

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
October 16, 2012  
5:00 PM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 5:00 PM on October 16, 2012 at their office in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Dennis Holder, Commissioner C.L. Brooks, Commissioner J.M. Howell, Commissioner James Hagins.

Commissioner Williams had a Doctors appointment in Atlanta.

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

The following visitors were present: Greg Coley with the Department of Forestry, Billy Matthews, Joe McKinsey and Vanessa Fountain.

#### Invocation

Chairman Holder asked Commissioner Howell 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 October 2, 2012 Commission meeting none was noted. Motion was made by Commissioner Hagins to accept the minutes as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes, Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

#### Recognition of Visitors

- a. Chairman Holder recognized Mr. Frank Wall. Mr. Wall appeared before the Commissioners. Mr. Wall has paid all his back taxes and has asked the Commissioners to drop the back penalties and interest.
- b. Chairman Holder recognized the Coroner Billy Matthews. Mr. Matthews has

explained to the Commissioners that he was under the impression that he would be allowed to keep the van along with the new truck. There are times when both vehicles would be needed.

- c. Chairman Holder recognized Greg Coley with the Forestry Department. Mr. Coley explained to the Commissioners that they have had an employee retire and that the Forestry Department had some staffing concerns. Wilkinson County facility would have to shut down on Fridays until they could replace the retired employee. It has been suggested that the Forestry Department rotate this with Twiggs County until the employee can be replaced.

#### Old Business:

LMIG Program: Tabled

Coroner Van: Tabled

#### New Business:

a: Juvenile Justice Grant: Grant award in the amount of \$3,500.00 for Wilkinson County needs to be approved and signed. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks to accept the grant motion seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

b: Appointment to DBHDD Regional Planning Board. Chairman Holder would like to appoint Margaree Gibson. Ms. Gibson has agreed to serve on the board. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

c: Proposals for Yearly Audit. The County Manager has requested proposals from three accounting firms. After viewing the different proposals Commissioners have decided to go with the accounting firm of Thigpen, Jones and Seaton Company P.C. for the Yearly Audit. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

d. Claws and Paws MOU. MOU for Claws and Paws services rendered for the \$6,000.00 fee. Commissioner Howell has suggested that the Board of Commissioners consider raising the fee to \$10,000.00 as they provide animal control services. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to leave the fee at \$6,000.00 and have Chairman Holder sign the MOU motion was seconded by Commissioner Hagins. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none opposed.

e. Gebcorp: There are some proposed changes to the retirement system that will benefit the employees. Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks as long as it is good for the employees he would support it. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Brooks voted yes, Commissioner Hagins voted yes, Chairman Holder voted yes and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried there were none

opposed.

County Managers Report:

1. New Fire Station / Voting Precinct at Nickelsville – The sheeting for the walls and roof are complete.
2. United Way Kick off – Carolyn Ingram has agreed to be the Chairperson again this year. She has done and is doing an excellent job. The kick off will be in the big courtroom starting at 8:00 AM Friday October 19, 2012.

Visitors Comments:

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

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