

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING August 5, 2025

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner Robert Dame, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley was not present.

The following staff was present: County Manager Tracy Strange, Senior Account Tech 1 Lindsey Benefield and County Attorney was not present.

### Invocation

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner James Hagins to lead the invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd asked Commissioner Anderson Ford 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 James Hagins 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 Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes from July 1,2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for July 15,2025. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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.

### Visitors' Present

Ulysses B. Wilson, Kevin Lord, Joyce Denson, Lloyd Hatsfield, Clint Terry, Felton Swicord, Graham Thompson, Amanda Panther, Clint Hardie, Chris Landrum, Nancy Moon, Randy Moon, Marty Dominy, Joy Moten-Thomas, Jonathan Snow, Mayor April Smith

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Brian Wright came and spoke to the board about the recent audit and his findings. He discussed the previous years and compared them to this year's data. He said that it was a good year overall.

### Old Business

- a. Commissioners discussed how Chairman Anthony Bentley was good with the contract with the Tax Commissioner's Office with leaving the contract as it is. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the Municipal Tax Collection Tax Contract. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins 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.

### New Business

- a. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of appointment of Joyce Denson to Department of Family Children Services Board (DFACS). Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of appointment of Joyce Denson to Department of Family Children Services Board (DFACS). Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd 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 of approval of SPLOST 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner James Hagins of approval of SPLOST 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd 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. The commissioners discussed FLOST 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement. County Manager Tracy Strange passed out a document that had more information on FLOST 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement. The commissioners said they would look at it further and decide at a later date.

### Commissioner's District Report

1. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd reminded everyone about the Duck Race this upcoming Saturday August 9,2025.

2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about road striping being harder with all the rain on the dirt roads.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about allot of dirt roads being washed out because of all the rain.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford talked about how one situation on Bloodworth Whipple Road, he stated that the road department is working on getting it resolved.

#### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley was not present.

#### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange let everyone know about the two RFP's that are out at the moment. One of the RFP's is for 57 to Old Balls Ferry Road, the other was on Gordon McIntyre Road. She also talked about what the board would want to do with the CD that we have with Morris Bank currently.

Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd entertained a motion of approval of using Georgia Fund 1 Prime for the funds from Morris Bank CD. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval of using Georgia Fund 1 Prime for the funds from Morris Bank CD. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### Comments from the Public

Graham Thompson discussed about the upcoming Duck Race on August 9,2025. He discussed how the race will go on no matter the weather. He stated that the time for the race would be around 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM. He also stated that there should be around one food truck.

Vickie Horne asked a question about the recordings in the commissioner's meetings asking if there were ever any talk of brining it back. Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd stated that the board had not discussed weather or not they would. She also had another question in regards to the Development Authority Vice Chairman Flint Shepherd stated that it will be the same as it has always been.

Joyce Denson reminded everyone about an Alzheimer's walk on September 13,2025 from 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM. She also talked about the Macon Mall also doing an event for Alzheimer's as well.

April Smith talked about how the City of Gordon will be losing The Piggly Wiggly grocery store on August 17,2025. She asked the board to provide a letter or support on trying to get something in the store's place. County Manager Tracy Strange asked who to address the letter to. April Smith stated to just address it to The City of Gordon.

#### Executive Sessions:

No need for Executive Sessions

#### Adjournment

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