

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
September 2, 2014  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on September 2, 2014 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Dennis Holder, Commissioner CL Brooks, Commissioner James Hagins, Commissioner, JM Howell and Commissioner John Williams.

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

#### Invocation

Chairman Holder asked Commissioner Brooks to lead 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 August 19 Budget Work Session, and August 19, 2014 Commission Meeting regular session. None were noted. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

#### Visitors Present

Tommy Taylor, Sheriff Richard Chatman, Jonathan Jackson, Billy Matthews, Mitch Scott, Gary Brown and Tommy Brown.

## Recognition of Visitors

Mitch Scott Volunteer Fire Chief High Hill Fire Department: High Hill Fire Department with the help of the RDC received a grant from FEMA to purchase some fire equipment. Radios were purchased with the grant money. According to FEMA the radios did not meet the 700/800 hertz requirement. Mr. Scott was given the option to pay for the radios and still be able to use the \$6,000.00 for additional fire equipment. He is asking the county to pay for the radios to stay in good standing with FEMA. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to pay for the radios out of Public Safety Splost. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Billy Matthews County Coroner: Mr. Matthews is requesting that he be allowed to use a second Deputy Coroner when needed. At present there is one Deputy Coroner who is paid an annual salary Mr. Matthews is also requesting that the Deputy Coroner's be paid per-diem of \$175.00 per call instead of a salary. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to allow the Coroner to use a second Deputy Coroner when needed and to pay per-diem of \$175.00 instead of salary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted no. Motion carried.

The Coroner is also requesting that he be allowed to purchase new stretcher with the capacity to hold up to 1,000 pounds. The price for the cot is \$2500.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins to purchase a new stretcher. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Richard Chatman Wilkinson County Sheriff: Sheriff Chatman is requesting that Tommy Taylor in the new budget year (FY-2015) be moved into an investigators positon as he has been doing this job for the past 3 years without the benefit of the pay grade. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins to upgrade Mr. Taylor's position and pay grade to Investigator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Sheriff Chatman also brought up the acquisition of radio equipment for the volunteer fire department. Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to purchase Fire Radio Equipment for the various volunteer fire stations. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Hagins. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

Jonathan Jackson Wilkinson County Development Authority / Chamber of Commerce Director: Mr. Jackson explained to the Commissioners that he had received a bill from the County in the amount of \$8,911.18 for diesel fuel purchased to clear property owned by the Development Authority. He is asking the Commissioners for forgive this debt as it was not something they had budgeted for. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks for the County to forgive the debt and assume the responsibility of payment for the diesel fuel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted no, Chairman Holder voted no, Commissioner Howell voted no and Commissioner Williams voted no. Motion failed.

#### Old Business:

#### New Business:

A: Adopt 2015 Budget: Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the FY 2015 Budget with the above changes added. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

B: Set Millage Rate: The Millage Rate for the County at present is 12.44. Commissioner Hagins made a motion to keep the Millage Rate the same for FY 2015 it is to be set at 12.44. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes and Commissioner Williams voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

#### County Managers Report:

1: Public Works Shop – The Shop should be completed within the next two weeks. The big lift has arrived and the smaller one is in transit. Both are scheduled to be installed Wednesday September 3, 2014. New welder has been delivered, tire machine and wheel balancer have been delivered. Part of the brake lathe is on back order, all should be installed and employees week ending September 10, 2014.

2: Brewer Road – Everything seems to be going well, the road should be paved before the end of this month.

3: Bridge Work – There are a few bridges that the under sides need painting, I will be working up Bid Specs.

#### Visitors Comments

Marty Dominy commented that the Chairman should repeat the motions made by the Commissioners so that they could be recorded correctly.

Mr. Dominy also stated that he was under the impression that the County Manager was the Fiscal Purchasing Agent for the County and that all the purchasing for the County should go through him even if it were in Grant form. That the County Manager should be aware of all purchases.

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

#### Notice to Visitors

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