

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 4, 2014 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
Tracy Tyndal	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Huck Greene gave the invocation.

The first item of new business was bids on the 2014 LMIG project. Engineer Lance Wood and Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy were present to discuss the bid and the options available. Mr. Wood explained the project was advertised and only one bid was received. Everett Dykes Grassing bid \$546,550 to pave 6.33 miles of Cannonville Road. This amount was well over the funds available for the project. The Georgia Department of Transportation's LMIG to Wilcox County was \$373,477.55 with a 10% cash match from the county for a total budget of \$410,825.28. Everett Dykes Grassing had presented an alternative bid for triple surface treatment on the road in the amount of \$404,860.00. The two options was to go with asphalt paving and pave the entire road or go with triple surface and pave the entire 6.33 miles. Adam Dowdy recommended going with triple surface. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to go with surface treatment on the road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Brown and carried unanimously.

Chase Gregory, Architect with J. Glenn Gregory & Associates, presented the quote from B. A. Johnson Construction to repair the porch on the south side of the Courthouse. We had the option to receive quotes from Mr. Johnson because Phase #3 of the Courthouse project has not been closed out yet. An addendum could be made to the existing contract without bidding the project. Mr. Johnson's minimum bid is \$88,000 with a maximum bid of \$96,500. Commissioner David Brown stated he felt the heating and air conditioning was a priority over the porch because there is no one to maintain the current system. Chairman Lanier Keene questioned Mr. Gregory about the danger of the porch. Mr. Gregory stated the porch does not support the columns, however, if it collapses someone be injured. He added that public use of the porch could be denied as long as there are other exits and if the hvac went down, things could be very uncomfortable. Commissioner David Brown stated that he would like to seek cheaper bids. Mr. Gregory stated it could be bid as long as we identify quality people who can be bonded and insured and added that the porch is a dangerous project that could potentially cause damage to the building if not demolished correctly. Chairman Lanier Keene questioned if a handicap ramp could be installed as part as the porch project. Chase Gregory stated the pitch was too steep to fit grade for a ramp. Commissioner David Brown stated he had rather close our the current project and bid the porch project out at a later date. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to pay B. A. Johnson

their retainage and phase the current contract out and bid the job at a later date. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Chase Gregory then discussed the heating and air system at the Courthouse. He stated they had asked Abbeville Commissioning to look at the engineering side of the project and J. Glenn Gregory Architects would handle the architectural side. Abbeville Commissioning would make recommendations and from these the architects will prepare cost estimates. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to move forward with the project. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

After hearing from our engineer and architect, we went back to the business on the agenda. The prior month's minutes from February 4, 2014 workshop, February 4, 2014 regular monthly meeting and the February 13, 2014 workshop meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Tracy Tyndal. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to adopt a proclamation establishing Wilcox County as a Purple Heart County. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A vacancy has occurred on the Wilcox County Development Authority due to the resignation of Robert Ferguson. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to appoint Evelyn Gordon to the position. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A new Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations has been formed to handle elections so a pay scale has to be established by the Commissioners. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to set the pay for the Chairman at \$85 and Board Member at \$65. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Wilcox County 2013 CDBG project has been let for bid and six bids have been received. Brian Henderson with the engineering firm of Carter & Sloope has recommended the low bid from Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction in the amount of \$335,090.29. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to accept the low bid from Hancock. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A vacancy on the Wilcox County Tax Assessors Board has occurred due to the expiration of Ms. Martha Brooks term. Ms. Brooks has written a resignation letter stating that she can no longer serve. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Scotty King to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Another vacancy on the Wilcox County Tax Assessors Board has occurred due to the resignation of Mr. Richard Moorhouse. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to table the decision until our April meeting so the Commissioners will have time to find someone willing to serve. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Magistrate Judge Glenn Dorsey read a letter of resignation from his position effective July 1, 2014. He will retire on this date. The Commissioners thanked him for his many, many years of service.

A vacancy has occurred on the WIB board due to the resignation of Bob McLeod. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Michael Estes. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Eighth Judicial Superior Court Circuit Judges have submitted a request to increase the salary supplement for the Judges from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to grant the increase. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Budget Amendments for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the Wilcox County 2014 budget have been prepared. There are two amendments which reflect the actual workers comp premium for 2014 and the transfer of salary and fica for Elections. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to approve the amendments. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to declare a wood chipper owned by the county has not used in years surplus property. Commissioners Huck Greene seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The chipper will be advertised for bids with the county having the right to accept or reject all bids.

At the February County Commission meeting, the Commission voted to call for a vote asking for 100% Freeport exemption in Wilcox County. After reviewing the situation, it was discovered there has already been a vote in the county and all the commissioners have to do is establish the % of the exemption. A resolution has been prepared by the County Attorney. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There was only one item of old business on the agenda. There is still a vacancy on the MHADD board due to the resignation of Lucas Allison. With no candidates in mind, the position will remain on the agenda until filled.

The Commission entered into an executive session requested by County Attorney Cheri Nichols to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to reconvene the meeting and adjourn. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The session began at 7:40 and the meeting reconvened at 8:20.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lanier Keene, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Paula Jones Ball, County Clerk