

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 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 Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting and the November 5<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

The first item of new business was whether or not to change the property tax due date from December 20<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Chairman Lanier Keene stated we have heard from Tax Commissioner Bobby Gibbs who explained the pros and cons of the change. The change would allow more time for the office to close out and disburse before year end. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the change. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was the resignation of Lucas Allison from the MHDDAD board. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to accept the resignation. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The appointment of the County Legislative Coordinator was the next item of business. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Paula Jones Ball and the contact. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A budget was presented for the 2014 TSPLIT account. This budget was omitted when all other miscellaneous budgets were voted on. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was a tax abatement request from Curt and Cheri Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were present to discuss their request. They have spent approximately \$50,000 renovating the business for Mrs. Nichols' law practice. After much discussion, Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a

motion to grant two year tax abatement on the improvements. The present value of the property would remain for this period of time. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no commissioner comments.

The County Manager report was as follows:

We have received our workers comp bill from ACCG for 2014 and it is \$11,646 less than last year.

We are eligible to apply for a CDBG grant in 2014. We need to be thinking of target areas. We are having some difficulty obtaining rights of way on our 2012 project which is making us run behind time.

There has been some discussion about the type items that require a commission vote and what should be handled by administration. I am giving everyone a flow chart and a description of a Manager form of government which has been written by ACCG and is in the County Commission Handbook. Maybe this will clarify the roles of the Commission and Administration.

We held our first annual health fair on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had 65% participation. We feel this is a great success for our first time. Norris Hall did a wonderful job of coordinating this.

There was grant funding available for directional signage for our boat landings. We are getting signs identifying Half Moon and Statham Shoals Landings. I am coordinating with DOT on permission to install the signs when ready.

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