

Wilkinson County Commission  
October 17, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: C. L. Brooks, Alfred Gibson, Dennis Holder, J.M. Howell, and John Williams.

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

Visitors present: Quincey Simpson, Leonard Owens, and Cora Gibson.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Williams to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, minutes were approved as presented.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Holder recognized and welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

III. Old Business

1. **Nichols Farmer Road** Ms. Mathis reported that the road is scheduled to be paved the week of October 23.
2. **Criswell Road** A letter from Imerys Kaolin was distributed prior to the meeting. Imerys has requested a contract with the County where the County would include resurfacing of a portion of Macedonia Church Road for Imerys to use as an alternative to Criswell Road. Imerys has budgeted funds for this project in the first quarter 2007. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Imerys to pay for the resurfacing of approximately 900 feet of Macedonia Church Road.
3. **Davis Cemetery Road** Ms. Mathis stated that a meeting has been set with WKA to discuss their use of Davis Cemetery Road.
4. **Oochee Creek Road** Ms. Mathis stated that she would work with the Attorney to complete right of way acquisition.
5. **Dent Road** Ms. Mathis stated that a conference call is set with CARBO Ceramics on the right of way. Ms. Mathis also stated that the condemnation hearings for Brady and McGahee took place and that Mr. Helton will begin work on the remaining condemnations.

**6. Board Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services** Chairman Holder suggested that any action be tabled until candidates have been identified to fill the position vacated by David Smallwood.

#### IV. New Business

**1. Board appointment to Fall Line Regional Development Authority.** Chairman Holder stated that the terms of Frank Wall and Roger Smith are set to expire in November. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Frank Wall and Roger Smith to four-year terms on the Fall Line Regional Development Authority.

**2. Bid Award on Inmate Meals** Ms. Mathis stated that bids were received on inmate meals but that the review of the apparent low bidder are not yet complete. Chairman Holder stated that any action was tabled until the next regular meeting.

**3. National Incident Management System Adoption Resolution** A copy of the resolution, recommended by FEMA, was distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Federal Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 establishes the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

WHEREAS, NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to domestic incident management; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state and local governments to work together to prepare for and respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility among federal, state and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology and technologies covering the Incident Command System, Unified Command, training, management of resources and reporting; and

WHEREAS, all Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of the NIMS a requirement for providing federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has enacted through law (O.C.G.A 38-3-57) that all local public safety and emergency response organizations, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services, shall

implement the standardized unified incident command system and that those agencies that do not establish such system shall not be eligible for state reimbursement for any response or recovery related expenses;

Be it therefore resolved that the Wilkinson County hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as established under HSPD 5 and the Unified Command System as established under O.C.G.A. 38-3-57 as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents and directs all incident managers and response organizations in Wilkinson County train and exercise and use these systems in their response operations.

**4. Old Jail Renovations** Ms. Mathis stated that the conference room floor of the Old Jail has started to separate from the baseboard. Masee Builders has recommended the removal of the carpet and flooring to determine the extent of the problem. The exact cost is unknown but a worst-case estimate is \$6,210. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners approved the work on the old jail.

**5. Resolution in Support of the Establishment of the Entrepreneur Friendly Program** A copy of the resolution was distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Economic Development's Small Business & Innovation Division provides a community-based program that helps create an entrepreneur environment, building entrepreneur and small business strategy into the community's overall economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Economic Development has been working with the Wilkinson County Chamber of Commerce to complete the required steps for the Entrepreneur Friendly Designation; and

WHEREAS: A Entrepreneur Friendly Steering Committee consisting of representative from local government, small business owners, financial services, insurance companies and other interested parties has been established to complete the necessary steps for the designation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Wilkinson County Chamber of Commerce to obtain the designation for Wilkinson County as "Entrepreneur Friendly"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners commits to working with the Steering Committee and other volunteers to complete the process and to continue support of small businesses in Wilkinson County after designation is obtained.

**6. Amendment too the Subdivision Development Ordinance** A copy of the proposed amendments were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner

Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners approved the amendments effective immediately.

**7. Beer and Wine License Application** Ms. Mathis stated that Sukhwant Singh applied for a Beer and Wine License. Mr. Singh indicated on the application that he has one arrest and conviction for driving under the influence. Ms. Mathis stated that the fingerprint criminal background check revealed three arrests and convictions, including two for driving under the influence and one for leaving the scene of the accident. In addition, Ms. Mathis stated that Mr. Singh does not have a valid drivers license, but his most recent licenses indicated a Macon address. Mr. Singh indicated on the application that he is a resident of Wilkinson County at 127 Major Stewart Road. This address is owned by Mr. Alton Carswell, who receives a homestead exemption for the property. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the application of Sukhwant Singh for a Beer and Wine License.

V. County Manager Report

**1. Schedule for Public Hearings** Ms. Mathis reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

**2. Veterans Memorial** Ms. Mathis stated that the dedication ceremony for the Veteran's Memorial is scheduled for November 11, 2006.

VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments. Leonard Owens suggested that the Board investigate the use of concrete at mine entrances.

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