

Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners  
March 6, 2007

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at their office in the 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 Attorney Jon Helton on Hilbun and Helton. Visitors present were: Jonathan Jackson, Joe Boone, Joshua Campbell, Richard Chatman.

Chairman Holder called upon Commissioner Brooks to give the invocation.

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Holder presented the minutes of the February 20, 2007 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 stated that permanent grassing should be completed in the next month.
2. **Dent Road** Ms. Mathis stated that bids are due on March 12, 2007 for the paving.
3. **Oochee Creek Road** Ms. Mathis stated that there are 3 parcels where right of way is needed: one the Board voted to proceed with condemnation, one required title research and the final property involved the timber. Right of way acquisition should be complete in the next month.
4. **Turkey Creek Convenience Center** Ms. Mathis stated that the soil testing has been completed and we will develop the site plan based on the recommendations.
5. **Memorandum of Agreement with Mustard Seed Ministries** Chairman Holder stated that the MOA was on hold until the grant is received.

IV. New Business

1. **Brannen Vinson Cemetery** Chairman Holder stated the trustees of Brannen Vinson Cemetery are requesting a deed from the County on the cemetery and a larger area for parking. In 1968, the County gave the Cemetery a thirty foot strip around the cemetery. Mr. Helton stated

that he would like to research the matter before any action was taken.

**2. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund** Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss. Ms. Mathis stated that a previous application to the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund was approved and that the Board needed to execute the documents in order for the check to be issued. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution and agreement on the hazardous waste trust fund.

**3. Inmate Meal Bids Chairman** Holder stated that bids were received for inmate meals. Patricia Coffee (Pat's Touch of Class): \$91,399.20 per year for a total of \$182,798.40; Gena Blizzard (Maebob's) for year one \$108,628.60, year two \$114,060.40 to total \$222,688.64. The County also received a bid from Aretha Jones at \$10.75 per day per inmate. This bid is non-responsive because it does not comply with the bid requirements. At the request of the Sheriff, the County also explored the option of hiring staff and purchasing the food ourselves. The total estimated cost of this option is \$87,000 for 2007. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contract with Patricia Coffee for inmate meals starting April 1, 2007.

**4. Beer and Wine License** Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis to discuss. Ms. Mathis stated that Joshua James Campbell applied for a Beer and Wine License at Quick N'EZ at Hwy 57 and 18. Mr. Campbell is not the owner of the business or land, Mr. Sonny Singh owns the business and Mr. Larry G. Johnson owns the land, building and equipment. Mr. Campbell's application indicates that he is a resident of Wilkinson County at 212 Milledgeville Hwy. We have the water deposit from the City of Gordon and the rental agreement as evidence. The fingerprints were completed by the Wilkinson County Sheriff's Department and Mr. Campbell has no record. All ad valorem taxes due have been paid. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Beer and Wine License for Joshua James Campbell at Quick N'EZ at Hwy 18 and 57.

**5. Cable Franchise Agreement** A copy of the request was distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Mathis stated that KLiP Interactive (who acquired the LB/ Mallard/ Blackstone Cable system) is requesting a new franchise agreement. Ms. Mathis has reviewed their proposed document but knows very little about whether it has all of the right protections etc included in it. The current agreement was originally written in 1981 and since that time many federal regulations have changed. Ms. Mathis Mike Stewart with ACCG regarding any assistance that he might be able to provide. He referred the County to John Howell (a telecommunications consultant) who has assisted other counties with franchise agreements with KLiP. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Williams, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement with John Howell on the cable franchise agreement with KLiP.

**6. Burn Building** Chairman Holder called upon Ms. Mathis. Ms. Mathis stated that EMA Director Gary Brown has been in discussions with Gordon Fire Department about transferring

the burn building from the City of Gordon to EMA so that all volunteers could use the training tool. The City would like to be reimbursed for their expenses. Ms. Mathis stated that she has not been able to discuss the matter with Mayor Turner. Upon motion by Commissioner Brooks and second by Commissioner Gibson, the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept the burn building from Gordon in exchange for payment of the approximate \$2900 that Gordon spent on the building. This action is subject to the approval of the City of Gordon.

**7. Health Department Commissioner** Gibson stated that he has received comments about the closing of the health clinic in Gordon. Chairman Holder stated that the Board of Commissioners has not voted to take any action on the health clinic in Gordon. The County's contribution to the Health Department has remained unchanged and the County continues to pay rent on the building.

**8. Tornado Victims** Commissioner Howell expressed appreciation to all of the volunteers who have been helping the victims of the tornadoes on March 1, 2007.

#### VI. Visitor Comments

Chairman Holder opened the floor to visitor comments; Leonard Owens asked for an update on the drainage problem on Church Street. Ms. Mathis stated that an update would be available at the March 20 meeting.

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