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COMMISSION MEETING June 2,2026

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 James Hagins, Commissioner Robert Dame, Commissioner Anderson Ford.

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 Commissioner Anderson Ford to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked Commissioner Flint Shepherd 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 Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Minutes

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes from May 5,2026 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for May 19,2026. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame Voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Visitors' Present

Dusty Thomas, Christopher Landrum, Marty Dominy, Clint Terry, Tammy Newsome,

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

- Tammy Newsome with AFLAC Insurance came to talk to the board and let them know that there is currently only one employee on their insurance plan. She talked about how the county has been a customer since 1971. She discussed about how somewhere throughout the years the communication was lost and no new employees signed up for AFLAC Insurance. She talked about how they offer a Cancer Policy for employees that is for the year 2026 it is a Guarantee Issue for the Cancer Policy. She explained that this means that there are no medical questions for anyone that wants to sign up would be approved. She talked about how the cost would be as a payroll deduction.

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve AFLAC Insurance to continue with the county. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame Voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approval of UGA extension budget request. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- b. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approval of Railroad Street paving project. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
- c. Commissioners discussed White Springs Church Road with Clint Terry and discussed how there are large potholes and pavement loss near heavy truck routes. Clint Terry talked about getting some quotes for the repairs.
- d. Commissioner Flint Shepherd talked about the county and its fuel purchase system that we currently have in place. He talked about the possibility of looking into other systems that may be better suited for the county. The board talked about how right now there is a limit to the number of Keys that are distributed for an individual to

- receive gas at the pump. They stated that the cost of the keys is pricey. They talked about how a new system may give t more options to have more people have access to get fuel without having to find someone to meet them at the pump to get gas. An example of this is when firefighters don't have the key they have to meet up with another firefighter who has a key in order to get fuel.
- e. County Manager Tracy Strange talked about how she received a request for June to be Men's Health Month. She also had Pastor Hinton from Cornerstone Fellowship Church come to speak to the board, he is the faith director here in the state of Georgia. He talked about the importance of fathers being present in children's lives and how that can trickle down too many different aspects including public assistance for families to meet their needs. He requested that June also be recognized as Responsible Fatherhood Month.
Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approve June as Men's Health Month and Responsible Fatherhood Month. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame and second by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.
 - f. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approve Revolving Loan Agreement with Wilkinson County DAWC. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins. Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Commissioner's District Report

1. Commissioner Flint Shepherd stated that everything was mainly quiet. He did ask how things were going in regards to the fixing of the roof for the old jail. County Manager Tracy Strange said she reached out to Mr. Stanley and he gave her another number to reach out to. He mentioned that there was a big accident on highway 18.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about a few roads that had damage and needed repairs.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame said that he had a few flooded roads with all of the rain we have been getting. He talked about how the roundabout is coming along slowly.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford talked how there were a few issues that needed to be taken care of he said he got with Abraham Crockett the Interim Road Superintendent and that Abraham said he would get those issues taken care of.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley said that things were fairly quiet except for a phone call that he received from a Mr. Randy Toms from McIntyre where there was an issue with their Fire Chief and needed assistance.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange discussed a few reminders for everyone. She let everyone know that June 13, 2026 is the Wilkinson County night at Macon Bacon and that unfortunately ticket sales are extremely slow. She let everyone know that the tickets are \$17.00. She also gave recognition to Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner James Hagins and EMA Director Christopher Landrum for their certifications that they had received. She discussed how she has had a meeting with two timeclock system programs so far and has one more today. She said that by the next meeting she would have the information she needs.

Comments from the Public

- A gentleman from the audience asked County Manager Tracy Strange about a particular road. County Manager Tracy Strange said that she would get with Abraham Crockett Interim Road Superintendent for more information.

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 Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes and Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. No action taken.

The board reconvened to go back into Executive Sessions.

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to re-enter executive session to discuss litigation, real estate, and personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner James Hagins. Commissioner James Hagins voted yes, Chairman Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition.

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 Robert Dame voted yes and Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. 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 James Hagins to adjourn the meeting. Chairman

Anthony Bentley voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner James Hagins voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. Commissioner Robert Dame not present.

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