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WORK SESSION OUTLINE July 21 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 James Hagins, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Commissioner Flint Shepherd. Commissioner Robert Dame not present.

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 Commissioner Flint Shepherd to lead the pledge

Visitors' Present

Lee Ann Cloud, John Wilson, Dwain Sammans, Nick Sweat, Dona Asbell, Seth Daniels, and Mike Veal

Agenda

Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add John Wilson with DAWC to present tax savings project. Motion made by Commissioner Flint Shepherd and second by Commissioner James Hagins to approve. 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:

- Mr. Dwain Sammons spoke to the commissioners about offering a life insurance option to the county. He spoke about his experience in the insurance business. He said that if an employee had the insurance policy and ended up leaving the county they keep it at the same price. He and his assistant Nick Sweat talked about how their company handles the entirety of the claim from start to finish.

- Lee Ann Cloud with EMA/ Fire Rescue talked about asking for support from the commissioners. She spoke about current smoke detector installation program and how a person could even be renting in Wilkinson County and still be included in the program. She also spoke about aging services that they would like to implement at some point where a person 65 or older would volunteer to put a yellow dot on the driver's side window of their vehicle in order to notify emergency personnel that there is a medical card in the glove box, and how this could be a life saving initiative. She also spoke about a special training program for members of the community for limited response disaster fire safety and light search and rescue.
- Chris Martin the Code Enforcement Officer / Building Inspector talked with the board about the different major buildings of the county that get allot of foot traffic. He visited many different buildings around the county. He said he spoke to the Health Department and they said that they would like to see the county pass an ordinance about individuals selling food out of their homes they mentioned to Chris that they have had issues with that. He discussed many different things that would need to be updated to make their appearance look better.
- John Wilson with DAWC presented a tax savings project for the county. He talked about how it is a south Korean company that has come and visited the county multiple times. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the south Korean company tax savings project for 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. Motion carried with no opposition. Commissioner Robert Dame is not present.

Action Items

Topics of Discussion:

- Commissioners tabled the discussion of the amnesty program.
- Commissioners discussed the staffing needs for the Road Department County Manager Tracy Strange said that Interim Road Superintendent Abraham Crockett asked for about 4 more employees. Chairman Anthony Bentley talked about doing a contract out for a company. They talked about getting some numbers before the budget starts.
- Commissioners discussed convenience center operations. They talked about how they want to stop taking tires and limbs and possibly oil at other locations of centers and only take them at the convince center. They talked about how doing this might save the county allot of cost of labor.
- Commissioners also spoke about possibly about courthouse flooring project. County Manager Tracy Strange talked about epoxy throughout the whole courthouse she talked about one quote around \$48,000.00. They discussed wanting to look into it before committing as well as want to prioritize.

Comments from Public

- Chris Martin Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector talked about getting a quote to re-do the roof of the library that was recently done talked about how screws are starting to come out.

Executive Session

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 James Hagins 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 was not present.

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