

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING May 6, 2025

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 Natalie Sundeen

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 James Hagins and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve the agenda. 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 from April 1,2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for April 15,2025. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. 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

Ulysses B. Wilson, Graham Thompson, Joy Moten-Thomas, Kevin Lord, Randy Moon, Nancy Moon, Dusty Thomas, Felton Swicord, Jonathan Snow, Marty Dominy

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Chris Waigner Jones County Board of Commissioners Chairman came and spoke to the commissioners about the desire to work with Jones County Board of Commissioners water project. He spoke about how it would give more sources of water for the county. The board said that they would discuss it further.

### Old Business

### New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to cut out recordings of WCBOC meetings. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame to cut out recordings of WCBOC meetings. 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 of commissioners discussed Green Cemetery Road Maintenance. They discussed how they should be receiving information from County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn.
- c. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of Judicial Alternatives of Georgia Probation Services Agreement. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of Judicial Alternatives of Georgia Probation Services Agreement. 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 for insurance renewal proposal for Option 1. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins for insurance renewal proposal for Option 1. 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. Commissioners discussed the Road Selection for new DOT funding for road safety projects. They discussed what options they could accomplish. No decision was made at this time.
- f. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval for the paving proposal with Reeves. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval for the paving proposal with Reeves. 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 four County Fire stations are now staffed.
2. Commissioner James Hagins gave the floor to Ulysses Wilson who spoke about some maintenance on Gordon McIntyre Road. Commissioner James Hagins said he would get Road Superintendent Charlie Palm to look into it.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said that there was good work on JR Sims Road. He stated that Jonathan Snow and their company are doing great work on JR Sims Road.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford talked about some patching on county roads that need to be completed.

### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about Chris Boland on Asberry Church Road about a Citizens Park and how there may be no septic going on in the area. Commissioner Anderson Ford said that when he was around that area he didn't smell any raw sewage. They stated that they need to look into it further.

### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Visitors Center of Wilkinson County on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 PM. They discussed how there is some additional work to the Visitors Center. She also talked about how there will be a budget workshop due on June 6,2025. She talked about a SPLOST meeting June 3,2025 at 10:30 with cities. She reminded everyone of the Macon Bacon Game on June 27,2025. She talked about Employee Appreciation Day on May 16,2025.

### Comments from the Public

Felton Swicord shared his opinion of the minutes and recording of the Board of Commissioners Meetings.

### Adjournment

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd voted yes, and Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

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