

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 4, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M. 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 Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following prior month's meeting minutes from:

May 7, 2013 Public Hearing on Madison Road
May 7, 2013 Workshop Meeting
May 7, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting
May 16, 2013 Special Call Meeting
May 16, 2013 Workshop Meeting
May 30, 2013 Workshop Meeting

were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

The first item of new business was a request from the Extension Office to purchase a used transit van for transportation for the 4H program. Mr. Tim Smith, County Agent made the request. The 4H would pay the \$3,500 for the purchase of the van if the county would maintain and insure it. Mr. Smith added that he would like for Danny Allen to accompany him to look at the vans and make a selection. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to support the 4H program with the upkeep and insurance on the van. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was two appointments to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission Aging Advisory Committee. The two currently serving in these positions are Ruby Dantley and Vickie Kemp. It was noted they had missed a lot of meetings. Commissioner Jowan Johnson was going to contact the two ladies and see if they wanted to continue to serve and to see if they could improve their attendance. The appointments will be made at the July 2, 2013 meeting.

The next item of new business was three appointments to the newly formed Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations. The county will make three appointments to the board, one of which will serve as Chairman. It was noted that the Democratic and Republican parties would each make an appointment to complete the board. The appointments were tabled for the commissioners to discuss the positions with possible candidates. The County Manager was asked to see if she could run public service announcements in the local media on the board positions.

The fourth item of new business was budget amendments for the 2nd quarter of the 2013 budget year. County Manager Paula Jones Ball explained the amendments and the reason they were being made. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the amendments. This was seconded by Commissioner Jowan Johnson and carried unanimously.

One of the amendments was for the narrow banding of Wilcox County radios so EMA Director Larry Brown was asked to address the issue. Mr. Brown stated that narrow banding had decreased the power on all radios but especially hand held models. These walkie talkies are just putting out 5 watts of power. If the officers would use their car radios, everything would be fine. On clear days, you can talk all over the county but on cloudy days the reception is not as good. He added that he is working on solutions but every county is having this same problem because of the narrow banding requirements.

The fifth item of new business was bids that had been received on the Old Health Department roof. They were as follows:

	<u>Cutting back overhang</u>	<u>Covering As Is</u>
Paramore Roofing	\$10,500	\$ 7,850
Jimmy Wright	\$12,986	\$10,898
Cept Construction	\$21,927	\$18,427

County Manager Paula Jones Ball presented a comparison of the value of the building with the roof repairs being made versus the savings if the building was not repaired and was torn down.

After discussion, Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to tear the building down and try to sell the lot. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The sixth and final item of new business was the repair of the Courthouse porch on the south side of the building. The County Manager explained the cement porch is cracked and water seeps through the porch and into the basement thus causing moisture issues. Chairman Lanier Keene stated that we do not have a mold problem now but we will if we do not make the repairs. He stated we have done everything right so far on the Courthouse project so we need to continue. Ms. Ball explained that all she was asking right now was for the architects to look at the porch and make the specifications. They can in turn give us a ball park figure of the cost of the repairs and we will vote on it before we move forward so all we are obligating ourselves to right now are the architect fees. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to move forward with the architects. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of old business was the policy on water lines under county roadways. The County Manager stated she was not through obtaining cost estimates. The policy will be addressed again at the July meeting.

The second item of old business was a budget proposal from the Public Defender's Office. The County Manager asked a decision be delayed until we found out what the other three counties in the circuit are going to do.

The final item of old business was a solid waste contract with Southern Renewable. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal expressed his concern of the reporting in the addendum to the contract. He explained that a total tonnage report would not help us. He stated all types of solid waste should be reported separately. The County Manager suggested the county prepare a form that will be used by Southern Renewable for their monthly reporting. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to sign the contract and the addendum page. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried four to one with Commissioner Tyndal abstaining.

Commissioner comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal stating the Southern Renewable contract should be a learning lesson for the county. The county should always generate their own contract and not sign a contract generated by a vendor.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

Surplus items have been listed on Govdeals with the exception of the motorgrader. The road department is using the grader until later on this month when our new one is delivered. At that time, the grader will also be sold on Govdeals.

Budget worksheets will go out with May reports. Department heads will have the month of June to begin work on their budgets with the process beginning in July. She added that she would like all departments to present their own budgets this year and be available for questions.

We are doing much better financially this year. Tax Anticipation Note bids will be obtained this month to be voted on at the July meeting. Ms. Ball said the most the county should have to borrow is \$500,000. However, she feels that we can get by with \$400,000 and if we use some of the tsplost funds, it will be even less.

The County Manager commended Sheriff Mike Martin on keeping overtime to a minimum.

Ms. Ball stated she wanted to go with a county maintenance work order for county buildings. All repairs should go through the commission office so we can prepare a capital improvement plan. There are heating and air units that are costing more in repairs than a new one and we should establish a priority on these replacements.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk