The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 P.M. on December 17, 2019 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Michael Gotell; Commissioner James Hagins; Commissioner John Williams; Commissioner Pete Williams; and Commissioner Glen Kester.

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 Pete Williams, District-3 to lead the pledge.

Agenda

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Moved made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner John Williams to approve the Commission’s Agenda for December 17, 2019. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Minutes

Chairman Gotell entertained a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the December 3, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Pete Williams 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; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.
Visitors’ Present

Johnathan Jackson, DAWC, Donna Asbell / Main Street Irwinton, Karen Lee Kester, Ulyses B. Wilson, Willie C. Cobb, Roger Bacon and Jonathan Snow.

Recognition of Visitors / Presentations

Ms. Donna Asbell addressed the Commissioners in regards to various County buildings around the area and their state of disrepair. Ms. Asbell stated that the buildings are an eyesore and that as a County government, we should want to improve the look of them that when people travel through the County it would make them want to stop. She stated that the City of Irwinton was part of the Main Street program. Ms. Asbell also stated that the walking track beside the Library needed a lot of work. The chips in the play ground area should be rubber not wood in order to better protect the children playing on the equipment. Ms. Asbell also, asked about what the County’s intentions were with the properties that they bought last year at the tax sale. The County Attorney stated that some of the properties had been redeemed by the families but the rest had just passed the one-year mark and that the County hoped to clean them up and put them back on the market and the digest.

Jonathan Jackson presented the Commissioners with the year end report and audit for the Development Authority. Mr. Jackson also brought a proposal in which he would partner with Baldwin County Development Authority to combine the Authorities and possibly become a Regional Commission.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. **Motion to approve a contract with SanTech Sign Company to design and erect signs at the Nicklesville Fire Department in the amount of $700.00.** This agenda item was Postponed.

b. **Motion to appoint Mrs. Tammie Shinholster to the Development Authority of Wilkinson County for a four-year term.** The term of Mr. Gary Horton will expire August of 2021. Mrs. Shinholster will fill the remainder of this term. Moved by Commissioner Kester and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to appoint Mrs. Shinholster to the board. Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Commissioner Kester voted yes; Chairman Gotell voted yes; and Commissioner Pete Williams voted yes. Commissioner John Williams voted no. Motion carried.
Chairman’s Report:
1. Reminder of the State of the County Address-Monday, January 6 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Wilkinson County Senior Citizen Building.
2. Establishment of a Census Complete Count Committee
3. Housing Authority

County Managers Report:
1. Public Safety-EMA, Fire Departments, Ambulance
   a. None.

2. GDOT Projects
   a. Completed the County’s 2021 Transit Application; sent requested letter to GDOT officials on underspent FY2019 Transit budget.
   b. Compiling documents to close out FY2019 LMIG. Still getting information on projects.
   c. Jeff has made gains with one contractor for the County bridge projects; he’s reaching out to another contractor.
   d. Going to register our LMIG projects in the GDOT system.

3. Budget & Finance
   a. Accountants from TJS Dana Deemer have cleaned up the General Ledger for 3 months of 2018 and cleaned up the office. They are discussing the new tasks to be completed.
   b. Reached out to Rob Tate @ MSI for end of the year information.
   c. Was contacted by Regional Commission that we did not meet the bid deadline for Senior Citizens Program.
   d. Still working with US IRS on payroll penalties.

4. Courthouse Updates
   a. Have dates to do a 2020 Vision/Goal Setting Session

5. Updates & Reminders
   Reminder of Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 23rd @ 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building

Adjournment

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