

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2015 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
Tracy Tyndal	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the December 2, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting and the December 16, 2014 Workshop Meeting were presented. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Heads Requests/Comments were as follows:

EMS Director Andrew Coccaro gave an update on the EMS service. Mr. Coccaro stated the EMS has received their first remittance from commercial accounts in the amount of \$9,363.58. Each of the calls was paid at 70%.

The EMS Cans for Kids drive was very successful as well as the Christmas Star program in which they purchased Christmas gifts for two needy children in the community.

Wilcox County Ambulance M1 is on its last leg with 219,000 miles. He asked for an allowance of \$5,000 to purchase a used ambulance box for a remount. A remount would cost around \$80,000 where the purchase of a new ambulance would cost around \$130,000. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to allow the purchase up to \$5,000. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Annual appointments were as follows:

Chairman: Commissioner Huck Greene nominated Lanier Keene. Commissioner Jowan Johnson nominated David Brown. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the nomination of David Brown. The meeting was turned over to David Brown as the new Chairman.

Commissioner Huck Greene stated he felt the Commission has done a good job but we were changing horses in the middle of the race. He added he did not feel the County would receive this change very well.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Lanier Keene nominated Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager: Commissioner Lanier Keene nominated Paula Jones Ball. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the nomination that carried unanimously.

County Attorney: Commissioner Huck Greene nominated Toni Sawyer. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried four to one with Commissioner Tyndal voting against.

Legal Organ: Commissioner Tracy Tyndal nominated the Cordele Dispatch. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Auditors: Commissioner Lanier Keene nominated Meeks CPA. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Financial Institutions: Commissioner Lanier Keene nominated all Wilcox County Banks. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

New Business

The first item of new business was a vacancy on the Board of Elections and Registrations due to health issues. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal nominated Barbara Bailey. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was bids for the replacement of the Courthouse HVAC system. Three bids had been received with Waters Mechanical, Inc. being the low bid. Alternates have been presented which would bring the bid amount down to \$419,750. After discussing the option to purchase the equipment and delay installation until September 2015, Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to accept the low bid and proceed immediately. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There is a vacancy that needs to be filled on the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission Board. This is the position currently held by David Brown and has to be filled by a business person. Chairman Brown said he would like to continue to serve. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to appoint David Brown to the board. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was a request from the property owners on Doster Road to close the road. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to postpone the decision until he could do further study on the matter. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was the Ten-Year Capital Projects Plan. County Manager Ball requested a workshop meeting to begin work on the plan. A meeting was set for January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Comments were as follows:

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal stated the Commissioners have done a good job but have not cut spending. Sooner or later this will catch up with us.

Chairman David Brown brought up the issue of the Doctor's Office and EMS Office in Abbeville. He called on Mayor Michael Estes for an update. Mayor Estes stated work is almost complete.

County Manager comments were as follows:

The County Manager stated she agreed with Commissioner Tyndal and that is why we need to have these planning meetings so we will all be aware of where we are going in the future.

There being no further business, Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ David Brown, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk