The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on May 7, 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 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 entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Agenda for the May 7, 2019 Commission Meeting. 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 April 16, 2019 Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Williams 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, Lloyd Hatfield, Pete Williams, Judge Vivian Cummings, Jonathan Jackson, Gary Brown, Arron Baeu, Shondel Reese.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

a. Shondel Reese addressed the Commissioners concerning the need for the Boy’s and Girl’s Club in Wilkinson County. She stated that an organization of this proportion would present many opportunities for the children of Wilkinson County and would also be a great benefit to the parents.

b. Magistrate/Probate Judge Vivian Cummings stated that she has performed many duties for the County. When she started performing Mobile Home Court hearings, the Commissioners gave her a $25.00 stipend fee per hearing. The Judge had submitted a bill for hearings on Juvenile Court hearings. Per the County Attorney, that would be included in her regular salary as a Judge. Chairman Gotell expressed that they would investigate it further and have an answer for the Judge on the Commission Meeting to be held on May 21, 2019.

Old Business

a. None

New Business

A. Motion to approve the only bid of $33,825.00 from Dyers Construction to make improvements to the EMA building (EMA Director Gary Brown will be present to answer questions about the project.) Mr. Brown stated that they had previously bid the job out but the bids had come in over budget. So, they reevaluated the job and rebid it out. Dryer was the only one to bid. Monies for the project will come out of the EMA Fund and not the General Fund. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to accept low and only bid from Dyers Construction. 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 proposal from MetLife Insurance in the amount of $50,543.00 (> $53,195.00) for Vision, Dental and General Life Insurance Services. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the proposal from MetLife Insurance. 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 Option A in the amount of $1,088,747.46 (employee increase their share in the plan) for renewal with Anthem Blue-Shield. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve Option A in the amount of $1,088,747.46 with Anthem Blue-Shield for employee’s health insurance. 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 approve the low bid of $30,269.00 from Ford’s Equipment Company to install a new gas and diesel fuel system at the Wilkinson County Road Department. Charlie Palm with the Road Department explained to the Commissioners that the system was very old and that parts were no longer available to repair the system when it was down. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded with by Commissioner Kester to approve the low bid from Ford’s Equipment Company. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

e. Motion to approve low bid of $2,400.00 from Jerry Barrows to repaint and place molding on the first floor (cost to be paid partially from insurance). Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve 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.

f. Motion to approve a list of roads to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to be included in the restriping for FY2020. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the list with substitutions to add or delete roads as needed. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

g. Motion to approve a vehicle and piece of equipment from the Road Department as surplus and advertise for disposal. Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve vehicle and equipment as surplus to be advertised for disposal. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

h. Motion to approve Wilkinson County Convenience Centers hours of operation to be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and reopen on Thursday December 26, 2019. (Workers will enjoy Christmas with their families). Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the change of hours for December 25th and 26th 2019.
Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

i. **Motion to authorize the County Manager to have new cooler system at the Sheriff’s Department connected electrically.** County Manager Joseph Mosley shared that he authorized this action in an effort to help the Sheriff’s Department with the cooling of food. He brought this up to be voted upon by the Commission. County Attorney DuBose Porter shared that we could vote on the Manager’s Authorization but ratify everything at the next Commission Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the County Manager on this matter. 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:**

1. Rode District-3 for stripping. I request that you all ride your district so that we can submit the report before June to the GDOT District Office.
2. Recap of ACCG Annual Meeting Training held in Savannah, Georgia.
3. Update on community response on the acquisition of the Calhoun Center.

**County Managers Report:**

1. **EMA & Fire Departments**
   a. Bid for upgrade to EMA building is in.

2. **GDOT Projects**
   a. Reminder for Board of Commissioners to ride their district for striping and report back at May 21st Meeting. Rode with Chairman for roads in District-3.

3. **Budget & Finance**
   a. Received notice from to Middle Georgia Regional Commission on the for McIntyre sewer project and fiscal analysis for Freeport Exemption Tax in Wilkinson County.
   b. Reminder of meeting with City of McIntyre, Middle Georgia RC staff, and USDA staff to discuss sewer project on, **Tuesday May 21st at 9:00 a.m.**
   c. Reminder of meeting with Middle Georgia RC staff and cities at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21st** to initiate SPLOST renegotiations; letters have been sent to Mayors.
   d. Reminder of meeting with local legislative delegation (State Senator Lucas & Representative Mathis) at **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th** at the Gordon City Library. We will leave and come to the BBQ afterwards.
   e. Met with John Leggitt to discuss insurance renewal. Met with Mr. Billy Pitts to discuss bidding the process out in the future.
f. Working on submitting proposal for Safety Grant to ACCG.
g. Attended proposed E-911 presentation with Commissioners & Sheriff Department staff. We are trying to coordinate a workshop at the 2nd Meeting to discuss.

4. Courthouse Updates
a. Contractor is coordinating with Sheriff Department to come in and finish cleaning the floors in the building.
b. Paid final construction cost for courtroom and cupola repairs.
c. Met with Mr. Jerry Barrows to connect electricity to the new food cooler at the Wilkinson County Jail (Funds will come from Jail Account).

5. Updates & Reminders
a. Met with Regional Commission staff to discuss website to the Regional Commission. Also, attended online webinar to discuss a new US Census program.
b. Reminder of the tour of Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, GA on Thursday, June 13th.
c. Attended ACCG meeting.

Visitors Comments
a. None

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins 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.