

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JULY 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 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 June meeting minutes from the June 2, 2013 workshop and regular monthly meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson and a second from Commissioner Tracy Tyndal. The decision was unanimous.

There were no guests with public comments.

New business went as follows:

Bids have been received on the 2013 Tax Anticipation Note as follows:

Rochelle State Bank	3.0%
Colony Bank	2.25%
Wilcox County State Bank	2.8%

County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated letters were sent to all Wilcox County Banks asking for bids on the note up to \$500,000.00. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to accept the low bid from Colony Bank. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There are two vacancies on the Wilcox County DFCS Board due to the expiration of their terms. The first was Sibbie Terry who has agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to appoint Ms. Terry. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The second was Memorie Lee who has also agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Ms. Lee. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Bids have been received for the 2013 Wilcox County LMIG project. They were as follows:

Reeves Construction	\$411,321.00
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Everett Dykes Grassing \$455,087.00

This project would repair and resurface American Legion Road from the Owensboro Road to SR 215 and Christian Home Road from Copeland Road to SR 112.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to accept the low bid from Reeves Construction. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager Paula Jones Ball presented the need to replace the HVAC units at the FSA Office and the EMS House. She asked to be allowed to obtain bids on these two units. They are constantly costing more and more in repairs. Commissioner David Brown made the motion to obtain bids on the two units. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was whether to use tsplst funds to assist with the Road Department budget. The County Manager presented the revenue receive from the 25% tsplst discretionary funds and the expenses from the Road Department for fuel and repairs. She said the tsplst is for 10 years and we can use the funding in the beginning and when our fund balance in healthier, we can place it in reserve. She asked for a directive from the commission. Chairman Lanier Keene stated he felt we need to use it now to offset expenses and help with our fund balance. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal added that we need to use it to get ourselves in a better financial position. Commissioner Tyndal made a motion to use 75% of the funds to help with the general operation of the road department. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated she would bring this before the commission on an annual basis for review.

Old business went as follows:

There has been an ongoing discussion on establishing a policy on placing water lines under paved county roads. At the last meeting, the County Manager was to get prices on boring under the road versus cutting and repairing the road. Ms. Ball stated that at the LMIG bid opening she took advantage of having contractors and an engineer available. They all agreed to bore an eight inch hole and place the casing under the road would run around \$7,200 and cutting the road and repairing it properly would cost around \$6,000. She added that before we do any new paving, she would like to have a policy in place. With the tsplst projects and the CDBG projects providing new pavement, we did not need to cut these roads but if the commission needed more time to think about, we have time to spare. Commissioner David Brown stated he felt we should go ahead and vote on it. Commissioner Brown made a motion to require anyone wishing to place a water line under a county paved road that it has to be bored. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried with Commissioners Brown, Greene, Tyndal and Keene for and Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

The Public Defenders budget has been on the agenda for the last couple of months and we have waited to see what the other counties in the circuit were going to fund. The County Manager stated none of the counties were funding the additional personnel position and they were either funding at last year's amount or the newly requested operational amount. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to assist the Public Defenders program the same as last year. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was vacancies on the Heart of Georgia Regional Development Center Aging Council. Currently these positions are being filled by Ruby Dantley and Vickie Kemp. This item was

tabled last month until Commissioner Jowan Johnson could speak with the ladies and see if they wanted to serve. Commissioner Johnson reported they do want to serve and they will attend the meetings. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Ruby Dantley to another term. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Vickie Kemp to another term. This was seconded by Commissioner Huck Greene and carried unanimously.

The final item of old business was appointments to the newly formed Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations. The commission has to appoint the Chairman and two members. After much discussion. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to table the appointments until the commission could study the board and their duties. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no commission comments.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

All surplus items less the motorgrader have been sold and brought \$14,276.75. Our new motorgrader would be delivered within the next few days and the old one would be sold at auction at that time.

Budget worksheets went out with May printouts to all department heads. A reminder would be sent out with the June printouts and hopefully we would have the first draft of the 2014 budget at the August meeting.

There will be no increase in our group health premiums until July 2014.

It is once again time to apply for a CDBG grant. This application has to be for a heavily populated, low income area.

An update time schedule has been presented on our 2012 CDBG grant and it should be completed by September 2014.

Our retirement premium that will be paid in 2014 is \$62,173 which is \$8,925 less than 2013.

Our LMIG funds for 2014 will be \$373,477.53 which is an increase of \$26,958.6 over 2013.

The solid waste contract has been signed. Ricky Willingham is having signs painted for the collection site and has the metal ordered to repair the transfer station. An advertisement campaign will begin in next week's shopper informing the public of the changer.

Finally, Lucas Allison attended the Mental Health Developmental Disabilities meeting in Baxley and he prepared us a written report from the meeting. It is in our meeting books for our information.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk