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COMMISSION MEETING February 3,2026

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 Robert Dame, and Commissioner Anderson Ford, Commissioner James Hagins was present by phone.

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

Invocation

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Robert Dame to lead the pledge

Amendment to the agenda

Approval of agenda

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

Minutes

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes for January 6,2026 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for January 20,2026. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Dusty Thomas, Clint Terry, Tyrone Turner, Chuck Marks- EMS, Bobby Hahn- EMS, Michael Patterson, John Wilson, Joy Moten-Thomas, Kevin Lord, Malcolm McEachern, Felton Swicord, Joyce Denson, Graham Thompson, Beverly Clark

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Michael Patterson operations manager at Atrium Health EMS came to talk to the board and gave a presentation. He discussed his goals for the county and an overview of how things have gone so far.
- Anthony Rodriguez with Triple Point Engineering talked with the board about any questions that they may have. They discussed the landfill and how the landfill impacted the ground water.

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approve moving forward with Triple Point Engineering. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Old Business

- The board discussed a consideration of approval of MOU with East Wilkinson County Library. They discussed the possibility of making the Librarian at East Wilkinson County Library a county employee. County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn made some changes to where the County will fund the library but will remain an employee of the library with additional funding from other cities. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of MOU with East Wilkinson County Library. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
 - Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approve quote for Courthouse repairs to Turner Construction for the bid of \$61,075.00. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approval of surplus property resolution for property tax sale for property missed in last sell. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approval of surplus property resolution for two surplus vehicles 2019 Tahoe and 2002 Chevy. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. The board discussed the renewal of DAWC Revolving Loan fund. Brian Sappe with DAWC talked about the option of short-term funding and borrowing funds from the county and would pay back the funds from a project. The board wanted to further discuss and decided to table the topic.
- d. The board also discussed the need for the County Attorney to be present during every meeting. The board agreed that it was needed for the County Attorney to be in attendance for the first meeting of the month but not the second unless specifically asked and needed.
- e. The board also discussed a Code Enforcement Officer for the County and needed more information and decided to table the discussion until later.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Flint Shepherd stated that it has been fairly quiet in his district and mentioned a reminder that the Banana Pudding Festival is coming up shortly.
2. Commissioner James Hagins discussed the current state of Old McIntyre Road and the possibility of paving in that area.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame discussed how the roundabout looks good. He discussed the need of moving the stop sign over some.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed Hardy Smith Road, he discussed how people were telling him that there is an issue with a smell. Commissioner Anderson Ford said that he went to check out that area but could not smell anything.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley discussed a seminar in Baldwin County.

County Managers Report:

Nothing to Report

Comments from the Public

- Felton Swicord spoke about the lights being maintained at the dump sites, he said they have been out for around 6 months. The board said that the Gordon McIntyre location's lights are coming.
- Marty Dominy discussed local ordinances in regards to the Code Enforcement Officer position. The board talked about how the role will develop over time.

Executive Sessions:

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to enter executive session to discuss Litigation, Real Estate, and or Personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins not present. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes and Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Hagins not present. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

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. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

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