

Wilkinson County Commission
November 7, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 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 Attorney Sam Hilbun on Hilbun and Helton.

Visitors present: Scott Harrison, Terry Sark, Gary Hargis, Jeff Dixon, Phil Mills, Jimmy Youmans, Glen Warnock.

Chairman Holder called upon Jimmy Youmans to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, minutes were approved as presented.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Holder recognized and welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Chairman Holder called upon Gary Hargis of Mustard Seed Ministries to address the Board. Mr. Hargis presented a request from Mustard Seed Ministries for the County to apply for CDBG funds to construct a building to house a food bank. In addition, Mustard Seed Ministries stated their desire to have a group facility for substance abuse recovery and requested that the County may have land that could be used for the facility. After considerable discussion, upon motion of Commissioner Howell and second of Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners voted to explore opportunities to assist Mustard Seed Ministries. Chairman Holder and the Board of Commissioners thanked the members of Mustard Seed for their comments.

Chairman Holder called upon Sheriff Richard Chatman to address the Board of Commissioners about the firing range. Sheriff Chatman asked for authorization to proceed with setting up the firing range on the County property. The Board of Commissioners requested that Ms. Mathis determine the appropriate buffer around the closed landfill and to explore the timber on the property.

III. Old Business

1. Nichols Farmer Road Ms. Mathis reported that the road is scheduled to be paved the week of November 6.

2. **Criswell Road** Ms. Mathis reported that no action has taken place on the proposed agreement with Imerys where the County would include resurfacing of a portion of Macedonia Church Road for Imerys to use as an alternative to Criswell Road.
3. **Davis Cemetery Road** Ms. Mathis stated that the County met with WKA regarding their mining operations and that the longer term plans for mining on Davis Cemetery Road may change.
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 the Board of Commissioners needs to meet in Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition.
6. **Board Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services** Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Johnny Jackson to fill the unexpired term of David Smallwood on the Department of Family and Children Services.
7. **Inmate Meals** Ms. Mathis stated that the bids for inmate meals were received but were not comparable. One bidder stated an annual contract amount, regardless of the number of inmates and the other two bidders provided a per inmate per meal price. This created an unfair situation making comparison difficult. In all previous contracts, the County paid a per meal cost since the number of inmates fluctuates. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously rejected all bids for inmate meals and instructed Ms. Mathis to solicit proposals again specifying an annual contract amount rather than a per meal cost.

IV. New Business

1. **Amendment To Use Of County Equipment Policy** A copy of the proposed policy was distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Mathis stated recommended the policy change in order to clearly state the Boards expectations for County employees. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Howell, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following policy effective today and applicable to all County employees and volunteer fire departments:

Use of County Equipment
(Adopted March 5, 1991 and amended November 7, 2006)

1. All employees are prohibited from using county equipment and materials purchased with County funds for personal use.
2. All employees are prohibited from taking items that have been discarded in waste receptacles.

3. Any employee action that causes damage or destruction of tools, equipment, or other property belonging to the County or to another employee, shall be cause for corrective action up to an including discharge.

Violation citations, fines, or other actions taken by police jurisdictions against any employee while driving a county vehicle shall be the responsibility of the employee and may be cause for disciplinary action.

2. National Association of Counties Prescription Discount Card Program Information on the program was distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Mathis stated that a recent merger announced last week might impact the NACO program that provides a discount card for prescriptions. The Board of Commissioners expressed a desire for Ms. Mathis and Mr. Helton to evaluate the program for Wilkinson County.

3. Resolution to Approve Transmittal of Solid Waste Management Plan A draft of the plan was previously reviewed. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Georgia has required that all communities in the State prepare and adopt amendments to solid waste plans in compliance with prescribed standards; and

WHEREAS, Wilkinson County and the Cities of Allentown, Gordon, Irwinton, Ivey, McIntyre, and Toombsboro, have prepared a Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update, which satisfies all applicable standards of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, public input has been solicited in accordance with the methods prescribed in the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in formal session, hereby authorizes Chairman Holder to sign this resolution transmitting the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Wilkinson County and the Cities of Allentown, Gordon, Irwinton, Ivey, McIntyre, and Toombsboro to the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center in compliance with the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990.

4. Fee Schedule Ms. Mathis stated that the Board of Commissioners needed to set fees for 2007. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following fee schedule for 2007:

- a. Beer and Wine License: \$510.00 for licenses issued for 2007
- b. Occupational License: \$55.00 for licenses issued for 2007

c. Driveway Installation: \$110 plus the actual cost of pipe for driveways installed in 2007

d. Notice of Construction

\$25.00 Residential and Agricultural Improvements such as:

- New construction /Stick Build or Mobile Home
- Additional room
- Deck/ Porch/Patio
- Barn/Poultry House/Grain Storage
- Pool
- Garage/Carport
- Outside Utility Building

\$50.00 Utility and Commercial Improvements such as:

- New Construction
- Expansion of existing commercial improvement
- Paving
- Fencing
- Storage building
- Equipment building
- Loading docks/Canopy
- Signage
- Telecommunications Towers

\$75.00 Industrial Improvements such as

- New Construction
- Expansion of existing industrial improvement
- Paving
- Fencing
- Storage building
- Equipment building
- Loading docks/Canopy
- Signage

V. County Manager Report

1. **FY 2006 Audit** Ms. Mathis stated that the audit for FY 2006 starts this week.

VI. Visitor Comments

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

VII. Executive Session

Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss real

estate acquisition.

Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to enter Regular Session. Chairman Holder stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Howell and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the counter offer on real estate acquisition as discussed.

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