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COMMISSION MEETING September 02, 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 James Hagins to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Anderson Ford 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 from August 5, 2025 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2025. 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.

Visitors' Present

Felton Swicord, Graham Thompson, Jonathan Snow, Joy Moten-Thomas

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion of approval of appointment of Jonathan Snow to the Wilkinson / Baldwin County Joint Development Authority. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner Robert Dame of approval of appointment of Jonathan Snow to the Wilkinson/ Baldwin County Joint Development Authority. Chairman Anthony Bentley, 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 discussed that there are a few dirt roads that need some damage fixed near the round about on 441.
4. Nothing to Report

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about some road patching on Owen Smith Road and was trying to figure out if the road department could do some of the patching.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange let the commissioners know about the Usage Agreement for Recreation. The board discussed an agreement and needing to speak to County Attorney Natalie Sundeen about the specifics. She also talked about the target date for the budget being approved is October 1,2025.

Comments from the Public

County Coroner Dusty Thomas reminded everyone about the fish fry for Road Superintendent Charlie Palm on September 19,2025

Commissioner Robert Dame said that he got a call about concerns for Balls Ferry Road. He said

he would look further into the issue.

Felton Swicord let us know of his concern about having a AED device on each floor of the Courthouse. The board informed him that there is one on each floor of the courthouse.

Executive Sessions:

No need for Executive Sessions

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. 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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