

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MAY 3, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present were as follows:

Jowan Johnson	Chairman
Lanier Keene	Vice Chairman
Huck Greene	Commissioner
David Brown	Commissioner
Tracy Tyndal	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Jowan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Chairman Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the April 5, 2016 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Lanier Keene. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department head reports were as follows:

EMA Director Larry Brown thanked the County Manager for her work on the GEMA grant application in which we were awarded the Code Red warning system. The system should be activated within a few weeks.

The first item of new business was an increase in the Wilcox County mileage reimbursement rate. Currently it is \$.35 per mile but the IRS rate is \$.54 per mile. Commissioner David Brown stated most businesses use the IRS rate as a rule of thumb. After much discussion, Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to set the rate at \$.45 per mile. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of business was semi-trucks being parked overnight on Hummingbird Road. This road was just recently paved and is in a subdivision. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to request Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy to post the area for no semi traffic. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The third item of business was the appointment of the Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations. Currently the county appointments are Chairman Don Roberts, Members Barbara Bailey and Gene Tomberlin. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to reappoint the three current members and to make the appointment retroactive to January 1, 2016. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was a change to the Will Duncan Trust Fund. Commissioner David Brown explained that he and Commissioner Tyndal had invested these funds with Whit Story in Fitzgerald the first part of 2011 in order to earn more interest. Mr. Story has changed companies and the funds have been making very little interest. He explained that he and Commissioner Tyndal needed to sign in order for the funds to be handled by Whit Story again. After this transaction, he suggested the contact information be changed to the County Manager. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to move the funds back to Whit Story. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A quote has been received from Grimco, Inc. in the amount of \$6,856.96 for a sign machine. This machine can be used to make our own road signs as well as E911 markers. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to purchase the machine with splost funds. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated while we were on the topic of road signs, he would like to request the County Attorney draw up an ordinance giving a 30 day grace period for anyone with a road sign in their possession to turn it into the county with no questions asked. After the grace period, anyone with a sign in their possession would be charged a \$500.00 fine. Commissioner Keene put this in the form of a motion. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health requesting an appointment to the DBHDD Regional Advisory Council. Commissioner David Brown made a motion appointing Norris Hall to the board. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A maintenance policy has been presented by GDOT for the Wilcox County Transit System. This policy provides standards as well as a check list for routine maintenance on our transit vans. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to adopt the policy. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Commission voted early in 2015 to close High Rocks Road. Proper advertisements and public hearings were conducted and as of March 13, 2015, Wilcox County has no longer maintained High Rocks Road. A resolution has been prepared by County Attorney Toni Sawyer finalizing the closing. Commissioner Lanier Keene voted to adopt the resolution. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

At the April regular monthly meeting, Sheriff Mike Martin presented the need for a noise ordinance in Wilcox County. A proposed ordinance has been prepared. County Manager Paula Jones Ball passed the ordinance out and the first reading was held. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to place this item on the June agenda for adoption. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The annual renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield was presented. There is a 10.2% increase in the current plan. The County Manager stated this has been a terrible year for claims. The renewal will be on the June agenda.

An ambulance that was purchased from Dodge County, in which we used the body for a remount had been requested to be used by the Road Department. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy says they no longer have a need for the vehicle and suggested it be declared surplus. The chassis is a 2002 Ford E450 with 209,909 miles. The VIN# is 1FDXE45F42HB71385. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to declare the truck surplus property. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to amend the agenda to allow bids on Troutman Road to be discussed. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The County Manager explained the initial bids had verbally been requested and were received as follows:

Owens & Sons Paving	\$26,000.00
Griffin-Folsom Construction	\$42,760.00
Circle S Contractors	\$19,233.00

These bids had been sent to Georgia Department of Transportation. Since the bids were so far apart, DOT suggested a written scope of work be prepared to narrow down what was expected in the bid. A scope of work was prepared and was posted on the Wilcox County website. All contractors were notified and asked to rebid the project. The second bids were received as follows:

Owens & Sons Paving	\$26,000.00
Griffin-Folsom Construction	No Bid-Did not have time for a small project
Circle S Contractors	\$25,750.00

Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to accept the bid from Owens & Sons Paving. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal entered the meeting at this time.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner David Brown asked what the EMS collection rate looks like. Manager Ball stated Charles Futch, EMS Director was getting familiar with everything and would be at the June meeting to present an update.

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated he spoke with a company at the County Commissioners Convention that could provide funding for building projects. He suggested we stay on top of this possibility. This could be used for jail construction.

The County Managers report was as follows:

Work continues on our GSWWA drainage projects. These projects have to be completed by May 31, 2016. She added the County would be reimbursed for manpower used in the project and suggested that we look at using part of this money to purchase land for a borrow pit since labor is already in the operating budget. The County is completely out of dirt at this point. She asked the Commission to be thinking about this and help to locate at least ten acres.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Jowan Johnson, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk