

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 3, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Lanier Keene	Chairman
David Brown	Vice Chairman
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Huck Greene gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners presented Ms. Amanda Flener, Purple Heart Association, with a proclamation showing Wilcox County is a Purple Heart County.

The prior month's minutes from the May 6, 2014 workshop, May 6, 2014 regular monthly meeting, May 8, 2014 GIS presentation and the May 27, 2014 workshop meeting was approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner David Brown. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

The first item of new business was a request from the Wilcox County Development Authority to address tax issues. Ms. Lisa McKinley, Chairman, discussed several issues of concern they have with the Tax Assessors Office.

The second item of business was the appointment of a member to the Wilcox County Development Authority. This appointment would fill the unexpired term of Evelyn Gordon. The WCDA has requested that Shawn Rhodes be appointment to the position. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Rhodes. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There is a vacancy on the Wilcox County Department of Family and Children Services Board due to the expiration of Ms. Catherine Lewis' term. Ms. Lewis is willing to serve another term. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Ms. Lewis. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Ms. Sherry Hardeman with the Workforce Investment Program presented the Job Training Unlimited Program.

The Public Defenders Office has submitted their budget request for 2014-2015. They have requested \$4,818.56 for personnel and \$4,019.40 for operations. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the operating budget request only. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A proposal has been prepared by the South Georgia Regional Commission to provide GIS mapping for Wilcox County. A presentation of the system was held on May 8, 2014 for everyone interested to see the benefits. The cost of the project is \$27,000 and can be paid out of tsplost funds. A motion was made by Commissioner David Brown to contract with them for the service paying ½ up front and ½ upon completion. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The EMS service was the next item of discussion. A workshop meeting was held on May 27, 2014 and one suggestion was to write Crisp Regional offering to contract with them for \$310,000. After discussion, Commission David Brown made a motion to allow the County Manager to advertise for an EMS Director. This person has to be certified, have experience in EMS management and scheduling and has to be able to work on the ambulance. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was retirement for county employees. All current employees will continue to be covered under the original defined benefit plan. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to enter into a defined contribution plan in which the county would contribute 2% of wages to the plan and would match the employee contribution up to an additional 4%. This would obligate the county to a maximum of 6% of wages. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of old business was a vacancy on the MHADD board. No one willing to serve has been found.

The next item of old business was the HVAC system at the Courthouse. Rusty and Harry Smith, Abbeville Commissioning, was present to recommend the Ductless Heat Pump system. They stated the installation can be done in two or three phases whichever fits the county budget best. Right now they need permission to proceed with the mechanical drawings. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Rusty Smith requested they be allowed to conduct an air infiltration testing at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. He stated this could actually save the county money by not having a larger system than necessary. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to allow the testing. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was the selection of a County Attorney. Qualifications have been received from eight attorneys requesting the position and the commission has had about six weeks to review them. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to appoint Toni Sawyer. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commission comments were as follows:

Commissioner Huck Greene stated he appreciates what the Wilcox County Development Authority does for the county.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson thanked them for presenting their concerns.

Commissioner David Brown stated he appreciates the Development Authority and the Tax Assessors Board.

County Manager comments were as follows:

After the 2013 workers comp audit, Wilcox County received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$7,222 from the ACCG.

The County's 2013 audit is complete and has been posted on our web site. Each commissioner has their hard copy tonight. Lead auditor Pat Ashley has stated he will be glad to attend a future meeting and present the audit. The County Manager asked that any commissioner that wanted an official audit presentation to please let her know.

An updated fund balance history and expenditure history is in the meeting book for review. These reports show the history of the county from 2000 forward.

The current solid waste contract expires December 31, 2014. We need to begin work on the contract in about September if the commission wants to bid it out.

Work has begun on the 2015 budget. The projected revenues have been compiled along with all miscellaneous departments the County Manager has to prepare. Worksheets have been given to all department heads.

Tax Commissioner Bobby Gibbs has received the Forest Land grant funds for 2012 and 2013 from the Department of Revenue. These two checks were over \$50,000. They are now up to date on the grants.

After questions about how our Recreation Department compares with others in counties our size, a spreadsheet has been prepared which shows the results. Terrell County is the only county that funds their Recreation Department less than Wilcox. Most are considerably higher.

There being no further business, Commissioner David Brown made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk