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COMMISSION MEETING
June 18,2024

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Anthony Bentley, Commissioner James Hagins, and Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Flint Shepherd and Commissioner Robert Dame joined in by phone.

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

Broadcasted Live via Facebook.

Invocation

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Robert Dame to lead the pledge

Agenda

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to amend the agenda to approve the GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy for Wilkinson County Adopted as of June 18,2024. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve the GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy for Wilkinson County Adopted as of June 18, 2024.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.

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve the agenda with amendments. 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 21,2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. 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

Nancy Moon, Randy Moon, Beverly Clark, Penelope Moye, Tece Bloodworth, Malcolm McEachern, Kevin Lord, Graham Thompson, and Marty Dominy

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Penelope Moye discussed how she would like to see some changes to the 911 department, and asked if the EMA Director Darius Patterson could help with some changes to the department. Board let her know that EMA Director has nothing to do with the 911 department. County Manager Tracy Strange stated that this would fall under the Sheriff's Office.

Old Business

New Business

a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to appoint Monica Daniels- Drayton to Wilkinson County Board of Health to replace Carla Sappe, Resigned. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to appoint Monica Daniels- Drayton to Wilkinson County Board of Health to replace Carla Sappe, Resigned. 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. The board discussed the possibility to change the Recreation Department budget, the board discussed some options however they decided to table it for a later date.
c. The board discussed a bid that they received from a Mr. Thomas for the amount of $18,000.00 and mentioned that it was well detailed for the repairs to recreation buildings.

   Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of Mr. Thomas's bid of $18,000.00 for the repairs to recreation buildings. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval of Mr. Thomas's bid of $18,000.00 for the repairs to recreation buildings. 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.
d. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to change the Board of Commissioners meetings to have the second meeting of the month a work session. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint

Shepherd to change the Board of Commissioners meetings to have the second meeting of the month a work session. 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.

e. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy for Wilkinson County Adopted as of June 18,2024. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve the GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy for Wilkinson County Adopted as of June 18th, 2024. 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 Connexon going through and upgrading power poles to hopefully have fiber starting next year.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about fiber also getting installed in his district.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about how Road Superintendent Charlie Palm finished up the Bear Camp guard rails. He also discussed a wreck that happened in his district, someone ran a stop sign but thankfully there were no fatalities.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed potholes on Hayward Smith Road and how bad they are getting.

Chairman's Report:
Chairman Anthony Bentley discussed the EMA Director Darius Patterson and how he would like to come up with a one, three, and five-year plan for his department for the future.

County Managers Report:
County Manager Tracy Strange talked about budget meetings that will begin on July 1,2024 at 9:00 AM. She also stated that the second session will start after the Commissioners meeting on July 2,2024. She let everyone know that the courthouse will be closed in honor of Juneteenth on June 19, 2024. She spoke to Road Superintendent Charlie Palm about the Bush Cutters and their condition. ACCG is handling the claim for one Bush Cutter and the other one is in the shop for repairs.

Comments from the Public
There were no comments from the public.

Executive Session
There was no Executive Sessions

Adjournment

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford 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.

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.