

# Board of Commissioners Wilkinson County

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COMMISSION MEETING  
November 7, 2017  
9:00 AM

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 9:00 AM on November 7, 2017 at the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Mark DuPree; Commissioner C.L. Brooks; Commissioner James Hagins; Commissioner J.M. Howell; and Commissioner John Williams.

The following staff were present: County Manager Joseph M. Mosley; County Attorney DuBose Porter; and Sr. Account Tech I Deborah Osborne.

## Invocation

Chairman DuPree asked Commissioner C.L. Brooks to lead the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman DuPree asked Commissioner James Hagins to lead the pledge.

## Agenda / Minutes

Chairman DuPree asked for a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Session and Executive Session Minutes of October 17, 2017. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to approve the Meeting Agenda, Regular Session and Executive Session minutes all together. 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

Marty Dominy, Joyce Denson, Donna Asbell

## Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Joyce Denson asked the Commissioners if it would be possible to acquire the former voting building in Toombsboro so it could be used as a satellite library; she stated that

many of the children in Toombsboro did not have access to the library in Irwinton because they had no way to get there. She also inquired about donating used computers and various other equipment that would benefit the children. Commissioners gave Mrs. Denson permission to look at the building to see if it was structurally safe.

Mrs. Denson also asked the Commissioners if it would be possible to get some financial assistance for attending a regional meeting. The Commissioners informed Ms. Denson that it would have to come from one of the Board seats she is now on. Attorney Porter went on to explain the legal issues that were at play.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

**a. Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for Transit Grant (Section 5311 Transit Grant).**

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to allow Chairman DuPree to sign the Transit Grant and for County Manager Joseph Mosley to file. 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. Motion to authorize Chairman and County Manager to spend \$20,000.00 with Department of Natural Resources-Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Division.**

This will enable us to close out the Balls Ferry Account. It is also requested that the wording "Historical Park" be used in the sign. The County Manager will get with the Department of Natural Resources and Parks to see what can be done. Moved by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Howell to spend the remaining monies in the account to purchase the sign. 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. EMA & Fire Departments**

- a. Fire extinguishers have been tested.
- b. Talking to Sean Kimbell about doing training for fire drills and the use of fire extinguishers.

**2. GDOT Projects**

- a. LMIG Projects are being advertised.

- b. Transit Grant is underway; I will attend the workshop on tomorrow in Macon. My goal is to have the project completed by December 01, 2017 and submitted to GDOT.

3. **Budget & Finance**

- a. Tax bills have gone out.
- b. Chairman signed notice for auditors to begin the process of the audit.

4. **Balls Ferry State Park**

- a. Met with Tommy Turk of DNR about moving forward with the installation of a sign. (DNR is asking for financial assistance to erect the sign.)
- b. Jeff has placed dirt to level an area to place the sign.

5. **Updates**

- a. GDCA has approved the County's Comprehensive Plan and has been awarded Qualified Local Government.
- b. GDCA has reviewed the extension of the Service Delivery Status.

Visitors' Comments

Donna Asbell informed the Commissioners that the fencing on the side of the Irwinton Library is in need of replacing. There has been a problem with some of the children attending the Library crossing over the broken sections and getting into the swimming pool that is in the next door neighbor's yard. This presents a liability, and since the library is operating on a slim budget, library officials are requesting that the County provide the funding to replace the fence.

Executive Session-Real Estate & Possible Litigation

Moved by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hagins to go into executive session to discuss real estate and possible litigation. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman DuPree voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

Adjourn

**Moved** by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brooks voted yes; Commissioner Hagins voted yes; Chairman DuPree voted yes; Commissioner Williams voted yes; and Commissioner Howell voted yes. Motion carried; there were none opposed.

## Notice to Visitors

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