

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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## COMMISSION MEETING

August 2, 2016  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on August 2, 2016 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Mark DuPree, Commissioner C.L. Brooks District I, 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 and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

### Invocation

Commissioner John Williams led the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner J.M. Howell led the pledge.

### Minutes

Chairman DuPree asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the July 19, 2016 Commission Meeting and Budget Work Sessions July 19, 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes, Commissioner Williams voted yes and Chairman DePree voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

### Visitors Present

Marty Dominy, Donna Asbell, Joe Boone, Jonathan Jackson, Beth Langford and Morris Hutcheon.

### Recognition of Visitors

Old Business:

- a. Ga Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Board appointee.  
Penny Raucher has agreed to serve on this board. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Howell to appoint Ms. Raucher to 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. Request to form CVB for Tourism.  
The County Attorney has advised the Commissioners to keep the board to a minimum of 5 not more than 7.  
Chairman DuPree has appointed Donna Asbell, Judy Brown and Johnathan Jackson, Commissioner Hagins has appointed Jerry Reese and Lisa Green, Commissioner Williams has appointed Michael Gotel and Commissioner Howell has appointed Mike or Gina Blizzard. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to accept these as appointees. 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.

New Business:

A: Tax Assessor Board Appointment:

Amanda Panther the Tax Assessor has requested that Ronnie Granade be reappointed to the Board of Assessor's. He has stated that he would be willing to serve another term this is a five year appointment. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to reappoint Mr. Granade to the Tax Assessors 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: Development Authority Board Appointments:

Frank Wall, G.W. Young and Amy Orr are up for reappointment. Mr. Wall and Mr. Young have stated that they would be willing to serve another term. However, Ms. Orr has asked not to be reappointed. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to reappoint Mr. Wall and Mr. Young. 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.

C: Request from Paws and Claws to address the Board:

Joe Boone with paws and claws expressed his concerns with the Commissioners

about the lack formal shelter for the animals they deal with on a daily basis he informed the Commissioners that Paws and Claws had been donated 2 acres of land for the building of a shelter and asked if the Commissioners would be willing to help fund the building of one. He explained the cost of spading and neutering of the animals along with how trying to get the animals adopted were a considerable cost. Chairman DuPree asked Mr. Boone if he could have a more defined estimate of what it would cost to build a shelter and the expenses that would be incurred with it. Mr. Boone said he would be able to do so by the next meeting.

D: Request from East Wilkinson County Library to address the Board:

Donna Asbell addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the East Wilkinson County Library the roof of the Library is in need of repair Ms. Asbell has stated that there is funding available to pay half the cost of the repair. Chairman DuPree asked her to get 2 estimates and bring them back to the Board.

E: Request from the Health Department to address the Board:

Morris Hutcheson is requesting that the County purchase a generator that will run the refrigeration at the Health Department when the electricity goes out. This will enable the refrigerator to operate during the outage as most of the vaccines require that they be kept cool. In the past they have lost up \$35,000.00 dollars of vaccines. Mr. Franks stated that he had one bid and was waiting on another.

F: Request from the Development Authority to address the Board:

Jonathan Jackson discussed with the Commissioners the different duties of the DWAC and the Chamber of Commerce. He explained that the DWAC was looking for debt relief and that he would like to see the job duties from the Chamber split from the Development Authority.

#### County Managers Report:

1: Wriley Road – The Wriley Road Project is almost finished, the shoulders have been hydro seeded and grass is starting to sprout.

#### Visitors Comments

Marty Dominy expressed concern that the Security Officer had left and the door locked before 5 PM.

- a. Adjourn - **Motion** by Commissioner Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes,

Commissioner Williams voted yes and Chairman DePree voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

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