

Wilkinson County Commission
May 16, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at the Wilkinson County Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: C. L. Brooks Alfred Gibson, Dennis Holder, J.M. Howell, John Williams.

The following staff was present County Manager Laura Mathis, County Attorney Jon Helton.

The following visitors were present: Jonathan Jackson, Nicole Katsikides, George Brewer, Mayor Cloyce Pittman, Mayor Roger Smith, Mayor Ann Evans.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Brooks to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the May 2, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the minutes were approved as prepared.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Holder recognized and welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Chairman Holder called upon George Brewer, Pre-Construction Engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to address the Board regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Mr. Brewer distributed a copy of the STIP report and provided an update on the following transportation projects: Fall Line Freeway, bridge replacement on Hwy 57 at Balls Ferry, and SR 18 improvements. Upon conclusion of his remarks, Chairman Holder thanked Mr. Brewer for his comments.

Chairman Holder then called upon Nicole Katsikides, Regional Representative from the Department of Community Affairs, to address the Board. Ms. Katsikides reviewed a variety of new DCA initiatives including the Signature Communities program and various state publications. Upon conclusion of her remarks, Chairman Holder thanked Ms. Katsikides for her remarks.

III. Old Business

1. **Status of 2005 Road Projects** Ms. Mathis stated that work is slated to begin on Nichols Farmer Road at the end of May. Ms. Mathis stated that the timber cruise was complete on the Taylor property. Mr. Helton reported that he talked with the Pike's on Nichols Farmer Road concerning the right-of-way and that no action was necessary.

IV. New Business

1. Service Delivery Strategy Amendment Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss this issue. Ms. Mathis stated that as part of the Comprehensive Plan process, the County must update our Service Delivery Strategy with the cities. The amendments include: adding the County and cities as future providers of most services to allow for easy implementation should the need arise, removing any services provided by the Sheriff due to a recent Supreme Court ruling exempting any Sheriff from the Service Delivery Strategy and correcting errors. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Legislature adopted during its 1997 Legislative Session the Service Delivery Strategy Act: and

WHEREAS, this act requires each and every county within the State of Georgia to adopt a Service Delivery Strategy which identifies the methods, funding sources, service provider, and geographic service area of each public service activity provided within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Service Delivery Strategy must be officially adopted and verified by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by the community's recertification date to retain Qualified Local Government (QLG) status; and

WHEREAS, city and county officials have worked diligently to review and revise the county's Service Delivery Strategy and authorizing the County Commission Chairman to sign the requisite documents acknowledging approval of the Service Delivery Strategy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners that the attached Wilkinson County Service Delivery Strategy is hereby adopted as the official Service Delivery Strategy, to be updated from time-to-time as required in the Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-70-1 et al; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to place the Service Delivery Strategy on the appropriate forms prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, to execute those forms in the proper places, and to submit the Service Delivery Strategy to the Department of Community Affairs for verification in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-70-26.

2. Appointment to the Board of Assessors Chairman Holder stated that the term of Charles Cleary on the Board of Assessors expires on June 3. Mr. Cleary is certified by the Department of Revenue and interested in continued service. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Charles Cleary to the Board of Assessors for a five year term to expire June 3, 2011.

V. County Managers Report

1. **Roll Off Containers** Ms. Mathis stated that in April when the Board received bids on roll off trucks, the purchase of a new truck was approved subject to a determination that contracting out the roll off container hauling would not result in a cost savings. Ms. Mathis solicited proposals from Advanced Disposal, Sinclair Disposal and Attway Disposal on the pick –ups. The cost per pick up from Advanced is \$88.81, Sinclair is \$117.85, and Attaway is \$84.92, compared to a county per pick up cost of \$54.69. Given this, Ms. Mathis stated that she will place the order for the roll off truck from the previously approved bidder.

2. **Courthouse** Ms. Mathis stated that the project is on schedule to be completed in August and that with agreement from the Board of Commissioners, she would begin working on plans for a ribbon cutting and dedication. The Board agreed for the planning to begin.

VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments. None were received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn meeting.