

Wilkinson County Commission
June 6, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 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.

The following visitors were present: Corporal Jerry Garner, Jonathan Jackson, Leonard Owens, Amanda Dominy.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Brooks to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the May 16, 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 Corporal Jerry Garner for a special presentation. Chairman Holder stated that Corporal Garner is a new resident of Wilkinson County who moved here to teach history at Wilkinson County High School. Shortly after moving to Wilkinson County, he was called to active duty with the 48th Infantry Brigade. Chairman Holder presented Corporal Garner with a Wilkinson County lapel pen and invited him to speak. Corporal Garner stated that he was happy to be in Wilkinson County and looked forward to returning to teaching this fall. He stated that he did serve in Iraq with the 48th Brigade. The Board of Commissioners thanked Corporal Garner for his dedicated service.

Chairman Holder called upon Amanda Dominy to address the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Dominy stated that she joined ACCG in May as the coordinator for the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for students and that she is anxious to work with Wilkinson County on the project.

III. Old Business

1. **Status of 2005 Road Projects** Ms. Mathis stated that work is slated to begin on Nichols Farmer Road. Ms. Mathis also reported that the developer is starting work on Ivey Farms Road. Ms. Mathis reported that WKA is opening a long term mining operation on Davis Cemetery Road and that work will be done by the County to improve sections so that the trucks can use the dirt portion of the road. Ms. Mathis also reported that during recent work by Middle Georgia Road Builders on Macedonia Church Road, hydraulic fluid has spilled on the new asphalt. Over time, this may damage the road surface. The County still has the retainage on the project and it will not be released until the extent of the damage has been determined.

IV. New Business

1. Department of Corrections Contract Chairman Holder stated that the County needed to renew the contract with the Department of Corrections for the Inmate Detail. The amount of the contract is unchanged from 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract with the Department of Corrections for 2007.

2. Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Chairman Holder stated that the term of Earl Knight expires July 1, 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Earl Knight to the Board of Directors of Wilkinson County Department of Family and Children Services with a term of five years.

3. Resolution in Honor of Vickie Mixon Chairman Holder stated that Vickie Mixon has announced her intentions to retire on June 30, 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution and wished Ms. Mixon a happy and healthy retirement:

WHEREAS: Ms. Vickie Mixon was hired as a part-time clerk in the Wilkinson County Tax Commissioner's Office on February 2, 1991; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon was employed as a full-time Deputy Tax Commissioner on July 11, 1991 to assist with the collection and issuance of Wilkinson County tag and property taxes; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon received the necessary skills and knowledge to carry the designation as a Deputy Tax Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon was appointed as Deputy Tax Commissioner on August 19, 1993 by the Wilkinson County Tax Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon has faithfully served the citizens of Wilkinson County applying a fair and reasoned approach to her responsibilities as Deputy Tax Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon is responsible for improving the relationship of the citizens of Wilkinson County to the Tax Commissioner's Office and has carried out her responsibilities with a high level of efficiency, skill and compassion; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mixon has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2006;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners wishes Ms. Mixon a happy and healthy retirement.

4. Courthouse Change Order Chairman Holder stated that the Board of Commissioners met in a work session prior to the meeting to discuss proposed change orders for the Courthouse project. Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved change orders to the Courthouse project in the amount of \$25,794.92.

5. Appointment to Small Business Lenders Chairman Holder stated that the appointment of Amy Orr on the Small Business Lenders Board of Directors is set to expire July 1, 2006. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Amy Orr.

6. Fall Line Regional Development Authority Expenditures Chairman Holder stated that the Fall Line Regional Development Authority requested at their last board meeting, \$12,500 for the completion of the park master plan. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the expenditure of up to \$12,500 for the completion of the park master plan subject to the same commitment from Baldwin County.

V. County Managers Report

- 1. Delinquent Mobile Homes** Ms. Mathis reported on the efforts to collect delinquent mobile home taxes since April. The Board of Commissioners commended the efforts of all County offices who worked on the delinquent mobile homes.
- 2. Courthouse Security** Ms. Mathis reported that the courthouse locks have been changed due to the recent burglary.

VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments. Leonard Owens requested an update on the drainage problem that he has previously discussed with the Board. Ms. Mathis apologized that she did not have an update but stated that she would have an update at the Irwinton City Council meeting.

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