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WORK SESSION OUTLINE June 16, 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 James Hagins to lead the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Visitors' Present

Beverly Clark, Gwen Westbrook, Lee Ann Cloud, Clint Terry, W. L., Graham Thompson, and Marty Dominy

Visitors:

Action Items

- Commissioners did a reading of the Responsible Fatherhood Month Proclamation. They mentioned that Wilkinson County is the 2nd in the nation to proclaim Fatherhood Month.
- 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.

Topics of Discussion:

- The board discussed the appointments to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. They talked about the two spots that are up for re-appointment is Dandy Starley and Laprell Todd. They talked about not having contact information for them. Chairman Anthony Bentley said he would check with Danny. Commissioner Robert Dame said that he would check with someone on the board of Assessors to see if they are interested.
- The board discussed county dumpsters and the needs that the county has for more dumpsters. They discussed the frequency of pickups of the different areas. Commissioner Anderson Ford talked about seeing elderly people having a harder time being able to put their trash in the higher trash containers. The board talked about adding shorter trash cans instead of taller ones. The board talked about how compactors would save allot of room in the dumpsters. They also discussed how lights were down at Branen Road dumpster site in Toombsboro.
- The board discussed subdivision of property. Commissioner Flint Shepherd talked about the county getting an influx of developers that are wanting to buy and split up land in the county. He talked about how the looked into a sub division ordinance that the county already has and that it didn't have specifics of fees. County Manager Tracy Strange said she would get with County Attorney Benjamin Vaughn to research it and see what other counties do and see if there could be a different fee with someone who wants to separate to sell verses someone who wants to separate to create a subdivision.
- County Manager Tracy Strange talked to the board about how in the last meeting they discussed fuel and diesel usage in the county. She let the board know that Pam Transit Supervisor gave her a breakdown from October 2025 until now. She said that Pam let her know that the county has gotten Gasoline at 52,401 gallons delivered which cost \$129,594.50. She also stated that for Diesel the county has gotten at 21,855 gallons delivered which cost \$71,832.76. The board discussed where the county purchases Gas and Diesel from stating that Chambers and Walthall are who we use.
- County Manager Tracy Strange talked about Donna Asbell reaching out to her for repairs to be done and completed at the Visitor's Center for the roof as well as the hot water heater. County Manager Tracy Strange discussed the details of a quote that she received for repairing the Visitor's Center everyone was in agreeance that the quote sounded fair in price.
Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve Ricky Thomas quote for repairs to the Visitors Center for \$23,520.00. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Anderson Ford to approve Ricky Thomas quote for repairs to the Visitors Center for \$23,520.00. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Anderson Ford voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes.

Comments from Public

- A male audience member talked about some issues with the road at White Springs Church Road about how the shoulders are being pushed back. He talked about the chalk trucks that are coming out in that area are causing some of the main issues. He also talked about some pot holes that need fixing he was asking if they could get patched until they are fully fixed. The board talked about how asphalt should be coming the

- week after next or so to get that patch work for that as soon as possible.
- Mr. John Carswell with Georgia Council Boy Scouts talked about how the cub scouts are co-ed and how they may need assistance in the future. He talked about wanting to partner with the fire department explorer program to have the same youth in both programs. He talked about scouts produces great citizens in the world. Mr. Cook who is the district rep for this area talked about his plans for the scouting program for Pac 357. He discussed the specifics of the programs. He talked about how they have currently 34 youth in Wilkinson participating and would like to see that number triple. Charles Hammel the den leader of cub scouts handed out some photos of the youth of Wilkinson County showing some of the events and things they have been participating in. He talked about fundraiser opportunities and how scouts can make the youth better people. He spoke about the youth meeting at the Resource Center in McIntyre every Thursday at 6 pm. He discussed if anyone has any interest in the program to contact Mr. & Mrs. Carswell or himself.
 - Lee Ann from the fire department talked about the explorer's club that the fire fighters have for the youth. She talked about how they want to get as much of their youth CPR certified as well as First Aide certified in case of day to day emergencies.

Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd to 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 and Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes. Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Motion carried with no opposition. Commissioner Anderson Ford was not present.

Chairman Anthony Bentley asked for a motion to approve motion to hire Chris Martin as Code Enforcement Building Inspector. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Robert Dame to approve motion to hire Chris Martin as Code Enforcement Building Inspector. Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Flint Shepherd voted yes, Commissioner Robert Dame voted yes. Commissioner Anderson Ford was not present.

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

County Manager Tracy Strange reminded everyone about Budget Hearing on June 29th – 30th, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

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

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