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COMMISSION MEETING May 17, 2016 5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on May 17, 2016 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Mark DuPree, Commissioner CL Brooks District 1, Commissioner James Hagins District 2, Commissioner JM Howell District 3, and Commissioner John Williams District 4.

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

Invocation

Commissioner J.M. Howell led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner James Hagins lead the pledge.

Minutes

Chairman DuPree asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the May 3, 2016 Commission Meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Visitors Present

Recognition of Visitors

Old Business:

A: Appointment to Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Development: Idella Ford has agreed to fill this position which will begin July 1, 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to have Ms. Ford serve on the Board. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

B: Baldwin Family Treatment Court Donation request: Tabled

New Business:

A: Request for Tax abatement:

James Watkins is requesting that the interest and penalties be reduced 2014 taxes. Mr. Watkins stated that he paid his taxes for 2013 before he won the CUVA appeal. The adjustment was applied and he should have received a refund this was then applied to his 2014 taxes that he owed which left him a balance of approximately \$75.00. Mr. Watkins acknowledged that he should have paid the \$75.00 but forgot. He paid his 2015 taxes realizing he had forgotten to pay the \$75.00 he found out that the interest and penalties were figured on the whole amount and not the \$75.00. He is requesting that he be allowed to pay the interest and penalties on \$75.00 not the \$547.15. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to allow Mr. Watkins to pay the interest and penalties on the \$75.00. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

B: Courthouse Security: Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins to bid out the new plans for the security of the courthouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

County Managers Report:

1: Wriley Road – The project has started and seems to be going well. The patching is almost complete.

2: Audit – Attached you will find a bill for our audit. I feel as though this bill is too high and am suggesting we take proposals for a firm to do our audit and one to help prepare our books for the audit.

Visitors Comments

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

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