

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING November 4, 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 Robert Dame, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner James Hagins.

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

### Invocation

Chairman Anthony Bentley Shepherd asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Robert Dame to lead the pledge

### 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 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 for October 7, 2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, 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

Ulyses B. Wilson, Donna Asbell, Dusty Thomas, William Thompson, Chris Landrum, Graham Thompson, Felton Swicord, Amanda Holder, Carol Hodnett, Marty Dominy, Jonathan Snow  
Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

### Old Business

### New Business

- a. Commissioners discussed the GDOT Lighting Agreement but did decide to revisit it and did end up tabling the topic.
- b. Commissioners considered the Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy. The board discussed how DOT said that we needed an updated version with a new date. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of Transit Drug & Alcohol Policy. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, 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.
- c. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approval of Wright and Wright for audit services. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, 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 to approval of using LMIG funds of GDOT Bridge Replacement Program. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, 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 about Food Assistance options for the county. Donna Asbell said she would reach out to Kamin with more information about some options.
- f. The board discussed Water and Sewage Board for the county. The commissioners said they would look into weather there was already a board established.
- g. The commissioners discussed the possibility of a fair ground for Wilkinson County. They discussed the options for future use and the growth that it could have.
- h. The board discussed an update with the Fire Department and MOU's. The board discussed with EMA Director Chris Landrum about the MOU scores and how he thinks they will go in the years that follow.

### Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Nothing to Report
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about McQueen Road.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford discussed roads that have been worked on from the Road Department look good.

### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley discussed how he has a resource named Theo who may be able to help with the food bank.

### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange gave a report update on Atrium. She also talked about the meeting on November 18,2025 with Terry from Triple Point.

### Comments from the Public

Felton Swicord asked about the location of the AED.

### 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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