

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2013 AT 6:30 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Huck Greene gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the prior month's minutes as presented. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Annual appointments were as follows:

Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to appoint Lanier Keene as Chairman. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to appoint David Brown as Chairman. Commissioner David Brown declined the position so Commissioner Tyndal withdrew his motion.

The vote was unanimous for Lanier Keene.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint David Brown as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to name the law firm of John T. Croley with Toni Sawyer being County Attorney. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried with Commissioners Keene, Brown, Greene and Johnson for and Commissioner Tyndal against.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Paula Jones as County Manager/Clerk. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to name the Cordele Dispatch as the legal organ. Commission Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to name the auditing firm of Meeks, Roberts, Ashley, Sumner and Sirmans as County Auditors. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to name all Wilcox County banks as County Financial Institutions. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

New Business was as follows:

A vacancy has occurred on the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission due to the expiration of Chuck McGlamry's term. Mr. McGlamry has stated that he cannot serve due to the lack of time to attend meetings. The appointment was tabled until possible candidates could be contacted.

A priority list has been started for accomplishments that need to be made in 2013. All commissioners were asked to submit any additions to the list and a series of workshops will begin to start work on the priorities.

Matthew Oyer, Heart of Georgia Regional Commission, and Larry Brown, Wilcox County EMA Director was present to give an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Oyer stated a final meeting will be held Tuesday night to wrap up the preliminary process of the update to the Wilcox County plan. He would then be compiling the information and preparing the update for future adoption by Wilcox County as well as the cities.

Larry Brown presented a list of updates the county needs to adopt. They were as follows:

- Ordinance Authorizing the Imposition of Curfews During Times of Emergency or Disaster
- Ordinance Authorizing the Suspension of Portions of the Code of Ordinances and Other Formalities During a State of Emergency
- Ordinance to Prohibit Overcharging of Goods, Materials, Services and Housing during a State of Emergency
- Ordinance to Require Registration of Building and Repair Contractors During a State of Emergency
- General Release Agreement

These documents will be sent to the County Attorney for review and will be adopted at the February monthly meeting.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner Comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner Huck Greene stated he felt we had a good year in 2012 and that he looks for good things to come.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson stated last year was a much better year and he appreciates everyone working together.

Commissioner David Brown stated he agrees with the other commissioners. We still have a lot to do and we are waiting for the audit results to see how much progress we made in 2012.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal questioned the status of a couple of items of county business. Those being buses that were voted on to sell, wrecked Sheriff Department cars that were voted on to sell, Barrentine Road and the first quarter amount of expenditures. County Manager Paula Jones stated the 4H had requested the use of one of the old buses so we were waiting to get a complete list of items so we could run one ad in the paper for all the surplus property. Chairman Lanier Keene gave an update on Barrentine Road stating he, the County Manager and Road Superintendent had met with GDOT officials today. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy and Al Davis, DOT, were going to identify all the bad spots on the road and David Sparks, DOT Engineer, was going to make a recommendation on the repair of the road. County Manager Paula Jones referred to the budget printout and stated 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditures were \$912,347.

Newly elected Sheriff Mike Martin was recognized and he presented some quotes for the purchase for a new vehicle for the department. The commission agreed they would review the request and would hold a special call meeting to take action. He explained that he currently has seven vehicles and two deputies are sharing a vehicle. He said this vehicle would get them going and that he is logging in all information on the current vehicles in order to identify mileage, needed oil changes and standard maintenance.

County Manager Paula Jones gave a County Manager's report as follows:

She welcomed Sheriff Mike Martin and stated she looks forward to working with him. The county paid off the TAN note of \$700,000 and had operating funds in the bank to begin the year. The Recreation Department has received a grant from Walmart in the amount of \$500. Also, Irwin EMC is going to assist in upgrading the lighting at the Recreation Park. Preliminary work has begun on the 2012 audit and the auditors are expected to begin work in the office any day now. The tsplost revenue will begin being received in March of 2012. Work continues on the Courthouse but leakage has been stopped. Highway 129 will be resurfaced in March of 2013. This is a state project but will upgrade one of the county's major access roads. The county's LMIG projects will be bid in March of 2013 with the resurfacing being performed this summer. Work has begun on preparing a web page for the county. Each department will have their individual page and we will put meetings and minutes on the web for public review.

Chairman Lanier Keene presented his State of the County address.

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

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Lanier Keene, Chairman

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Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk