

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was to set qualifying fees for the 2016 elections. Commissioners Huck Greene made a motion to set the fees at 3% of the base pay for each office. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The fees are as follows:

Commissioners	\$144.00
Coroner	\$ 36.00
School Board Members	\$ 36.00
Tax Commissioner	\$1,229.04
Clerk of Court	\$1,229.04
Sheriff	\$1,407.54
Probate/Magistrate	\$1,578.32

The second item on the agenda was the award of a GEMA-HS grant award. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated she had applied for two items in the grant. One was for 3 repeaters for each of the cities in the county that did not have one. This would aid with better radio reception. The second was for a Code Red Alert system. According to the email everything did not get funded. GEMA needs a letter from the County stating they are willing to pay the cash match of 15% and that they would fund the project upfront with GEMA reimbursing the County. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the cash match. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

After much discussion at the workshop meeting on December 10th concerning payment in lieu of insurance, Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to discontinue the \$200 per month incentive for not having county insurance. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A percentage of group insurance paid by county employees was also discussed at the workshop meeting. A new scale has been prepared as follows:

Employees making less than \$22,360	5%
Employees making between \$22,361 and \$35,000	15%
Employees making \$35,001 and above	25%

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the new scale. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

House Bill 192, O.C.G.A. 36-80-24, prohibits county elected officials from using government credit cards unless the county governing authority authorizes this use by public vote. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia have prepared a model ordinance that meets all requirements of the bill. This vote has to be in place by January 1, 2016 for elected officials to have access to county credit cards. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A quote has been received from Ray Jones to refinish the flooring in the Commission Meeting Room and remove the cabinets. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated she met with Department of Corrections Legislative Liaison on Wednesday, December 16th. Mr. Bob Plemons stated he could have a mobile construction unit in Wilcox County by mid-April. They would be housed at the Wilcox County State Prison and could perform work for the county for about six months. All the County will have to do is pay for materials. No vote was taken on the quote because we will wait to see if this transpires.

Sheriff Mike Martin asked if he could hire a grant writer. He stated there is no one on his staff with this experience. It was decided the grant person would meet with the County Manager and each grant would be brought before the Commission.

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

David Brown, Chairman

Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk