

Wilkinson County Commission
April 4, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 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 Jonathan Jackson to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Brooks 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.

III. Old Business

1. **Status of 2005 Road Projects** Ms. Mathis stated that bids on Nichols Farmer Road will be discussed later in the meeting. Chairman Holder requested a meeting on Nesmith Road.

IV. New Business

1. **Contract Award** Chairman Holder stated that bids on Nichols Farmer were received and Middle Georgia Road Builders was the only bidder. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract award to Middle Georgia Road Builders on Nichols Farmer Road in the amount of \$679, 638.95.

2. **Courthouse Landscaping and Furnishings** Chairman Holder stated that bids had been received on courthouse landscaping from Paulk Landscaping (\$31,700) and Harris and Company (\$43,550). Chairman Holder also stated that during the work session the Board of Commissioners discussed the furnishings plan for the courthouse. Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioners Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract award to Paulk for \$31,700 pending verification of quantities and set the furnishings budget at \$200,000 with authorization to proceed with purchasing.

3. **Bid Award on Roll Off Truck** Chairman Holder stated that the following bids were received on a roll-off truck: Peach State Ford 2006 Sterling LT9500 Roll Off Truck 60,000 lb. Kpac 60-1740R with Tarp System \$103,976; LJL Ford 2006 Mack CT713 Roll Off Truck with

Tarp System \$102,900 and Mark Equipment 2006 Peterbilt 335 Roll Off Truck 60,000 lb. with Tarp System \$98,440. Chairman Holder suggested that the County determine if the service could be contracted out. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of the Peterbilt truck for \$98,440 after inquiries are made regarding the cost to contract out the roll-off truck.

4. Amend to Beer and Wine Ordinance Chairman Holder called upon Mr. Helton to address this matter. Mr. Helton stated that the current ordinance references a specific paper rather than the legal organ for public notification. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the amendment to the Beer and Wine Ordinance Paragraph 6(h) to remove the name of the newspaper and replace it with legal organ.

5. Economic Development Director Chairman Holder stated that the County received 18 resumes for the position of Economic Development Director. Six of the applicants were selected for interview and four completed the interview process. The candidates were initially interviewed by Dan Brown, Roger Smith and Laura Mathis. Phillip Hadarits was also part of the Committee but was unable to attend the interviews (he did offer comments). After the committee developed their recommendation, the top candidate was interviewed by Chairman Holder and Chairman Wall and received their approval to move forward with the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for hiring. The recommendation is to hire Farrah Senn. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved to hire Farrah Senn as Economic Development Director pending pre-employment background screenings.

6. Resolution in Honor of Sarah Garner Chairman Holder stated that Sarah Garner has been a county employee for 30 years. Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Sarah Davis Garner was employed by Wilkinson County's Cooperative Extension Service on February 6, 1976; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Garner was employed by the Wilkinson County Board of Tax Assessors on May 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Garner acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to carry the designation as an Appraiser II by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Garner has faithfully served the citizens of Wilkinson County; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Garner has carried out her responsibilities with a high level of efficiency, skill and compassion.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County, Georgia express their sincere appreciation for thirty years of dedication and service to the citizens of Wilkinson County

7. Request from Sheriff Chatman Sheriff Chatman requested that the funds allocated for the Ocmulgee Drug Task Force be redirected to equipment because the County is able to handle most drug cases. The Board of Commissioners generally agreed, however no action was necessary because the dollar amount did not increase.

V. County Managers Report

1. April Schedule Ms. Mathis reviewed the April schedule.

VI. Visitor Comments

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

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