

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING October 7, 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 County Manager Tracy Strange 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 James Hagins 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 from September 2, 2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Robert Dame. 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

Morgan Hoffman, Randy Moon, Felton Swicord, Chris Landrum, William Thompson, Joy Moten-Thomas, Marty Dominy, John Wilson

### Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

### Old Business

- Commissioners discussed an update from the Road Department. The commissioners talked about the different options of how to patch up highways. They discussed hot asphalt for patches versus a coal patch.
- Commissioner discussed an EMA/ Fire update. The commissioners talked to EMA Director Christopher Landrum in regards to ways to increase ISO scores they talked about locating sprinkler systems in order to show as water sources in order to lower the score.

### New Business

- a. Discussion of Solar Farm Permit Fees. The commissioners discussed different fees in neighboring counties and how they process their fees. The commissioners agreed to follow Peach County Fee Schedule and neighboring counties fee schedule in regards to Solar Farm Permit Fees.  
Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve following neighboring counties fee schedule in regards to Solar Farm Permit Fees. 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.

### Commissioner's District Report

1. Nothing to Report
2. Nothing to Report
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about how Balls Ferry Road looks good.
4. Nothing to Report

### Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about how Hayward Smith Road is in the works for getting work done.

### County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded Commissioner Anderson Ford about conference this week. She also reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 22, 2025 from 3:00- 7:00 PM. She also talked about tablets coming and are on the way for commissioners to use.

### Comments from the Public

Marty Dominy talked about the solar farms and asked if it was possible to have a battery-operated solar farm.

Felton Swicord talked about his thoughts on a regular meeting for the board versus a workshop meeting and how he preferred the normal meeting.

### 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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