

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JULY 11, 2017 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
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from June meetings were presented.

June 6, 2017 Public Hearing

June 6, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting

June 13, 2017 Special Call Meeting

June 20, 2017 Workshop Meeting

June 29, 2017 Workshop Meeting

June 29, 2017 Special Call Meeting

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve all minutes. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Head reports were as follows:

Larry Brown, EMA Director, stated he was beginning the work on our Wilcox County Hazard Mitigation Update. Chairman Lanier Keene stated we need to begin looking for some firetrucks or tankers to help lower the ISO rating in the County.

The first item of new business was a request from District Attorney Brad Rigby for a budget increase for his department. He stated he is requesting \$948.60 per month which is triple the amount now paid. He added they have had the same budget for the past 30 years. No decision was made on the matter.

An E & R for River Willows Nursing Home in the amount of \$1,923.73 was presented for the Wilcox County Tax Commissioner. County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated the Commissioners could not waive ad valorem tax. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A 24 month lease agreement for office space for the FSA office has been presented by Ginger Rider. This is a continuation of the current contract which is a monthly amount of \$2,007.25. The annual payment is \$24,087.00. During this 24 month period, a long term lease will be worked out. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to extend the current contract for another 24 months. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Ms. Sibbie Terry's term on the Wilcox County DFCS board has expired. Ms. Terry has stated she is willing to continue to serve. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion appointing Ms. Terry to another term. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was bids for repairs at the Wilcox County FSA Office. There was one more potential bid outstanding so Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to table the decision until the July 18, 2017 special call meeting. Commissioners Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

County Manager Paula Ball reminded the Commissioners of the splost timeline. Letters need to be sent for the joint meetings with the cities. A meeting date of July 27, at 5:00 p.m. was set and the County Manager stated letters would go out tomorrow to the four cities.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer addressed the Commission on a couple of matters. The first was the reorganization effort on the Chamber of Commerce. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated a committee of leaders was going to pursue this effort. Commissioner Clay Reid was one of the members but was not able to attend the meeting tonight due to a training conflict. She would have him contact the Attorney for an update.

The next item was the Will Duncan account. Attorney Sawyer stated she needed more information from the Health Department. Chairman Keene stated he would get with the Health Department and have them contact the Attorney.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Lanier Keene, Chairman

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