

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 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	County Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	County Commissioner
Tracy Tyndal	County Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Huck Greene gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the August 5, 2014 regular monthly meeting, the August 12, 2014 special call meeting and the August 26, 2014 workshop meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner David Brown. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Head/Elected Officials were heard as follows:

EMS Director Andrew Coccaro gave an update on the status of the EMS service. He explained we would be ready to take it over on September 8, 2014. He presented the need for the commission to approve rates that would be charged for services. He presented a graph showing the Medicare allowable rate with an additional percentage as well as the Medicare allowable mileage rate. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to accept the Medicare rate for trips with an additional 30% rate increase as well as \$10 per mile for mileage. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Michael Estes, Mayor, City of Abbeville, presented a request for the County to provide prep work on Palm Drive. He explained this was a tsplast project and there were funds available to reimburse the county for the work. He added he had discussed this with Adam Dowdy, Road Superintendent, and he did not have a problem with it if the commission would approve it. Commissioner David Brown made

the motion to allow the county road department to do this work. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of new business was the adoption of the proposed general fund budget in the amount of \$4,404,787.00. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was setting the mil rate for 2014. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to set the county mil rate at 18.25, the Cedar Creek Fire District at .50 and to accept the mil rate for the school of 15.11. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The total mil rate will be as follows:

County	18.25
School	15.11
State	<u>.10</u>
Total	33.46
Cedar Creek Fire District	<u>.50</u>
Total for Special District	33.96

The third item on the agenda was a vacancy on the Wilcox County Board of Tax Assessors due to the resignation of Evelyn Gordon. Commissioner David Brown nominated Jan Moore. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A vacancy has occurred on the MHHADD Board due to Sandy Tack moving out of the county. Commissioner David Brown nominated Sibbie Terry. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of new business was the adoption of a Conflict of Interest Policy resolution. This resolution states the County Commissioners and County Employees will follow the Code of Ethics specifically laid out in the Handbook for the County Commissioners Association of Georgia. This policy will be used in the county tsplost projects. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was the adoption of new policies for the Ag Center. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated the policies are not ready at this time. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to table the matter until our next meeting. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was an update on the HVAC system for the Courthouse. Architects Glenn Gregory and Chase Gregory along with Engineers Harry Smith and Rusty Smith were present to present the final plans. Glenn Gregory presented the final plans and asked they be let for bid. He stated the project would be bid at a whole with deductive alternates to allow the County to work it in their financial plan. It will take about 60 days to bid the project and then another 60 days to make the decision. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the plans and let the project for bid. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no Commissioner comments.

The only comment from the County Manager was as follows:

GDOT is revamping the Safety Action Program. The 2014 application will still be honored. The 2014 application covered portions of Hatley Road, Powell Road, Oklahoma Road, Owensboro Road, King of Kings Road and Christian Hill Road. For 2015, they are considering accident levels and the severity of the road. GDOT is preparing a list of the top 25 most dangerous roads in the county. This list will include city streets as well so not all 25 will be county roads. Right now, they have rated 14 roads in Wilcox County. The #1 is Owensboro Road, #3 is Cannonville Road, #4 is Sibbie Road, #6 is Christian Hill Road and #11 is Cemetery Road.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk