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COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2013
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on January 8, 2013 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Dennis Holder, Commissioner C.L. Brooks, Commissioner J.M. Howell, and Commissioner John Williams.

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

The following visitors were present: Vanessa Fountain

Invocation

Chairman Holder asked Commissioner Hagins to lead us in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Holder led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

Chairman Holder asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the December 18, 2012 Commission meeting and the December 18th, 2012 work session none was noted. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Recognition of Visitors

Tax Commissioner Vanessa Fountain.

1. Tax Commissioner requested the authority from the Commissioners to accept checks as a form of payment for taxes due. Motion was made by Commissioner

- Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Howell to accept checks as a form of payment. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
2. Tax Commissioner requested that the Tax Commissioners office be allowed to close at 4:45 in order to close out cash drawers saving the county the overtime monies it would have to pay the employees. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
 3. Tax Commissioner requested that they be allowed to pay the county once a month instead of bi monthly. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to allow once a month payment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
 4. Tax Commissioner requested that she be allowed to write off any taxes that are seven years old. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Williams to write of taxes 7 years old. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
 5. Commissioner Fountain stated that she has been working with Charlotte and Charles Smith in getting their taxes caught up to date. Mrs. Smith is requesting that the penalty be forgiven to enable them to get their taxes paid in a more timely manner. Chairman Holder suggested that this be tabled until we have a county attorney present.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. County Attorney: Dubose Porter has shown interest in the County Attorney's position. Mr. Porter is attending the meeting to discuss the job. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to offer Mr. Dubose Porter the position of County Attorney. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion

carried there were none opposed.

2. Recreation Board Attendance: Terry Eady the Chairman of the Recreation Authority has sent letter to 3 of the members that have missed 3 or more meetings, according to the by-laws, once a member misses 3 consecutive meetings they will be referred to the County Commissioners. It has been suggested that a work session be set up to discuss what needs to be done.
3. Bid results for Balls Ferry Historic Park: Three bids have been received for Balls Ferry State Historic Park Project Number CSHPP-007-000(583), PI#0007583 low bid was Sellers Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$928,000.00. Contract also needs to be signed by Chairman Holder. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks to accept low bid and have Chairman Holder sign the contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
4. Paving Quotes for Old 441: Two bids were received for patchwork paving on old 441. Shepherd Paving was low bid in the amount of \$6,650.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to accept low bid. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.
5. Appoint Vice Chairman: 2012 Commissioner James Hagins was vice chair. 2013 Commissioner Howell will be appointed. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Commissioner James Howell vice chair. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

County Managers Report:

1. Custodian – Laverne has informed me that she will need to take a leave of absence due to some medication she will be taking. I have contacted Ms. Eady with the Service Center; we will be contracting our cleaning services with them. The cost will be \$1,200.00 per month.
2. Employee Christmas Dinner – Our annual Employee Christmas Dinner seemed to be a hit, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Visitors Comments:

None

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

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