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COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 04, 2017
9:00 A.M.

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on April 04, 2017 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Mark DuPree; Commissioner C.L. Brooks-District 1; Commissioner James Hagins-District 2; Commissioner JM Howell-District 3; and Commissioner John Williams-District 4.

The following staff were present: County Manager Joseph M. Mosley; County Attorney DuBose Porter; and Elections Superintendent Tracy Strange.

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Chairman Mark DuPree

Invocation

Commissioner John Williams opened the meeting prayer.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner JM Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes

Chairman DuPree asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the Regular Session March 21, 2017 Commission Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the minutes. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman Dupree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Motioned by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 21, 2017. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams; and Chairman DuPree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Visitors Present

Mayor Mark Bacon of Irwinton; Mrs. Mosley; Marty Dominy; and Tracy Strange

Recognition of Visitors

Commission Chairman Mark Dupree recognized Mayor Roger Bacon of the City of Irwinton.

Old Business:

Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve two year employee contract for Mr. Joseph Mosley, County Manager. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman Dupree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

New Business:

A: Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Acknowledgement and Consent for the extension of water services into the unincorporated portion of Wilkinson County as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Gordon and the Development Authority of Wilkinson County.

Chairman DuPree stated that a motion was needed to allow him to sign an agreement concerning the extension of water service to industries, business, citizens outside the city of Gordon (unincorporated parts of the county). The county will not have to do anything. Water bills will be paid to the city of Gordon. They have already received the necessary funding. County Attorney DuBose Porter explained that the County has to acknowledge this in order for the industry to get the abatements. The City of Gordon has the money, and the industry will pay the water rates. The County needs to acknowledge this as part of the original Memorandum of Understanding. Motioned by Commissioner Williams authorizing Chairman DuPree to sign the agreement and seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman Dupree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed

B: Motion to approve a contract amendment (SFY 2017) with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the provision of Meals for Seniors (Congregate and home delivered meals).

Chairman DuPree shared that the Meals on Wheels program is important to our senior citizens. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract and is okay with it. It is basically a renewal of the contract. Motioned by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to execute the contract. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman DuPree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

C. Motion to reschedule or not meet for the second Commission Meeting of the month (Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month).

There was discussion regarding the next scheduled commissioners' meeting. It is currently scheduled for April 18th; however, some of the commissioners will be in Atlanta for a meeting regarding Economic Development with the Oconee EMC.

Commissioners Hagins and Brooks will be unable to attend. There was additional discussion. County Manager Mosley would place a notice in the paper that the meeting has been postponed. Motioned by Commissioner Williams to cancel the scheduled second meeting of the month, and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman Dupree voted yes. Motion Carried; there were none opposed.

County Managers Report:

- a. Will put a notice in paper regarding the cancellation of the next meeting.
- b. Informed commissioners of agenda for April 18th (departure and return times)
- c. Joseph reported that a tornado touched down in Gordon on yesterday. He has spoken with EMA director Gary Brown who will assess damage throughout the county. Mr. Brown shared the damage discovered in different areas of the county. At this time, there is not enough for federal assistance.
- d. Joseph has met with John Leggett regarding health insurance for the coming year. They will meet again in May to discuss options; and he will bring the package before the County Commission for review and consideration in June. The County's property & liability insurance with ACCG has been submitted to ACCG; we are awaiting the insurance proposal from ACCG. We are looking at having that presented to the County Commission for review and consideration in May.
- e. At the request of the Development Authority, Mr. Mosley researched some criteria with the assistance of Representative Bubber Epps because interest in the Water/Sewer Authority has been renewed. Mr. Mosley and staff have completed a Department of Audit's document and a Department of Community Affairs' document. A USDA grant has been granted to the city of McIntyre. Has spoken to Representative Epps regarding this.
- f. He is meeting with GDOT regarding TSPLOST projects. He has received TSPLOST project information from all of the cities; the project is due Friday, April 14, 2017. He is working with Ms. Brittany Bulloch from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission on getting the projects submitted.

Visitors Comments

- Mayor Roger Bacon (Irwinton) is in favor of the combined Water/Sewer Authority. Mayor Bacon has met with an engineer and members from the city of McIntyre government in an effort to move forward with the current plan. He explained why he feels that it will be a benefit to the entire county. Chris Pojoe' from Ben Turnipseed suggested doing three water treatment plants: one

in Irwinton, McIntyre, and Toombsboro. Commissioner Williams provided commentary regarding past efforts to get the water/sewer authority moving forward.

- County Attorney Dubose Porter stated that current act for the Wilkinson County Water/Sewer Authority states no elected official can serve on the board. The grant given to McIntyre is one of the largest USDA grants ever given out.
- Commissioner Brooks excused himself approximately 9:45AM
- Mr. Mosley presented commissioners with an email from a representative from GDOT. They are hoping to begin work on the bridge in FY2022. Also, he received a call during the meeting from Jeff Smith, Wilkinson Road Department Superintendent. The Service Center in Gordon suffered damage in yesterday's storm.
- Donna Asbell had comments regarding the Irwinton voting precinct. She feels that the citizens should have a better place to vote in. She is upset regarding the condition of the building itself, and she suggested voting be held in the board at education office or school. Election Supt. Tracy Strange answered questions from the commissioners and Mayor Bacon. Mr. Mosley stated that he and Chairman DuPree are setting a date to go look at County facilities in June. They will add this building to their list.
- Donna Asbell and Mayor Bacon stated that the bicycle ride through the county this past Sunday was a success and that the Banana Pudding Festival is scheduled for the end of the month.
- Marty Dominy gave comments regarding the ESPLOST that was just held and the Water/Sewer Authority plans. There were additional comments from Commissioner Williams and Mayor Bacon in response to Mr. Marty Dominy.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Howell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Chairman DuPree voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Notice to Visitors

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