

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 5, 2018
AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Lanier Keene	Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Vice Chairman
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Paula J. Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Clay Reid gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the May 1, 2018 workshop and regular monthly meetings were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Huck Greene. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Public comments were as follows:

Ms. Ruby Milling Naylor thanked the County for their assistance and follow up with the garbage issue she addressed at last month's meeting. She suggested the County might want to get involved with the Keep Georgia Beautiful Program.

Department Head reports/requests were as follows:

Janice Brown, Coroner stated she has scheduled a memorial service for Saturday in the Abbeville Cemetery for the remains found in the Nursing Home when it closed.

EMA Director Larry Brown stated the Hazardous Mitigation packet has come in. He added any participation can be used toward the in-kind match on the grant.

Robert Rodgers, Sheriff, stated they are experiencing hot water heater issues in the Jail but Plumber Harold Gibby seems to have it under control. They are still looking for the person who committed the Harden robbery. They have a car down where one the deputies hit a horse. The owner of the horse is paying repair costs and they are using old parts from retired vehicles.

County Extension Director Andrew Sawyer presented two reports, one from his agriculture activities and one from 4H. Mr. Sawyer stated he would come at least every quarter and bring these reports to the Commission. He added he is doing a weekly radio blog on what's going on at the time with crops. He currently has seven radio stations playing the weekly blog.

The first item of new business was an update of members on the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership board. County Manager Paula Ball stated there are two members and two alternates on the board. Currently the members are Michael Estes and Paula Ball. Alternates are Chuck Taylor and Richard Dunagan. Ms. Ball asked that Chuck Taylor be removed because his schedule did not allow him to attend the meetings. She also asked that Michael Pomirko be made a member with her being his alternate. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to make these changes. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The two board members will be Michael Pomirko and Michael Estes. Alternates will be Richard Dunagan and Paula Ball.

The next item of business was our July meeting date which will be July 3rd. Everyone confirmed they could make this meeting so no change will be made.

Commissioners comments were as follows:

Commissioner Jowan Johnson said he appreciated the update on the Thistle Road tsplot project in the workshop meeting. He can now give an update on the project.

Commissioner Clay Reid thanked Commissioner Alfonza Hall for working with the contractor on the Commissioners Meeting Room floor.

County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Ball confirmed a workshop meeting Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. to tour the buildings offered to the County by the Wilcox County Board of Education.

The Manager presented a resolution allowing the Commissioners to use the Local Government Investment Pool for investing excess funds. She stated she would have the resolution filled out and on the July meeting agenda.

Chairman Lanier Keene asked the County Manager to comment on the Sales Ratio. Ms. Ball reported the sales ratio is at 38.14. This would require public utilities to pay on 40% value. Heather Harden, Chief Appraiser appealed some of the sales and they removed them which allowed our value to be this high. She added Ms. Harden had an audit from Department of Revenue last week. Currently the County is out of compliance of which we knew. The auditor stated GMASS was a good choice for a reval and stated the County made a good decision to use them. With the reval, our noncompliance should be corrected within the three year time frame. If this is not corrected, the County would have to pay \$5 a parcel penalty until it is corrected which would cost us \$30,000 a year.

County Manager Paula Ball asked if the Commissioners wanted to amend the agenda to allow a vote on changes to our road bids that were discussed in our workshop. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to add rumble strips for the American Legion/Sibbie Road crossing and the American Legion/Owensboro Road crossing as well as a patch on American Legion Road just east of Mistletoe Road. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk