COMMISSION MEETING  
January 15, 2019  
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on January 15, 2019 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell; Commissioner James Hagins; Commissioner Glenn Kester; and Commissioner John Williams.

The following staff were present: County Manager Joseph Mosley; County Attorney DuBose Porter; and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

Invocation

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner John Williams-District 4 to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Glenn Kester-District 1 to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the January 2, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Visitors’ Present

David Hadarie, Quincey Simpson, Pete Williams, Gary Horton, Rodney Stone, Ulysses

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations
a. Mr. Ulysses Wilson discussed with the Commissioners the conditions of Asbury Church Road. He stated that the need for striping on the road was a concern to many people who travel the road. He stated when it was raining, the striping could barely be seen and that trucks entering the highway had brought a lot of dirt on the road making it even harder to see where you were driving. Mr. Wilson also informed the Commissioners that the dirt part of Ball Church Road was badly in need of maintenance. Drain pipes needed to be replaced so the road would not hold water. Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner Hagins if they could have an up-date report by the next Commission Meeting.

Old Business
a. There was no old business.

New Business
a. Motion to approve or deny a request by Mr. Ambulal K. Patel of K&J food Mart at 2433 GA Highway 57 requesting renewal of the Beer and Wine License for Off-Premise Consumption. Commissioners asked if all requirements had been met; the County Manager said yes. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the renewal of the Beer and Wine License for K&J Food Mart for off-premises consumption. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

b. Motion to approve sole bid by Dryer Construction Inc. in the amount of $58,689.00 to renovate the Tax Commissioners Office. Commissioner Kester stated that he had visited the Tax Commissioner’s Office and found that the working stations and desks for the employees were badly damaged. The plans would greatly improve the function of the office and enable the clerks to better serve the tax payers. County Manager stated that some of the Road Departments projects came in under budget and that the extra monies would be available for the Tax Commissioners renovation. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the bid from Dryer Construction Inc. in the amount of $58,689.00. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.
c. Motion to appoint Gary Horton to the Development Authority of Wilkinson County Board for a term ending on August 21, 2021. (Term started August 2017). Commissioner Williams asked Mr. Horton if he would have any problems supporting ideas that would further the growth of Wilkinson County and if he would have a problem attending a meeting on the fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. as he was a minister. Mr. Horton stated that he felt that he could attend a meeting once a month that his congregation would understand. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Mr. Horton to the Development Authority of Wilkinson County Board. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

d. Motion to appoint Rodney Stone to the Baldwin-Wilkinson County Joint Development Authority for a term of four years. (Term of Mr. Frank Wall’s term expired in February of 2018). Mr. Stone introduced himself, and shared that he had marred a Wilkinson County native. In addition, he shared that he would be glad to serve Wilkinson County in any capacity that he could. Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Mr. Stone to the Baldwin-Wilkinson County Joint Development Authority for a term of four (4) years. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

e. Update on the status of District 3 seat, formerly held by Commissioner JM Howell, by County Attorney DuBose Porter. After checking with ACCG Legal Team and another County Attorney, it was determined that Commissioner Howell had won the election but had not been sworn in as an elected official and that to appoint someone to fill the term which would be for the four (4) years would not be legal. A special election could be held 4 different times a year and that by putting it on the November ballot would save the County money. Mr. Porter recommended to the Board to place the item on the agenda to call for the election in February, but defer the actual election in November to coincide with the SPLOST election.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Gotell stated that he thought that the Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce should be separated as it was not fair to have Johnathan Jackson to do both jobs; it was not legal. Chairman also stated that there were more appointments needed to made to both boards. The Chairman is also looking at the EMA Building and what improvements needed to be made. Chairman Gotell stated that there would be a mini-retreat for the Constitutional Officers and the Commissioners coming up on January 29, 2019 at the Regional Commission in Macon. This will enable everyone to discuss what problems they are facing and what everyone can do to make Wilkinson County a better
County Managers Report:
1. **EMA & Fire Departments**
   a. Reminder that the Hazardous Mitigation Plan is underway. The monthly meeting is scheduled the fourth Thursday of the month at 6p.m. at the EMA’s office.

2. **GDOT Projects**
   a. Getting JR Simms Road Packet ready to send out to bid.
   b. Update the County on the government registry.

3. **Budget & Finance**
   a. The auditor continues to work.
   b. We will have a financial report ready by the next meeting.

4. **Courthouse Updates**
   a. We experienced some leaking; reported to contractor and architect.
   b. We are still waiting on the roofer to complete the cupola for the project.

5. **Updates & Reminders**
   a. Working on Retreat Meeting.
   b. Received construction plans for a new tower and check in the amount of $4,000.00.
   c. Sent letter and photos to EPD for brownfield site.

**Visitors Comments**

   a. None

**Adjournment**

**Moved** by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams voted yes, Chairman Gotell voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes and Commissioner Kester voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

**Notice to Visitors**

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.