

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

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Jowan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Chairman Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the following meetings:

- August 2, 2016 Workshop Meeting
- August 2, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting
- August 9, 2016 Workshop Meeting
- August 16, 2016 Workshop Meeting
- August 25, 2016 Workshop Meeting
- August 25, 2016 Special Call Meeting

Were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner David Brown and a second from Commissioner Lanier Keene. The decision was unanimous.

Public Comments were as follows:

Ms. Julie Day was present to discuss her concerns with dogs being abandoned on their road. She stated she lives on Briarwood Road but works with McIntyre Farms and they have a problem at both locations. McIntyre Farms produces sod that is shipped everywhere. They do not need the dogs going into the fields at the turf farm or at their Anna's blueberries location. The County Manager was asked to come up with costs on an animal control program.

Department Head reports were as follows:

EMA Director Larry Brown stated we are still working on the Code Red system.

Coroner Janice Brown stated she had to order respirators but they have been ordered and are on the way.

The first item of new business was the proposed 2017 general fund budget in the amount of \$4,584,182.00. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to adopt the proposed budget. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mr. Beryl Budd, Wildfire Preventive Specialist, with the Georgia Forestry Commission presented the completed Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Wilcox County. He stated in the last ten years, Georgia has experienced severe droughts in 2007 and 2011 increasing the risk of forest fires. This plan identifies areas in Wilcox County that are at risk due to heavily populated communities that are near potential fire hazards. This plan should be made a part of the Wilcox County Comprehensive Plan. 148 Counties now have this plan in place. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to adopt the plan. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of new business was to address local supplements that were approved by previous Commissions. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to stop any pay supplements that had been approved by previous commissions effective January 1, 2017. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The following item of business was a request from Mr. Ed Helms asking that the acre of land previously donated to Wilcox County for the Cedar Creek Fire Department be deeded back to him. The County Manager was asked to get with the County Attorney and what she recommended.

The final item of new business was a beer license request from Coty Wilcox on Milling-Wilcox Road. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to table the decision until Coty had permission from the landowner to open the facility. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner David Brown suggested the regular meeting time be moved to 5:00 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Brown put this in the form of a motion. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated he had attended a meeting on new GATE card specifications. They are trying to tighten guidelines for the use of the card but if this does not work, they may do away with them altogether.

Commissioner David Brown stated he had talked with the Chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors concerning the sales ratio dropping below the 38% level. He said Joe Bailey had said they were going to pick up the ship. Commissioner Lanier Keene stressed how important this is to the county.

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

_____ Jowan Johnson, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk