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WORK SESSION OUTLINE May 19, 2026

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Call Meeting Session at 5:00 PM. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Anthony Bentley, Commissioner Robert Dame, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner Flint Shepherd.

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

Invocation

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked County Manager Tracy Strange to lead the pledge

Visitors' Present

Lee Ann Cloud, Graham Thompson, Rodney Evans, Donald Anderson, Clint Terry, Melva Carswell, Billy Thompson, Chris Landrum, Mike Veal, Donna Asbell, Dusty Thomas, and Marty Dominy

Visitors:

Wilkinson County Service Center Board came to address some items with the board. They discussed vehicle repairs, lawn maintenance, and fuel. County Manager Tracy Strange said that communication is key and that she will look into the possibility of additional keys.

Action Items

- Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve appointment of Dusty Thomas for Safety Coordinator. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve appointment of Dusty Thomas for Safety Coordinator. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.
- Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve quote to complete paving on Railroad Street/ Old McIntyre Road. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford

and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve quote to complete paving on Railroad Street/ Old McIntyre Road. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.

- Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve Insurance Renewal with Cigna at 9% increase. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve the consideration of approval of Insurance Renewal with Cigna at 9% increase. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.

Topics of Discussion:

- Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve tire recycling fee increases. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve tire recycling fee increases. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.
- Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve quote for transport of tire removal. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and seconded by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to approve quote for transport of tire removal. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.
- The board discussed the possibility of going to a system to track time where they can punch in and punch out either on a device or a card swipe. County Manager Tracy Strange talked about having two companies that she is meeting with to get more information. The board tabled the discussion for a future meeting.
- The board discussed finance software. They talked about how the current software is different than what was expected. County Manager Tracy Strange talked about how she had spoken to some other counties on the software that they use and how they liked it. The board talked about exploring other software options.
- The board discussed MGRC grant writing services. They talked about their services to assist with Balls Ferry Committee Grant Writing. Graham Thompson said that he will reach out to a few people about it.
- The board discussed pipe installation fees. They went over the differences of price when it comes to the size of the pipe and how fees should be different. They also talked about the price of the fee for an install of pipe. The board tabled this discussion for a future meeting. Commissioner Robert Dame left the meeting.
- The board talked about Mr. Terrel Archer and Teresa Braxton about how they asked about their road. They want repairs to their road and told County Manager Tracy Strange that it used to be a county road but was not anymore. The board discussed the road details and what it looks like. The board talked about how it would be a long process to make it a county road again. They talked about how on google it's listed as Robin Drive. Chairman Anthony Bentley said he would ride out there tomorrow to take a look at it.

- The board discussed about a fence that had some damage done to it and how it needed to get fixed on Gay wood.
- The board discussed how there were need of Roll off Cans that they discussed some meetings ago.
- The board discussed the Macon Bacon Game coming up on June 13,2026 and how the ticket profits will go to the fire department, 17 each this year.
- Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about the need for a weed eater and lawn mower and looked at some quotes all within approval budget range. They discussed prices from each quote. Abraham Crockett interim Road Superintendent said that he was good with Xmart company for the quote.
- The board discussed upgrades to Ivey Fire station and how Chris Landrum EMA Director should be good to go ahead and get everything ordered since the materials were less than five thousand.

Comments from Public

- Coroner Dusty Thomas spoke to Commissioner Flint Shepherd about the trash bins at the ambulance service. He talked about needing a scheduled pick up service for that area. The board talked about considering putting their area on sanitation's pick-up schedule.
- Mr. Michael asked for a status on the hole on White Springs Church Road. Commissioner James Hagins said that he was going to go by there.
- Donna Asbell talked about Visit Wilkinson County building has a roof currently leaking and that they have to mop the floors every time it rains. The board talked about getting with Phillip Airs to see about repairs to the roof as well as some other county buildings.
- Someone from the audience talked about grant writing for Balls Ferry and talked about how they need around five thousand for the development of the park. They discussed a few details of the possibility of grant writing for it.

Executive Session

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

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

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, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. Commissioner Robert Dame not present.

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