

Wilkinson County Commission
May 2, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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, and Sheriff Richard Chatman.

The following visitors were present: Phillip Clayton, Leonard Owens.

Chairman Holder called upon Phillip Clayton to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the April 18, 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.

III. Old Business

1. **Status of 2005 Road Projects** Ms. Mathis stated that the pre-construction meeting with Middle Georgia Road Builders on Nichols Farmer Road is scheduled for May 4. Commissioner Gibson stated that Mr. and Mrs. Pike were not satisfied with the terms of the right-of-way acquisition and were requesting additional payment because of a small area of trees that would be taken. The right-of-way deed and payment was made during 2005. After discussion, the Board of Commissioners referred the matter to Jon Helton, County Attorney for review.

IV. New Business

1. **FY 2005 Audit** Chairman Holder stated that the Board of Commissioners reviewed the audit with Mark Hardison of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison and Parker during the work session. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the FY 2005 financial audit as prepared.

2. **Georgia Trend Article** Chairman Holder stated that the Development Authority has agreed to pay one-half of the cost of a special re-print of the Georgia Trend article. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the expenditure of \$635 for re-prints of the article to be used as a marketing tool.

3. **Surplus Property** Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis. Ms. Mathis stated that she is requesting that the parking lot lights from the courthouse be declared as surplus so that they

may be sold on GovDeals. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously declared the 4 lights that were removed from the courthouse parking lot as surplus and available for sale.

4. Law Enforcement Septic System Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis. Ms. Mathis stated that the septic system at the law enforcement center has a grate to screen out debris before it passes into the chamber of the system. The grate must be cleaned out approximately every 2 to 3 days. After several months of discussions with the Sheriff and the Health Department, Ms. Mathis is requesting approval to contract with Snowco to clean the grate two times per week. After discussion with Sheriff Chatman and Ms. Mathis, the Board of Commissioners upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks approved a three-month contract with Snowco at a cost of \$50.00 per clean out.

5. City of Ivey Request Chairman Holder presented a letter from the City of Ivey requesting that the County maintain the ditches inside the city limits. No action was taken. At the suggestion of Commissioner Williams, the Board of Commissioners requested that Ms. Mathis schedule a work session with the cities to discuss road maintenance.

6. Public Defenders Budget Chairman Holder stated that Public Defender Butch Moore requested authorization to prepare the FY 2007 contract documents for public defender services in Wilkinson County with a \$200 increase over FY 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed increase in the contract for the public defender.

VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments. Philip Clayton of Hwy 112 stated that he and several neighbors are experiencing problems with a neighbor who has about 25 dogs. He stated that there is no facility for the animals to be taken to and no single person to work on the problem. Sheriff Chatman expressed his difficult situation in dealing with the animals.

Sheriff Chatman stated that he would like to have the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to retain the inmate commissary funds and to use the profits of those funds to make purchases for the law enforcement center. The Board of Commissioners requested that something be drawn up for their consideration.

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