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WORK SESSION OUTLINE December 16, 2025

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

The following staff was present: County Manager Tracy Strange, Senior Account Tech 1 Lindsey Benefield and County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn.

Invocation

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the pledge

Visitors' Present

Visitors:

Lucas Slotsema a representative from Enterprise Leasing Company came to visit the commissioners. He was discussing ways for the equity to go back to the county. As well as ways to get the lowest cost.

Susan Moore from UGA introduced the new representative for Wilkinson County.

Action Items

The board discussed the consideration of approval of building repair quotes. They wanted to get more quotes to compare.

The board talked about the approval of county sign quotes. They discussed about replacing other signs.

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion of approval to use SPLOST funds for the replacement of County Signs. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame for a motion to the approval to use SPLOST funds for the replacement of County Signs. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint

Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Topics of Discussion:

- The board started to discuss an update with the Fire Department. They tabled the discussion until further notice.
- The board discussed the need for one more fire truck. They mentioned that they are wanting to see the ISO rating and seeing what it may look like.
- The board talked about possibly having Aluminum recycling bins at the convenient center and how proceeds from that could go back to the Fire Department.
- The board decided to table the discussion of the City of Ivey MOU.
- The Fire Department they discussed some of the things that they have accomplished this year. They discussed they are working on MOU's.
- Chairman Anthony Bentley said he spoke to Sheriff Richard Chatman about the speed limits rules that need to be followed. The board discussed following Department of Transportation to be their guide on updating speeds accordingly.
- The board discussed repairs that need to be made at a certain Convenient Center location. They also discussed the possibility of installing guard rails at places where they are needed.
- The board continued to discuss some repairs like guard rails for the Asbell Convenience Center.
- The board talked about how the convenient centers locations for trash disposal are getting full very quickly. They also discussed how often the pickup schedule is and should be. They discussed about how it is more than normal due to the holidays.
- The board talked about the cost of how much it would be for a Roll Off to be placed on Liberty Church Road. They talked about how many more trucks would need to be ran in order to keep up with the increased load.
- County Manager Tracy Strange talked about the possibility of the County creating a benevolent fund. She stated that she spoke to County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn and he mentioned how the county cannot make donations directly however the employees of the county can donate out of their own pocket when someone has passed away.
- The board discussed having emergency access to Nickelsville Fire Station on Hwy 441 but talked about how unfortunately the county is at DOT's jurisdiction in regards to opening up things like this.

- The commissioners discussed where the need for vehicles were at as well as how to get what is needed. They discussed how GOV Deal has an auction on January 9, 2026 and they talked about which items were needed.
- County Manager Tracy Strange talked about the continual roll over that seems to be happening year to year. The board discussed an option of a buyback plan. The board discussed a max of what could be bought back as well as a tiered system. They talked about finalizing the details of the buy back plan.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame. Commissioner James Hagins 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 Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes and Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Comments from Public

- Donna Asbell had a question in regards to the memorandum of understanding for Wilkinson County for the library. County Manager Tracy Strange answered her questions.

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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