The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on November 5, 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.

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 Kester to approve the Agenda for November 5, 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 October 15, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Kester 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

Pete Williams, Willie C. Cobb, Ulyses B. Wilson, Donna Asbell, Nat R. Bacon, Jerry Barrow, Tracy Strange, Karen Lee Kester, Johnny Williams and Marty Dominy.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Mr. Jerry Barrows wants to discuss getting paid for painting work done at the Wilkinson County Courthouse. Mr. Barrows stated he has been waiting 4 months to get paid for work he had done in the courthouse. He stated that he hadn’t been told that the work wasn’t as it needed to be. Chairman Gotell suggested he meet with the County Manager and County Attorney to discuss the matter further and see if it could be resolved.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to access grants through its web portal. The County Attorney said he had checked the MOU and that it seemed to be in order. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the MOU. 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 approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the UGA Cooperative Extension and Wilkinson County to provide services. Moved by Commissioner Kester to approve the MOU. No second to the motion; therefore, the motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Kester. Item was postponed until next meeting or until a meeting could be scheduled to iron out further details.

c. Motion to adopt a Resolution for the FY2020 Budget, which includes the operational and the Capital Improvements. The County Manager also asked that the Commissioners include the creation of a position of Assistant County Manager. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Williams asked if they could have a workshop to discuss further the position to be created. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kester to table item #7 which is the creation of position of Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed. Motion was then made by Commissioner Hagins
and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the FY2020 budget. 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. Recreation Department Updates.
2. County Budget Update-Thanks to everyone who worked hard to complete the process.
3. Update from trip to Washington, DC

County Managers Report:

1. Public Safety-EMA, Fire Departments, Ambulance
   a. None.

2. GDOT Projects
   a. Working on the County’s 2021 Transit Application.
   b. Compiling documents to close out FY2019 LMIG. Contractor has been paid.
   c. Contacting GDOT officials on County bridge projects.

3. Budget & Finance
   a. Talked to Greg Geese about preparing proposals for BOC to review for retirement.
   b. Getting safety documents out to County staff to review.
   c. Completed the BOC FY2020 Budget.
   d. Reviewed applications for Senior Account Tech II position; conducted reference checks and setting up interviews.

4. Courthouse Updates
   a. Established dates for Regional Commission Staff to come in and train for the new website.

5. Updates & Reminders
   Met with UGA Cooperative Extension staff for updates on hiring for new position
Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins 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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