

Wilkinson County Commission
February 21, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 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 and County Attorney Jon. The following visitors were present: Jonathan Jackson, Becky Langford, Kimberly Watkins, Elbert Shinholster, Cheryl Williams, Keyonna Williams.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Brooks to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the minutes were approved as prepared.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Holder recognized and welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Chairman Holder called upon Kimberly Watkins and Elbert Shinholster to address the Board. Ms. Watkins, daughter of Elbert Shinholster, addressed the Board regarding the application for a Beer and Wine License in 2003. Ms. Watkins indicated that although they paid the application fee, they did not receive the license because they did not have a state license at that time. Ms. Watkins stated that the requirement for proof of a state license was new to them and that she, nor her father, ever received a direct answer on the status of their license. Ms. Mathis discussed the requirements of both the Beer and Wine License Ordinance and the Occupational License Ordinance. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to apply the 2003 application fee for a Beer and Wine License toward a 2006 Beer and Wine License Application.

Chairman Holder then called upon Jeremiah Crockett. Commissioner Williams stated that due to illness in the family, Mr. Crockett could not attend.

III. Old Business

1. **County of Excellence Award** Chairman Holder stated that Wilkinson County is the recipient of the ACCG/ Georgia Trend County of Excellence Award for the Tremon Street Project.

2. **Status of 2005 Road Projects** Ms. Mathis stated that the environmental survey work is still being completed on Dent Road and Nichols Farmer Road. No report has been received on the timber cruise of the Oochee Creek Road projects. Ms. Mathis reported that the cost estimate of Nichols Farmer Road is \$754,000. Commissioner

Williams suggested that the Board develop an assessment tool to evaluate all roads for selection for paving and resurfacing.

3. **Football Storage Building** Ms. Mathis reported that in June 2005, the Board was asked to relocate the metal storage building for football equipment from the High School to the Gordon Complex. The bid to move the building was \$2000. A new building on site would be \$3300. The Board agreed to purchase a new building and sell the old one to the Board of Education if they would pay the difference in cost. The Board of Education has indicated that they will pay \$800 for the building. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of a storage building for football to be placed at the Gordon Wilkinson County Athletic Complex and to accept the proposed \$800.00 from the Board of Education.

4. **Soil Vapor Extract Unit** Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss this. Ms. Mathis stated that the County received one bid from Greenleaf Environmental for the Soil Vapor Extraction Unit on the Hwy 57 site. The bid is for \$283,145.50, excluding the cost of the power to the property. The proposal from Oconee EMC to run three-phase power to the site is \$5,299.30. Since the bid date, Greenleaf has submitted recommended changes to the plans and specifications. The new total project cost would be \$248,792.50, including power. This is more than the estimated costs. After meeting with Twiggs County and the engineers, it is recommended that the bid be rejected and the project re-bid with the changes incorporated but also with the alternative to offer a re-conditioned flare system in addition with the alternative for an all new system. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioners Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to reject the bids for the soil vapor extraction units and instructed Ms. Mathis to work with the engineers to re-bid the project.

In addition, Twiggs and Wilkinson counties need to contract for annual testing and compliance sampling for 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract for services with Hulsey, McCormick and Wallace for 2006.

IV. New Business

1. **Relocation of Jackson Toler Road** Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the request of Engelhard to leave the Jackson Toler Road that had been relocated in 1997 for mining in it's relocated position.

2. **Temporary Closure of CR 107 Stuckey Road** Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the request from Reeves Construction to temporarily close a portion of CR 107 to facilitate the construction of Hwy 441. The closure will begin March 20 and continue for three or four months.

3. Request for Loan from the Revolving Loan Fund Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the request for a loan in the amount of \$105,000 to the Gordon Development Authority for ten years at 4% interest with the payments deferred for six-months.

4. Request for Cable Franchise Agreement Transfer Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved transfer of the cable franchise from Alltel to Teleview d/b/a Alltel Cable Television and from LB Cable to KliP, LL (d/b/a KLIP Interactive).

5. Budget Amendment A copy of the proposed budget amendment was distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the budget amendment to the FY 2006 General Fund budget.

6. Capital Improvement Request Chairman Holder stated that bids have been received on the trucks for the Road Department included in this years budget:

2006 F250 Super Duty, Crew Cab	Lawrence Ford	\$19,949.69 each
2006 F250 Super Duty, Crew Cab	Butler Ford	\$24,203.50 each
2006 F 250 Super Duty, Crew Cab	Bobby Jones Ford	\$21,891.56 each
2006 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Crew	Penn Chevrolet	\$23,600.00 each

Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of two 2006 F250 Super Duty trucks from Lawrence Ford at a cost of \$19,949.69 each.

Chairman Holder stated that the budget also included the purchase of another vehicle for the Board of Commissioners and Board of Assessors. Penn Chevrolet has offered a 1996 Acura SLX sports utility vehicle for \$5,000. It has 97,000 miles on it and is in very good condition. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of the 1996 Acura pending mechanical inspection.

7. Courthouse Project Update Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to give the report. Ms. Mathis reported that the County issued the Certificate of Substantial Completion on Friday 2/17/06 at 5:00 and accept the building. Courthouse offices will work to relocate into the new addition during the week of 2/20/06 with the courthouse offices being closed to the public on Thursday and Friday to do the majority of the moving. Superior Court and Probate/ Magistrate Court will move into their new permanent space. Ms. Mathis stated that the new building needs blinds and she has worked with three companies to get quotes on 1 inch metal blinds for all of the windows: American Blinds and Shutters: \$4,989; Mr. Blinds, Inc. \$4,444; All Around Blinds after

measuring 3 times, did not submit a bid. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of blinds from Mr. Blinds at a cost of \$4,444 and have them install the blinds in the new addition at this time.

8. Use of Ivey Voting Precinct Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow the Town of Ivey to use the Voting Precinct/ Volunteer Fire Department building and property for their purposes under the following conditions:

1. adequate space is available for the conduct of all necessary elections.
2. adequate space is available for the storage of fire protection vehicles and equipment.
3. The Town of Ivey pays for the utilities on the building.

V. County Managers Report

1. National Flood Insurance Program Ms. Mathis stated that Wilkinson County is not part of the National Flood Insurance Program. The Board of Commissioners discussed the general framework of the program and requested that Ms. Mathis schedule a visit with a FEMA representative to talk about the program.

IV. Visitor Comments

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

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