

Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING August 4,2026

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM. The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Flint Shepherd, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner Robert Dame, Commissioner Anderson Ford and Chairman Anthony Bentley.

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 Commissioner Robert Dame 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 July 7,2026 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for July 21,2026. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Dame 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

Tece Bloodworth, Joyce Denson, Beverly Clark, Clint Terry, Joy Moten-Thomas, Katavia Barksdale, Graham Thompson, Valerie Chatman, Marty Dominy, Cameron Williams

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Old Business

- The board discussed hosting a tire amnesty event. They are looking at working with Quality Tire. Because 60 to 90 days' notice is required for the state grant application, the event will be held in January 2027. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approve moving forward with Quality Tire. 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.

New Business

- a. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Joyce Denson to the River Edge Board of Directors. Motion made by Commissioner James Hagins and second by Commissioner Anderson Ford. 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 Sammons Insurance as an additional life insurance provider. 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.
- c. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approval of opening a new account at Citizens Bank in Cochran Georgia. The account will be a three-month CD for one million dollars. At renewal funds will be transferred into a Money Market account. 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.
- d. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion of approval of going with Robs Roofing for repairs to the Senior Citizens Center Roof. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson Ford and second by Commissioner Robert Dame. 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.

- e. Chairman Anthony Bentley entertained the motion to approval of the TREES Act Resolution. 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 talked about the Duck Race the upcoming Saturday.
2. Commissioner James Hagins talked about patching roads as well as Balls Ferry road.
3. Commissioner Robert Dame talked about he received some complaints about dirt roads he mentioned Long Branch as well as many other roads that need work.
4. Commissioner Anderson Ford talked about how there were roads that needed patching and stated that Road Superintendent Abraham Crockett was working on some to get them corrected.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Anthony Bentley stated that he has been contacted regarding manholes on Railroad Street that need repair. Clint Terry with Triple Point Engineering said he would speak to a contractor to look at it.

County Managers Report:

County Manager Tracy Strange talked about the need for a workshop meeting before the next commissioners meeting. She also mentioned a tax issue that she has been working through with a citizen.

Comments from the Public

- Tece Bloodworth talked about the schedule for cutting medians and she talked about Mt. Carmel Road.

Executive Session

There was 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 Anderson Ford to adjourn the meeting. 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.

The Board of Commissioners welcomes you to our meeting. We ask that you do not talk during the meeting to allow us to hear all discussion between Commissioners. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Board of Commissioners Office at 946-2236 no later than the Thursday prior to meeting.