

Wilkinson County Commission
March 7, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at the Wilkinson County Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Alfred Gibson, Dennis Holder, J.M. Howell, John Williams. Commissioner C. L. Brooks was absent.

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

The following visitors were present: Jonathan Jackson, Leonard Owens, Rusty Haygood and Charlie Moseley.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Williams to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the minutes were approved as prepared.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Holder recognized and welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

III. Old Business

1. 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.

IV. New Business

1. Resolution to Establish Front of Courthouse Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners have undertaken a renovation and addition to the Wilkinson County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS: The new addition is complete and occupied;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners establish the front door of the Wilkinson County Courthouse as the center door facing south; such location is marked by the placement of a bronze plaque and the Bicentennial Bell.

2. Request for an amendment to 2003 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement A copy of the request from Allentown was distributed prior to the meeting. Chairman Holder stated that Allentown is requesting an amendment to the 2003 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement to add water and sewer purposes to the list of projects for Allentown to use SPLOST funds. Water and Sewer was included in the original ballot for the 2003 SPLOST. Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow the amendment to the 2003 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement to add Water and Sewer to the eligible purposes for Allentown, subject to the approval of all other parties to the agreement.

3. Resolution to Approve the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Chairman Holder stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan during the work session. FEMA has required all local governments to adopt a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and Wilkinson County along with the cities has completed this process. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution

WHEREAS: Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from a disaster; and hazard mitigation planning that is based on disaster history, vulnerability assessments, is inclusive of public and private sector agencies, an involves tangible milestones on which future efforts can build, is essential; and

WHEREAS: Federal Legislation has provided funding for disaster relief, recovery and hazard mitigation planning through the “Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000,” which reinforces the importance of mitigation planning and emphasizes planning for disaster before they occur; and

WHEREAS: Section 322 of the Act requires that Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds be made available only to those local communities that have, in place, a comprehensive, enhanced hazard mitigation plan in place; and

WHEREAS: Wilkinson County was one of 104 counties in the State of Georgia to receive funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to construct a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the purpose of identifying the hazards and risks, as well as identify future mitigation projects that may be pursued in future grant funding cycles; and

AND WHEREAS: Wilkinson County and the Cities of Allentown, Gordon, Irwinton, Ivey, McIntyre & Toombsboro collaborated to complete a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan under the auspices of the Wilkinson County Emergency Management Agency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners that this Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan be formally adopted and will help

guide the actions of the community toward protecting persons and facilities from the effects of natural and man-made disasters.

4. Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students Chairman Holder stated that during the work session the Commissioners learned of the Georgia Civic Awareness Program and the opportunity to partner with Bibb County for a pilot project. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the participation of Wilkinson County in the GCAPS program.

V. County Managers Report

1. Courthouse Project Ms. Mathis stated that everyone is getting settled into their new space. Commissioner Williams requested that the engineers and architect review the placement of the thermostat in the Probate Judge's office. Ms. Mathis stated that Frank Wall had provided some shelving in the Records Retention Room and needs to be recognized for his contribution. Ms. Mathis also reported that some difficulties had been experienced with telephone system but that everything seemed to have been resolved.

2. Recreation Update Ms. Mathis reported that the City of Gordon is doing some fence work at the Gordon Complex and that Dublin Industrial is donating a building to cover the well and irrigation system. Ms. Mathis also reported on the status of the Toombsboro Recreation Project.

3. Economic Development Director Ms. Mathis reported that interviews are scheduled for March 16, 2006.

IV. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments. Leonard Owens asked about the Veteran's monument and the drainage from the courthouse project.

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