The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on February 19, 2019 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner Glenn Kester, Commissioner James Hagins, and Commissioner John Williams.

The following staff was 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 Commissioner

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 Williams 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 February 5, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Kester 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

Pete Williams, Ulyses Wilson, Willie Cobb, Robert Dame, Malcolm McEachern, Joe Boone, Emma Bacon, Roger Bacon, Donna Asbell, LaCondra Nesbitt, Marvin Nesbitt, Johnathan Jackson, Eugene Moore Riko Myrick

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

a. Mr. Joseph Boone addressed the Chairman and Commissioners in regards to his concerns about the Special Election and the Commission Board. Mr. Boone stated that he believed that the Special Election to replace the late Commissioner J.M. Howell should be held earlier than the November 2019 election. He also stated that District 3 would have no representation on the board until then, and it was not fair to the voters that live in that District. Mr. Boone stated that the Board of Commissioners paid for salary and health insurance benefits for a vacant Commissioner in District I for over a year and that it was not fair to the tax payers of the County.

Old Business

a. Update status on Ball Church Road. Commissioner Hagins stated that they were going to clean the ditches every two weeks to see if that would work before they make the decision to install piping across the road. Commissioner Hagins will have an update at the next Commission meeting.

New Business

a. Motion to approve a lease with Clement Pennington to place dumpster for residents in the North Wilkinson area. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve a lease with Clement Pennington for a dumpster to be placed in the North Wilkinson area. 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 adopt an updated Title VI Plan for the Wilkinson County Transit. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve and adopt the updated Title VI Plan for the Wilkinson County Transit. 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 approve a contract addendum/change order to include new panels and security glass to the front counter in the amount of $8,494.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Kester. Motion was then withdrawn item postponed.

d. Motion to approve low bid of $20,134.80 from Arrowhead Tool &
Equipment Company for the purchase of two Zero-Turn Lawnmowers for the Public Works Department. (Funds budgeted in SPLOST). Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the low bid. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

e. **Discuss the Fare for Senior Citizens riding the Wilkinson County Transit System.** After much discussion it was determined that the fee for riding the Transit System would go back to being $2.00 per stop for non seniors and $1.00 for seniors. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to reinstate the amount to ride the Transit System. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed. The matter will be discussed again in 90 days.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Gotell said that bids for the Extension EMA renovations would be received this week that the monies were donated for this purpose and that we would have more information at the next Commission meeting.
Chairman Gotell and the County Manager had a meeting with the Mayor of Allentown Robert Davidson.

County Managers Report:

1. **EMA & Fire Departments**
   a. EMA soliciting bids for project.

2. **GDOT Projects**
   a. We had some interest for contractors for the JR Simms Project.
   b. Sent correspondence to GDOT for state hwy system.
   c. Have contacted BASF about the use of the facility for the annual bbq.

3. **Budget & Finance**
   a. The auditor continues to work.

4. **Courthouse Updates**
   a. Contractor has started work on the Tax Commissioner’s Office.
   b. I’ve met with three different contractors to look at cleaning the floors and carpet in the building.
   c. Cupola has been finished with the special paint; I want to know if the BOC wants the top of the dome to be repainted?
   d. The plaque is under construction;
5. **Updates & Reminders**
   a. Working on Website for the County.
   b. Census Information on Complete County Committees-Wednesday, March 6 @ Regional Commission from 1p.m. to 4p.m.

**Executive Session**
Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to go into Executive Session for Potential Litigation. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to come out of Executive 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 Comments**
   a. None

**Adjournment**
Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kester. 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.

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