

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON APRIL 2, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE 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 J. Jones	County Manager/Clerk
Adam Dowdy	Road Superintendent

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the March 5, 2013 workshop meeting and the March 5, 2013 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson and a second from Commissioner Huck Greene. The decision was unanimous.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Martina Cauthen was spokesperson for a group of residents who had purchased property and built cabins along the Ocmulgee River close to the Half Moon boat ramp. They requested the county assist with and/or accept the roads in the subdivision. Copies of the law were presented to the group showing it was illegal for the county to do work on private property. There was much discussion concerning the amount of taxes collected from the residents. The developer of the subdivision was present and stated he was willing to give the roads to the county. However, it was noted that the subdivision was in a flood plain and that the County Attorney and the Army Corps of Engineers would have to approve the work before the county could enter into any agreement with them. One suggestion was that the subdivision be privatized with gates being put up to keep people from bogging in the area when it is wet.

The first item of new business was the declaration of a couple items of surplus property. They were a Terex loader and a New Holland loader. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to declare the items surplus. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was appointments to the Blueway Project committee. This is an initiative to promote the Ocmulgee River. They are wanting two members and two alternates to serve on the committee. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to table the matter until the May meeting in order to have time to talk with people who might be interested in serving. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request to change the road name for a section of Willingham Road to the Edith B. Keene Road. Chairman Lanier Keene excused himself from the meeting due to a personal connection to the family. A letter had been received requesting the change from all three families

located on the road. The change would not affect any other residents. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to allow the change. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A request has been received from M. David Brown requesting the county move Madison Road over in order to straighten out the road and move it further away from the houses. Chairman Lanier Keene excused himself from this item also due to a family connection. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy stated they had approached him about the relocation. He in turn contacted Georgia Department of Transportation. The county road runs into a state route. DOT did not have a problem with the relocation but state requirements would have to be met with the pipe, etc. at the intersection. The property owner stated they were willing to give the land for the new road and in turn would like the old roadway deeded back to them. Mr. Dowdy felt the cost of the pipe would be somewhere around \$1,500 to \$1,800. Commissioner Brown questioned the safety factor of moving the road. Mr. Dowdy stated the road has been like that forever but the state felt it would actually be safer to straighten it out. After much discussion, Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to allow the relocation if the family was willing to buy the pipe and deed the land to the county before work began so we would not be on private property. A public hearing would also be held prior to beginning work on the project to make sure there was no opposition to the relocation. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was a proposal to repair Barrentine Road. This project has been going on for years and the paving is not holding up on the road. The county has withheld \$40,000 in payments until the situation is cleared up. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy informed everyone that he and DOT officials had looked at the road and identified the worse areas. If Everett Dykes Grassing comes in and repairs the ruts, it still will not be a perfect road. The worst ruts will be cut out with binder asphalt put in followed by 1 ½ inches of asphalt to cover it up. The road would be patched with asphalt and not surface treatment. Chairman Lanier Keene stated the DOT had said that within 4 to 5 years the road would need to be resurfaced. Mr. Dowdy stated this was the best fix we could get with the money and it was the best deal that had been offered to us so far. He added the DOT thinks the road has settled all it is going to settle and that this approach would be an improvement but it will still not be a perfect road. Chairman Lanier Keene stated that he just wanted all commissioners to be on board and agree on this repair work. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner David Brown presented a proposal from the DOT in which they would pay the counties \$2,500 per mile to mow the rights-of-way on state routes. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy stated we have 111 miles of state roads. That would be twice the 111 miles for each mowing and we would have to mow twice which would mean a total of 444 miles of mowing. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal questioned why we would want to take it. The state could contract the service out. The road superintendent and county manager were going to get together and figure out an approximate cost for the service to see if it would be feasible.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal questioned where we were with the solid waste and E911 contracts. County Manager Paula Jones stated we have an updated solid waste contract and it will be given to Ricky Willingham with Southern Renewable to execute. It should be signed within the next two weeks. She suggested a workshop meeting be held on the 911 contract at the commission's earliest convenience.

Chairman Lanier Keene stated the county really needs to do some work on the FSA/County Extension Office. It is in dire need of painting and minor repairs. He also feels that we need to install a security system in the building due to many break-ins. Commissioner David Brown added that we need to have a scope of work. The County Manager stated she would get a scope of work prepared and then advertise the project in order to get competitive bids.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

At our March meeting the question was asked if the workers comp paid on firefighters was just on Cedar Creek firemen. The payment is only for Cedar Creek because the cities furnish workers comp on their firefighters.

The audit has been completed for year ending September 30, 2012. The county's fund balance improved by \$167,354. During this time, a lot of cleanup work had to be done so 2013 should be even better. We are on the right track if we can just continue as we are doing now.

Our annual payroll audit for workers comp has been completed. A copy of their report has been attached for review.

We have received a memorandum from ACCG stating Wilcox County is receiving a dividend for \$11,470 for completion of the incentives in the workers comp program. This amount will be deferred on our 2014 billing.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk