucks as well as a fatality.

4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed a project that is getting started going on at Hayward Smith Road with some repairs.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about pot holes on Turkey Creek Road being an issue.

County Managers Report:

Not Present

Comments from the Public

Graham Thompson talked about the work day coming up for Balls Ferry and showed some options for a paint sample for the Kiosk at Balls Ferry.

Donna Asbell asked what the guidelines are in regards to the use of the Multi-Purpose building, she stated that there was someone interested in using the building when it is available and ready.

There was no Executive Sessions

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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