

Wilkinson County Commission
December 5, 2006

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: C. L. Brooks, Alfred Gibson, Dennis Holder, and John Williams. Commissioner J.M. Howell was absent.

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

Visitors present: Loresia Hodges.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Williams to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the November 7, 2006 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Gibson and second by Commissioner Brooks, 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 paving is complete but that there are some problems with the shoulders of the road and erosion control.
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 WKA is going to start hauling again the week of December 4.
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 all right of way has been secured except CARBO Ceramics.
6. **Turkey Creek Convenience Center** Ms. Mathis stated that the timber harvesting is complete. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the

Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously requested that the County Manager solicit bids for the scope of work to clear, grub and grade the property.

7. Availability of Aerial Photography on Website Chairman Holder requested that the Board of Commissioners reconsider that the provision of aerial photography and parcel maps on the internet. After a brief demonstration, upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the budget amendment of \$3,000 to the Tax Assessors for the aerial photography and parcel maps to be included in the website.

IV. New Business

1. Bids on Senior Center Paint Contract We received three bids for the re-painting of the Senior Center. They are as follows: Frank's Painting (Harrison, GA) \$5,000.00; Griffin and Associates (Gordon, GA) \$6,650.00 – they did the courthouse; Glenn Pulliam Painting (Sandersville GA) \$7,500.00. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract award to Frank's Painting upon review of their references.

2. Comprehensive Plan Chairman Holder stated that the Department of Community Affairs reviewed and approved the Community Agenda component of the Comprehensive Plan. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

WHEREAS, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners has completed the Community Agenda document as part of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, this document was reviewed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and was found to be in compliance with the Local Planning Requirements.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Community Agenda portion of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update.

3. Resolution in Honor of Phyllis A Lavender Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Phyllis Ann Lavender was employed by Wilkinson County on August 29, 1994 as a Data Entry Specialist in the Wilkinson County Tax Assessors Office; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lavender was promoted to Appraisal Assistant on May 2, 1996 and Deputy Tax Appraiser on October 2, 1998; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lavender was hired as Chief Appraiser on August 9, 2001; and

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

WHEREAS: Ms. Lavender has faithfully served the citizens of Wilkinson County carrying out her responsibilities with a high level of efficiency, skill and compassion; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lavender has accepted the position of Chief Appraiser of Baldwin County;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County, Georgia express their sincere appreciation to Ms. Lavender for more than twelve years of dedication and service to the citizens of Wilkinson County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County, Georgia wish Ms. Lavender continued success in her career.

4. Board of Assessors Request Ms. Mathis stated that the Board of Assessors is requesting her assistance during the interview process for the Chief Appraiser and administrative assistance during the interim period. The Board of Commissioners agreed that Ms. Mathis could provide this assistance.

5. Change in Pay Grade of Chief Deputy Clerk for Superior Clerk A copy of the proposed change was distributed prior to the meeting. Chairman Holder stated that Cinda Bright, Clerk of Superior Court, was requesting that the position of Chief Deputy Clerk be changed from a grade 12 to grade 14, given supervisory responsibilities added to the job. Commissioner Gibson made a motion to approve the change; the motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Williams expressed concern over this change occurring mid-year rather than at budget time. Chairman Holder suggested that the request be re-submitted at budget.

6. Special Resolution Chairman Holder stated that all County employees worked hard on the courthouse project and the dedication ceremony and expressed the Board of Commissioners' gratitude for this effort. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners initiated a renovation and addition project on the Wilkinson County Courthouse in 2004 known as the "Courthouse Project"; and

WHEREAS: Courthouse employees endured dust, noise and the task of packing and unpacking offices and county records; and

WHEREAS: Every County employee has been involved in the Courthouse Project, not just those employees whose offices are located in the Courthouse, including the Sheriff's Department, Road Department, Sanitation Department, Senior Center, and Extension Service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners formally express their sincere appreciation to all County employees for their patience, cooperation, and hard work during the Courthouse Project including the Dedication Ceremony held December 2, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be prepared for display at the Wilkinson County Courthouse and provided to all County employees has an official "Thank You" from the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners.

V. County Manager Report

1. Meeting with Legislative Delegation Ms. Mathis stated that the meeting with the Legislative Delegation is slated for December 19, 2006 in Conference Room 128.

2. Georgia Transmission Corporation Ms. Mathis stated that they are holding a public meeting on the installation of transmission lines for PT Power today at 2:00 and 6:00 at the Toombsboro Baptist Church.

3. Legislative Conference Ms. Mathis stated that the ACCG Legislative Conference will be held February 6, 2006.

4. Mustard Seed Ministries Ms. Mathis stated that Mr. Helton is reviewing the legal parameters for a relationship with Mustard Seed Ministries.

5. ACCG Appointment Ms. Mathis stated that Jerry Griffin, ACCG Executive Director, had requested if Ms. Mathis would be willing to serve on ACCG Insurance Board. The Board of Commissioners agreed to Ms. Mathis' appointment.

6. Planning Retreat Chairman Holder suggested a planning retreat for the Commissioners to identify projects for 2007 and beyond. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet on December 11 at the RDC.

7. Holiday Lunch The Board of Commissioners agreed to close the courthouse at 1:00 on Friday, December 22 for the Holiday Lunch.

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.