The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on June 18, 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 James Hagins-District-2 to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the Agenda for June 18, 2019. 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 and the Executive Session Meeting of the June 4, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session and the Executive Session Meeting. 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, Johnathan Jackson, Donna Asbell, Willie Cobb, Ulyses Wilson, Malcolm McEachern and Kelly Leanr

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

a. Ms. Beverly Clark was scheduled to present some concerns to the Commissioners and was unable to be present. She has asked that Donna Asbell speak on her behalf. Donna shared: 1) The walking track at the Irwinton Park has a place where the tree roots have pushed up the concrete causing a tripping hazard; and 2) The East Wilkinson Library is in need of additional space for the computer room. Ms. Asbell asked if the Commissioners would consider allocating monies from the SPLOST to add additional space to the Library so it could accommodate the Library customers. Chairman Gotell said that the County would have Jeff Smith address the walking track to have it repaired, and the Commissioners would consider the Libraries request for SPLOST funding.

Old Business

a. Motion to set the qualifying dates for the special election on November 5, 2019 for the week of Monday, August 19th – Friday, August 23, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to set the qualifying dates as stated above. 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 set the qualifying fee at $180.00 for District 3 Seat. Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to set the qualifying fee at $180.00 for the District 3 Seat. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

New Business

a. Motion to approve a 2020 Family Connection Grant in the amount of $50,000.00 with the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners serving as the fiscal agent. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Family Connection Grant and for the
County to serve as the Fiscal Agent. 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 the low bid of $11,250.00 of Sapps Heating & Air to replace the HVAC Unit at the WILCO Courthouse** (covers the Elections Office). Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to accept the low bid of **$11,250.00** from Sapps Heating & Air. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

**Chairman’s Report:**

The Chairman made the following report for the month:

1) Had an E-911 meeting with the Sheriff and Motorola about upgrading the 911 system for the County...
2) Had a retreat with the Constitutional Officers to go over various items.
3) Toured Plant Vogal with Johnathan Jackson.
4) Had a meeting with the Fall Line Technical College and toured the old school.

**County Manager’s Report:**

1. **EMA & Fire Departments**
   a. No report.

2. **GDOT Projects**
   a. Received notification on the changing of SR 243 to SR 540.

3. **Budget & Finance**
   a. Waiting to receive remainder of FY 2020 Budget Requests.
   b. Jeff Smith is working on acquiring items for the safety grant.
   c. Everyone has been updated in the system for the Medical Insurance.
   d. Nearing completion of RFP for solid waste collection.
   e. Continue to work on building construction ordinance with applicable fees.
   f. Met with Fall Line Technical College officials, Chairman, and County Attorney for uses at the proposed Calhoun Center.

4. **Courthouse Updates**
   a. Waiting on Mr. Barrows to complete the painting downstairs.
   b. HVAC unit that covers the Elections Office is out.

5. **Updates & Reminders**
a. Attended Georgia Power Leadership get-together in Milledgeville on Monday, 
b. Attended tour of Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, GA on Thursday, June 13th.

Visitors Comments

a. Ulyses Wilson asks if he could plant some flowers along the County Right-of-
way in his driveway. Commissioners stated that would be ok.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams 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.