

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 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
Clay Reid	Vice Chairman
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Clay Reid gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the October 3, 2017 regular monthly meeting, October 19, 2017 workshop meeting and the October 24, 2017 workshop meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Jo Barton presented her concern with a delay in a 911 call when her daughter had a wreck and was pinned in the overturned vehicle. The call was made at 7:26 a.m. and the deputy showed up at 8:01 a.m. The EMS and first responders were never dispatched. The dispatch to the Sheriff's Department was that she had run in the ditch. Ms. Barton got to the scene and was able to help her daughter get out of the vehicle and was about to leave before anyone got there. She stated she did not want this to happen to anyone else.

Department head reports were as follows:

EMS Director Charles Futch presented the call volume for the previous month. He also had a rough draft of a new EMS station.

EMA Director Larry Brown had been placed on the agenda to update the Commissioners on progress with fire stations in the County. He was not in attendance but County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated she had obtained a map from the Southern Regional Commission showing the 5 road mile radius of the

existing stations. This gives an idea of the uncovered areas. Chairman Lanier Keene read a letter he received from GEMA concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

The first item of new business was the 2019 Transit Grant application. Ms. Susan Arnette, RMS, was in attendance to answer any questions. She also stated they were requesting GDOT allow Wilcox County to expand to three vehicles. This would not be any cost to the County. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the request from FSA/Extension for tinting of the new windows in their building. A quote had been received from Kelly Auto Window Tinting in the amount of \$2,150.00. County Manager Paula Ball had obtained prices from Lowe's for mini blinds. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to purchase the blinds and have them installed. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Billy Montgomery with Blaze Promotions had attended a workshop meeting last month to show how his company prepares travel brochures on points of interest in the County. The quote for the project is \$2,700.00 since Wilcox is eligible to receive grant funds to cover the rest of the cost. The County has requested the Development Authority of Wilcox County pay ½ of the cost and the County will pay ½ of the cost. Blaze will prepare the brochure, place the product on the web linking it to multiple travel sites and the end product will belong totally to the County. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to sign the contract with Blaze Promotions. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A contract has been presented by Still Waters Engineering to handle the engineering side of the 2017 CDBG grant paving Falcon Circle. Commissioner Clay Reid voted to sign the contract. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Adding Veteran's Day to the official list of county holidays was discussed. This would bring the total number of county holidays to ten. With the confusion in the past on the observance of county holidays by some of the offices, a memorandum of understanding has been prepared for signature by the five County Commissioners, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Probate/Magistrate Judge and Tax Commissioner. This MOU would clarify the county policy which governs all County employees. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to add Veteran's Day to list of county holidays and to approve the MOU with County Elected Officials. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A quote has been received from Ken Randall to overlay and install floor covering in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. The quote was for a total of \$3,242.85. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to table a decision on the floor after having met with Burles Johnson earlier today at the workshop meeting. Mr. Johnson is preparing a quote for redoing the hardwood floor in the meeting room and the Commissioners would like to see the difference in the price. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Heart of Georgia Workforce Investment Board was the final item of new business. The current board members from Wilcox County are David Brown and Michael Estes. Two of the current Commissioners are interested in serving on the board. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Clay Reid and Alfonza Hall to the board. Clay Reid will serve as the business person appointment and Alfonza Hall will serve in the elected official slot. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Jowan Johnson stated he was glad to see work continuing on Mt. Olive Road.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball informed the Commissioners of a Regional Commission meeting on November 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.. This meeting would be held with representatives from the four cities as well as County officials. This is a required meeting under the Local Government Performance Standards through DCA. Any Commissioner who is interested is encouraged to attend.

Also, there will be a workshop meeting on November 9, 2017 at the Recreation Complex with Michael Pomirko, Director. Mr. Pomirko will present an update on Wilcox County Recreation activities as well as future plans for the department.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager