

Wilkinson County Commission
March 21, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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 Helton.

The following visitors were present: Jonathan Jackson.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Williams to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Gibson 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 bids are due on Nichols Farmer Road on April 3, 2006. No report has been received on the timber cruise of the Taylor property on Nichols Farmer Road or Oochee Creek Road projects.

2. Blinds for Courthouse Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss the blinds. Ms. Mathis stated that the original vendor was not responsive and the scope of the project changed after occupying the building so new bids were received for two inch faux wood blinds for the new addition. The bids were: Mr. Blinds \$3000, Middle GA Blinds and Shutters \$4598, Blind Works \$5000, Mark III Floor Covering \$8176. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the bid to Mr. Blinds for \$3,000 with the installation to be completed in two weeks.

IV. New Business

1. Appointment to Recreation Board Chairman Holder stated that the terms of Charles Carswell and Jimmy Smith on the Recreation Board are set to expire April 1, 2006. Both gentlemen have been active members of the Board and are willing to continuing to serve. Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Charles Carswell and Jimmy Smith to the Wilkinson County Recreation Board for terms to expire April 1, 2011.

2. Acceptance of Un-improved Roads Chairman Holder stated that the Board of Commissioners is working on a new ordinance on development and acceptance of county roads. Chairman Holder suggested that the Board of Commissioners place a moratorium on accepting un-improved roads until a new ordinance is adopted. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to place a moratorium on the acceptance of any un-improved roads for county maintenance for the next ninety days with the exception of Ivey Farms Road. Ivey Farms Road has been in existence since 1999 and the developer is in the final stages of getting the road in compliance with the current ordinance.

3. Amended Intergovernmental Agreement on Solid Waste Disposal Chairman Holder called upon Mr. Helton to address this matter. Mr. Helton stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement needs to be amended to correct factual errors in the original agreement and to clarify the disposal of the construction and demolition debris. He stated that this does not change the substance of the agreement. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Solid Waste Disposal.

4. Lease Agreement with Plum Creek Chairman Holder stated that Plum Creek has offered a lease agreement for two acres of land on Turkey Creek to construct a convenience center. The agreement is for three years with the option to renew. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Williams the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the lease agreement with Plum Creek and instructed Ms. Mathis to propose a design of the convenience center.

5. Fall Line Regional Development Authority Funding Opportunity Chairman Holder stated that Senator Isakson's office had notified the Board of Commissioners that there is an opportunity to apply for funding on the \$2,000,000 water and sewer improvements necessary for the Fall Line Regional Development Authority's Industrial Park. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the submission of a funding request for the water and sewer improvements to the Fall Line Regional Development Authority's Industrial Park with the understanding that if funded it would require match up to \$200,000.

6. Local Development Fund Application Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss. Ms. Mathis stated that the County could apply for Local Development Funds from DCA on a variety of projects such as façade improvements to the Old Jail and marketing materials. Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the submission of a Local Development Fund application for either project.

7. Waiver of Road Acceptance Requirements Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss. Ms. Mathis stated that James Emory, Inc. has verbally requested a waiver of the 40% sold or three-year requirements of the road acceptance ordinance for Heritage Farms Subdivision. No action taken.

8. Courthouse Change Orders Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss. Copies of the change orders were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following: Remove concrete walk section in front of existing Courthouse (original front entrance) \$654, install oak flooring / treads / risers at existing stairs in the Courthouse (after existing floor was removed they were too rough and uneven to install rubber treads) \$2535.60, add panic hardware at exterior doors (end door at annex 1st floor / west doors at addition) \$844.07. Commissioner Howell asked about the shelving needed in Superior Court and Probate / Magistrate for records storage. Ms. Mathis stated that the Board of Commissioners directed her to develop a complete furnishings budget request, which is near completion. Commissioner Howell requested that this be finalized quickly.

V. County Managers Report

1. Development Ordinance Ms. Mathis stated that Frank Jenkins is available for a work session on April 6 or 7. The Board of Commissioners discussed the dates and set April 6 at 2:00 for the work session.

2. DOT BBQ Ms. Mathis stated that the tentative date for the DOT BBQ is April 27. The Board of Commissioners agreed that this date is suitable.

3. GCAPS A tentative list of invitees was distributed prior to the meeting. Additions were noted. A meeting will be scheduled in April.

VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments, none were received.

VII. Executive Session

Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to exit executive session. Chairman Holder stated that the executive session was to discuss a personnel matter and that no action was taken and no action was necessary.

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