The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on March 19, 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 was present: County Manager Joseph Mosley; and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gotell asked Commissioner James Hagins-District 2 to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins 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 March 5, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester 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

Ulyses Wilson, Willie Cobb, Marty Dominy and Malcom McEachern

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

a. None

Old Business

a. Commissioner Hagins stated that they were continuing to keep an eye on Ball Church Road.

New Business

a. **Motion to appoint Chris Pennington to serve on the Recreation Department as a representative for the City of McIntyre.** Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the appointment of Chris Pennington to serve on the Recreation Department for McIntyre. 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 lowest bid in the amount of $444,190.78 from Everett Dykes to do full-depth reclamation on 2.2 miles on JR Sims Road.** Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to accept low bid from Everett Dykes. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Commissioner Williams stated that he had been approached and asked that the Commissioner’s pass a Resolution to recognize Pastor Sam Johnson for his service to Wilkinson County for the past 38 years. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to have a resolution ready for the next meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Commissioner Williams also brought up that he thought that the County needs to talk to their State Representative and Senator about Balls Ferry Park. He would like to see some improvements made to the park and that it needed to be advertised more to draw in more tourism and that the 500 acres could be better utilized. He also suggested that a meeting be set up to include Dennis Holder and Marty Dominy as they have been instrumental in having the park designated as a State Park.
Chairman’s Report:

a. Met with the Board of Education to discuss their financial needs and the potential acquisition of the old school.

County Managers Report:

1. EMA & Fire Departments
   a. EMA bids were received.
   b. Ambulance has been received and is being prepared for the road. It will be brought to the courthouse for review on April 2, 2019.

2. GDOT Projects
   a. Answered questions about bids for the JR Simms Project.
   b. Confirmed attendees from local GDOT office and invitations are being sent out.

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

4. Courthouse Updates
   a. Contractor is getting ready to do phase 2 of the Tax Commissioner’s Office.
   b. The Roofing Contractor has finished repainting the Cupola.

5. Updates & Reminders
   a. Continue to work on Website material for the County.
   b. Attended the Complete County Committees-Wednesday, March 6 @ Macon Government Center with Chairman.
   c. Attended BOE meeting with Board of Commissioners.

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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