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COMMISSION MEETING January 6 ,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 not present.

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 County Manager Tracy Strange to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley lead the pledge

Agenda

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame 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 not present. Motion carried with no opposition.

Minutes

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes for November 4,2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for November 18,2025. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins was not present. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Christopher Landrum, John Wilson, Felton Swicord, Clint Terry, Tece Bloodworth, William Thompson, Joy Moten- Thomas

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins not present. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of re-appointing Commissioner Flint Shepherd to the Middle GA Regional Commission Council. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins not present. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approval of appointment of Kim Bryan to the Board of Assessors to fulfill the unexpired term of Phillip Adams. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins not present. Motion carried with no opposition.
- d. Commissioners discussed the consideration of quotes for updated county signs. The board decided to table it until they get better understanding on the quote.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Flint Shepherd stated that it has been fairly quite in his district and mentioned that the paving and striping of Gordon McIntyre has been completed and looks good.
2. Not Present
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about McCue Road. He discussed about moving a stop sign back around 3 or 4 feet.

4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed the patching on Hayward Smith Road and how there are some spots that are starting to break or possibly new holes forming. He stated that he believes that it may be because the asphalt is so thin. He stated that the county may need to re-surface the whole area.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley discussed how he has had some complaints about the smell of raw sewage. He mentioned that when he has come to the area where the complaints have come from that he has not smelled anything and mentioned that next time he gets notice of someone smelling that smell that he will just come down to the location and look into it further.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange let everyone know about the county's next Macon Bacon Night which is June 13, 2026. She let everyone know how the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival went. She discussed how her office had a de-briefing to go over what worked and what didn't and thinking of creative and innovative ways to improve for next year. Commissioner Flint Shepherd reminded everyone of the EMA Christmas Party on December 16, 2025.

Comments from the Public

Tece Bloodworth stated that a citizen asked her to report some issues with potholes on Kings Road. Commissioners asked Abraham Crockett to look into it.

Felton Swicord asked about the vetting process of the new appointment of the Tax Assessors board member. He also asked about AED machines.

Executive Sessions:

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

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