

**Findings of limited research into gasoline usage credited to
Louis Maxwell, Chairman Macon County Commission,
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Records reviewed: Monthly Vehicle Analysis Reports from WEX, Inc. and Fuel Disbursement statements from Macon County Road & Bridge Department.

Period of records reviewed: November 30, 2012 through May 31, 2015, less June 2013, covering 29 months

Open Records Requests: mailed or hand delivered to Chairman Louis Maxwell on July 13, 2015, August 24, 2015, and December 21, 2015 – not yet delivered. I am asking for data by February 1, 2016.

The WEX statements list purchases of gasoline from the economy while the Road and Bridge statements show withdrawals from county tanks on Hwy 199 for the county commission office. The WEX Account number is 0401-00-835594-3 for vehicle described as "Central" for the two assigned vehicle cards 0002 and 0006.

During the review period, Chairman Maxwell's office is responsible for the consumption of over 2,500 gallons of several octane fuels. The Ford Tarus Limited Edition currently used by the chairman gets about 20 mpg, equating to about 90 miles per month, with a high of 100 gallons from solely the economy in February 2015.

As best as I can determine, fuel purchases were made on 17 weekends, holidays such as Easter Sunday 2015 and December 21, 2012, December 23, 2012, December 25, 2012, December 26, 2012, and December 31, 2012 and 5 days having two purchases. Next day, every other and every third day commercial purchases are common.

Regrettably, the WEX reports obtained from the county have the "LOCATION" coded. My last Open Records Request of December 21, 2015 is requesting the physical mailing address where the purchases were made.

Vehicle mileage is often not recorded on the WEX reports or fictitious values are used, such as on December 21, 2013 "888,888," while December 24, 2013 and December 27, 2013 both had "8,888" recorded for the odometer.

During December 2014 to the end of February 2015 nearly 500 gallons from purchases and county fuel tank withdrawals are credited to Maxwell based on over 200 gallons in February 2015, nearly 170 gallons in Jan 2015, and over 120 gallons in December 2014.

During May 2015, a single transaction of Diesel fuel of 80.60 gallons was credited to the county commission while the following month another single transaction of Diesel fuel of 55.60 gallons was charged to the county commission. It is also evident gasoline from the county tank is being dispensed by, for, or in the name of three of the four county commissioners, Miles Robinson, Coach Huffman, and Robert 'Mike' Berry.

Two of Macon County government separately told me Maxwell uses the county vehicle on Sundays to shuttle family and friends to and from church.

One county resident told me a friend of his told him a county employee named Buddy was offering 50 gallons of diesel to purchase. This county resident said he would be willing to speak with the State Auditor with his name withheld from public record.

A county employee told me he might consider speaking with someone about the use of the county shop and fuel purchases.