

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING January 20, 2015 5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on January 20, 2015 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Vice Chairman CL Brooks, Commissioner JM Howell and Commissioner John Williams.

Chairman Mark DuPree out due to illness.  
Commissioner James Hagins out due to school function.

The following staff was present: County Manager David Franks, County Attorney DuBose Porter and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

### Invocation

Vice Chairman Brooks asked Commissioner Williams to lead the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Brooks asked County Manager David Franks to lead the pledge of allegiance.

### Minutes

Vice Chairman Brooks asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Commission Meeting. None were noted. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Williams voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### Visitors Present

Marty Dominy, Tommy Brown with EMS.

### Recognition of Visitors

a: Gerald Cook with the Boy Scouts: Mr. Cook informed the Commissioners that a new unit had been started in Gordon at the Methodist Church Pack 363 a Cub Scout program serving children in grades 1 thru 5.

b: Beth Langford from Paws and Claws: Ms. Langford informed the Commissioners that they were in need of more funding that being the only organization in Wilkinson County taking care of stray animals was a taxing and costly. They were asking for additional \$4,000.00 over the amount budgeted for them. She also asked if there would be anyway that the county could increase the funding next year. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to give Paws and Claws the additional \$4,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Williams voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### Old Business:

- a. Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council: The Mayors have appointed Charles Brack as the Municipal Member, he would like to serve. Chairman DuPree has recommended Marty Dominy as the Non-public voting member; Marty is interested in serving on the council. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to appoint Mr. Brack and Mr. Dominy to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### New Business:

a. Bill Shepherd: Mr. Shepherd's Conservation Use Easement Permit had expired. He explained to the Commissioners that he had not known that it expired as the bill had gone to his son's address in Dublin. Mr. Shepherd is requesting a refund in the amount of \$1300.00 which is the difference between what he has paid and what he would have owed had the Conservation Use Easement been in place. The Commissioners explained to Mr. Shepherd that they have had numerous requests for the reduction in penalties and interest due to various circumstances and that if allowed it would have to be done for everyone. There was no action taken on this matter.

b. RG Spires: Mr. Spires is requesting a refund on His Conservation Use Easement Permit expiring when his wife passed away. There was no action taken on this matter.

c. Tax Assessors Pickup: Four bids have been received on this vehicle which is budgeted in this current FY. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Howell to go with low bid. Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Williams voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

d. Beer and Wine License for 2015: K & J Food Mart 2433 Hwy 57, Gordon has paid all license fees and 2014 taxes have been paid this license is an off-premises license. Chocolate City 12381 Hwy 57, Irwinton has paid all license fees and 2014 taxes have been paid this is an on-premises license. Advertisement for both K&J Food Mart and Chocolate City has been posted in the newspaper on 1/8/2015 and 1/15/2015 and no objections have been raised regarding the renewal of the above named licenses. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the renewal and motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

#### County Managers Report:

- 1: Chairman DuPree – Chairman DuPree is undergoing physical therapy.
- 2: Bridge work – We have received a letter from DOT releasing postings on two bridges, the overflow structure on E.H. Snow Road, and the bridge within the city limits of McIntyre on Gordon McIntyre Road. I am in the process of soliciting bids for replacing 4 piles on the bridge on Cross Justice Road. I have received one from Lewis Contracting Company and have contacted Gregory Bridge Company twice without receiving a bid.

#### Visitors Comments

Mr. Dominy expressed his concern that the Commissioners did not consider Mr. Shepherds request as he has paid all his taxes on time and that he felt that Mr. Shepherd was due more consideration. Also that Mr. Spires did not receive the same consideration as the Dominy Family has had a similar matter in the recent past.

Adjourn - **Motion** by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Vice Chairman Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

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