

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MAY 7, 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
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

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 April 2, 2013 workshop meeting and the April 2, 2103 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner David Brown and a second from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. The decision was unanimous.

There were no public comments.

The first item of new business was bids on the Safety Action Project for 2013. Bids were received as follows:

Mid State Striping	\$85,270.80
Peek Pavement Marking	\$82,313.30
Mid State Construction	\$85,198.90

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to go with the low bid from Peek Pavement Marking. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was a lease for a new motorgrader. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy stated he has tried machines, one from Caterpillar and one from John Deere. The John Deere motorgrader has a steering wheel which he feels best suits his crew. He explained this lease would be for five years.

Quotes were as follows:

Yancey Brothers	\$2,625.23 per month
Flint Equipment	\$1,886.00 per month

Mr. Dowdy stated all maintenance costs are covered with the lease and he feels this is the way to go. This motorgrader would be equipped with a Rome Sloper blade.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to enter into the lease with Flint Equipment. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of new business was the declaration of a 1993 Caterpillar 12G motorgrader with sloper blade surplus property. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy said it would be better to sell the motorgrader and sloper blade as two items. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to declare the items surplus. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated we are meeting with GovDeals in the next couple of weeks and all items that have been declared surplus will be put out to auction.

The County Manager presented the idea of adopting a policy regulating water lines under county roads. Roads have been cut all over the county and many have not been repaired properly. Also, there is a problem with water lines on dirt roads being buried too shallow and the motorgrader often times burst them. Chairman Lanier Keene was concerned with the cost of boring water lines under the paved roads. He felt it was an expensive practice. The County Manager was going to contact at least two construction companies and get estimates of the costs and we will discuss the policy again next month.

A vacancy has occurred on the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board. Each county has one appointment to the board. This item was tabled until the June meeting.

The budget for 2013-2014 has been presented by the Public Defender's Office. Again, they are asking for additional personnel. This item was tabled until we could see what the other counties in our district are going to fund.

There has been additional damage to the roof of the Old Health Department Building. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated we did receive a little reimbursement from the insurance company but the roof was in bad shape already. She stated she would like to put the roof out for bids but needed direction from the commission as to what type material they would like to use. This repair could be paid by the insurance money as well as with splost. The commissioners agreed to meet Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the building to discuss which direction they want to pursue.

At a previous commission meeting, Chairman Lanier Keene had presented the need to make repairs to the Farm Service Agency. County Manager Ball has prepared a scope of work on the repairs. She asked if the commission was ready to move forward. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to bid the work with the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There are two items of old business. The first is appointments to the Blueway Project committee. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Paula Jones Ball and Gene Tomberlin to the committee. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The last item of old business was the relocation of Madison Road. Chairman Lanier Keene stated he would have to abstain because of a family connection. There not being a quorum of the commissioners, a special call meeting will be held to vote on the matter.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner David Brown encouraged everyone to attend the Wild Hog Festival this weekend.

Chairman Lanier Keene requested the County Manager check into a company that would finance vehicles for county employees.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

The workers comp audit has been completed and the county received a check in the amount of \$6,803.

In our 2013 budget process, the Recreation Department had requested to purchase a utility trailer. After reviewing the expense of grass mowing in the county, it was discovered that last year we paid two vendors \$2,855 to mow grass at county buildings. The County Manager stated if none of the commissioners objected, she would like to allow the Recreation Department to purchase the trailer and their part time employees would cut the grass around county buildings. This way the Recreation Department could get the trailer they need and we will still save money. No one was in objection.

GovDeals is going to update our account next week and Danny Allen, Adam Dowdy and Paula Jones Ball would be trained on the service. All surplus items would be placed on GovDeals within the next couple of weeks so we should have a little revenue coming in within a month or six weeks.

An update on tsplost collections was presented and Paula Jones Ball asked the commissioners to think about a couple of items that could be paid out of tsplost that would help our general fund. We would talk about this further after everyone has time to think about the idea.

We have been approached by Transwaste about providing our garbage collection service. Mrs. Ball asked the commissioners if they wanted to open discussion on the service since we still do not have a signed contract in place. The county has previously talked with Amerigreen. She will contact both companies and set up workshop meetings.

Meetings have been held with Ben Hill County concerning the possibility of having a joint volunteer fire station at the Bowens Mill Community. This is still in the discussion phase and we are trying to determine costs as well as the amount of interest in the community.

Finally, we are in much better financial condition this year than last year at this time but we have a long way to go. We have to continue to be frugal with our spending. We had a good year in 2012 and 2013 has the potential to be even better. However, we cannot forget that we still have a long way to go before we are sound financially.

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

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Lanier Keene, Chairman

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Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk