

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2014 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.

Commissioner Huck Greene asked for special prayer for Troy Talley and his family. Commissioner Greene led the prayer.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from:

September 2, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting
September 18, 2014 Special Call Meeting
September 30, 2014 Public Hearing
September 30, 2014 Special Call 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.

Department Head Reports were heard as follows:

EMS Director Andrew Coccaro gave an update on EMS and asked the Commissioners to attend a Cardiac Arrest Management Class on October 16th @ 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Center. On October 14th at 11:00 a.m. he would be presenting a program on "Why You Would Want to Be in EMS" to Ms. Owens' class at the Wilcox County High School. He also checked on a meeting with the 911 Director but she is out due to

surgery. She will contact us when she returns to work. Finally, the County's NPI# is active so we should be able to bill within 30-45 days with revenue coming in within 2 months.

The first item of new business was a request from the Wilcox County Health Department to assist them with restaurants not paying their permit fee. They need some way to enforce this. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to table the matter and send it to the County Attorney for suggestion. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was a request from the Public Defender's Office to allow them to keep the excess funds from their 2013-2014 budget years to hire an Emergency Attorney. A series of emails from Public Defender Burt Baker were given to everyone. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to ask for the refund. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The current solid waste contract expires December 31, 2014. County Manager Paula Jones Ball asked for input on the contract. Commissioner Huck Greene stated he would like to stay with the current provider. After much discussion, Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to stay with the current provider with the same conditions and terms as the current contract. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal requested the County Attorney submit the documents to Southern Renewable. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner Huck Greene stated we had received a letter about clutter and litter in Pitts. He stated we may need to pass an ordinance concerning litter in the county.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson stated he had been approached about conditions at the Ag Center but when he went to look at it, it was clean.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal expressed his concerns on using the Will Duncan funds to build an EMS station. He felt Mr. Duncan's will should be honored. The Chairman stated the only action on the matter at the present time was to see if the funds could be used for this. No decision has been made. This would be about as close of a county benefit as Mr. Duncan had intended. Commissioner David Brown stated we will never have a hospital in Wilcox County.

Chairman Lanier Keene stated he had talked with a fellow Commissioner from Telfair County and there EMS service is costing between \$250,000 to \$260,000 so he still feels the decision to take the service back was a good one.

County Manager comments were heard as follows:

Enrollment with American Fidelity will begin on October 8th.

A group of county officials are meeting with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to promote a tri-county marathon which will be called the "Jefferson Davis Chase". This will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the capture of Jefferson Davis and will stretch from Abbeville to Irwinville. Lori Hennesy, Tourism Director for our region feels this is a very promising event. The event will be held in conjunction with the annual Wild Hog Festival.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk