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COMMISSION MEETING

August 4, 2015
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on August 4, 2015 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Mark DuPree, Commissioner CL Brooks District 1, Commissioner James Hagins District 2, and Commissioner J.M. 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

Chairman DuPree asked County Manager David Franks to lead the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman DuPree asked Commissioner James Hagins to lead the pledge.

Minutes

Chairman DuPree asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Commission Meeting, July 21st Budget Work Session. None were noted. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks 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

Robert Davidson, Rhett Spires, Nancy Rickerson, Vanessa Fountain, Amanda Panther and Marty Dominy

Recognition of Visitors

Old Business:

New Business:

a: Mr. R.G. Spires has filled out an application for a refund on property taxes. This was an agenda item on the January 20th, 2015 meeting however; Mr. Spires did not attend the meeting. Additional property taxes due to Covenant lapse when Mr. Spires's wife passed away. When notified by the Probate / Magistrate Court of any death's in the county as a courtesy the Tax Assessors Office sends out a letter informing the tax payer of any breach of Covenant as this is not required by law but a courtesy of this office. Mr. Spires is stating that he did not receive this letter. When he received the new tax assessment taxes were double as he had not yet placed the land back in Conversation use. Mr. Spires's son Rhett Spires and his daughter Nancy Rickerson are here on his behalf to request the refund for the tax year of 2014. As no action was taken in January and motion died Commissioner Brooks made a motion to decline the refund. 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 passed there were none opposed.

b: Development Authority Board Appointment. Jonathan Jackson has requested that Brian Sappe be reappointed to the board. Brian has said he would like to serve again. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to reappoint Brian Sappe to serve another term. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion passed there were none opposed.

c: Development Authority Board Appointment. The Development Authority has requested that William Colson be reappointed to another term on the board. Mr. Colson has indicated that he would be willing to serve another term. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins and seconded by Commissioner Howell to reappoint Mr. Colson to another term. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion passed there were none opposed.

d: Board Appointment for Region V EMS Advisory Council. Dusty Thomas's appointment to the Region V EMS Board has expired; Bill Cheek has recommended that Tommy Brown be appointed as the new Board Member. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to appoint Tommy Brown as the new board member. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted

yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion passed there were none opposed.

e. Litter Ordinance. The Litter Ordinance for the county does not state that it is illegal for people that do not live in Wilkinson County to use our facilities to dump trash. The County Attorney has written an amendment to the ordinance.

Under section "B" and be number "9"

It shall be unlawful for a person or employee or any municipality to transport, pursuant to a contract (oral or otherwise), garbage, trash, waste or refuse across county boundaries for the purpose of dumping such garbage, trash, waste or refuse in the county, whether or not it is to be dumped at a publicly or privately owned dump or dumpster, unless permission is first obtained from the board of commissioners of the county in which the garbage, trash, waste or refuse is collected."

Any person who violates the above section shall be subject to fines listed below.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Williams to amend the ordinance. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion passed there were none opposed.

f: Road Signs that need replacing. When we replaced our road signs with the grant from DOT we missed all curve ahead signs. There are 280 curve ahead signs that need to be upgraded with the new high reflective decals. Jeff has received two quotes low bid being SanTech in the amount of \$4200.00 monies for this project can be taken from SPLOST. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to proceed with upgrade and go with the low bid for this project. 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 passed there were none opposed.

g: The City of Allentown has applied for A Regional Grant to purchase a new Fire Truck which is equipped with a ladder. The grant is \$559,091.00 and the match is \$38,896.00. Allentown is asking that Wilkinson, Laurens, Bleckley and Twiggs give \$8,000 each with towards the match Allentown will be putting in the additional \$8,000.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to contribute \$8,000.00 from Public Safety SPLOST and help purchase the ladder truck. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman DuPree voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion passed there were none opposed.

County Managers Report:

1. Transportation Investment Act – I have emailed all the Counties in our region a copy of our Resolution, attached you will find a letter and Resolution from Baldwin county.
2. Wriley Road – Chairman DuPree has signed the Contract with Everett Dykes Grassing, Inc.
3. FY14 Audit letter – Attached you will find the letter from the Department of Audits and Accounts stating that our Audit meets the requirements of the O.C.G.A.

Visitors Comments

Mr. Dominy has stated that he thinks that the Commissioners did the right thing with the Conversation act and request from Mr. Sires. He questioned the Litter Ordinance and the cameras placed at the dumpsters with vehicles that have In God we Trust sticker instead of the county listed. County Manager stated that the tags will be run to see which county the vehicle is registered to. The County Attorney also stated that people working in the county with out of county vehicles must obtain permission from the Commissioners to dump in this county.

Adjourn - **Motion** by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. 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.

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