The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on September 3, 2019 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell, Commissioner Glenn Kester, and Commissioner James Hagins 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 James Hagins-District-2 to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Agenda for September 3, 2019. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell 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 August 20, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.
Visitors’ Present

Willie C. Cobb, Pete Williams, Donna Asbell, Chris Hudson, Tracy Strange and Johnathan Jackson

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

a. Mr. Chris Hudson shared information about medical services that his company, Southern Health Partner, provides to jails. Mr. Hudson’s company provides nursing and doctor staffing to various jails with 13 different states. A nurse would provide approximately 15 hours service per week and doctor’s would provide about 5 hours weekly/biweekly. Prescription medicines would not be included.

b. Mr. Diego Pinto discussed before the Board of Commissioners the dividing the Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce to be able to develop a housing development. Mr. Pinto stated that at present Wilkinson County has only the Development Authority and no Housing Authority. The Company that Mr. Pinto works for would like to do a housing project in Ivey that would provide approximately 300 single family homes. He was asking the Development Authority to donate the Beasley Tract located in Ivey Ga for this project. Per State Law, the Development Authority can not give any land owned by the Development Authority away; it can only be sold at fair market value.

c. Ms. Donna Asbell presented a proposal where County residents on Irwinton’s water system may obtain curbside garbage pickup with Advanced Disposal. Mayor Bacon stated that he was working on a project that would allow the residents outside the city limits of Irwinton to have curbside pickup.

Old Business

a. Motion to approve the funding of an Extension Educator; the County will need to add another $3,100.00 to fully fund this position with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Agency. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester to approve the addition of $3,100.00 to the Extension Educator Budget for funding the Extension Agent. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

New Business

a. Motion to appoint Chairman Michael Gotell as the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners voting delegate to the Fall Legislative Leadership Conference in Athens, GA on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to appoint Chairman Gotell as the voting member of the Fall Legislative Conference in
Athens on October 3, 2019. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

b. Motion to modify the agenda to remove “residents/citizens comments.” After a brief discussion Commissioner Kester moved to let the “residents/citizens comments” stand as is and was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

c. Motion to approve by resolution the moving of $80,000.00 funds from the Economic Development/Public Safety SPLOST to the checking account for Special Building Fund for a new Development Authority of Wilkinson County. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kester to move the funding to the special building fund account. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Chairman’s Report:

1. Update from the GDOT Meeting with District Engineer Corbett Reynolds and staff and GDOT Board Chairman Tim Golder.
2. Update on meeting with the Wilkinson County Board of Education Intern Program.
3. Update on the Recreation Department Program.
4. Update from meeting with the Wilkinson County Board of Education on the Calhoun Center.

County Managers Report:

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

2. **GDOT Projects**
   b. Visited JR Sims Road; the road needs to be striped.
   c. Met with GDOT District Engineer and staff and GDOT Representative Tim Golden to discuss SR 112 & US 441 Intersection and the bridges. Have to set up workshop for bridge.

3. **Budget & Finance**
   a. Reviewing financials for FY 2020 Budget.
b. Met with Vanessa and went over the 5-Year History; set up public hearing and advertised.

c. Had follow-up conversation with Brandon Crumbly about the Cooperative Extension proposed position.

d. Continue to meet with Constitutional Officers on salaries.

e. New computers were installed in Deborah’s Office & County’s Manager’s Office.

f. Developed advertisement for the part-time recreation department director.

4. Courthouse Updates
   a. Final round of photos were taken by Regional Commission officials for the new County website.

5. Updates & Reminders
   a. Attended meeting with BASF Officials, Commissioner Williams, and County Attorney DuBose Porter to discuss with Oconee Fall Line Technical College officials about the use of the Calhoun Center.

Adjournment

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

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