

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 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
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Tracy Tyndal	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 October 7, 2014 regular monthly meeting was approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Tracy Tyndal. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department head comments were as follows:

Andrew Coccaro, EMS Director, presented an update on the EMS. He stated we are still working toward getting our MPI# updated in order to bill. We have resubmitted our application with some additional information and hopefully it will be current within a couple of months.

He has been holding some ACLS training with other counties. The EMS should be completely NIMS compliant with a month. Director Coccaro stated he attended the EMS Region 5 meeting and was becoming current with the EMS Seed Program. He is getting 4 broslotapes donated to the department.

Director Coccaro will be attending the World EMS convention in Tennessee in which he has been asked to speak. This is a very exciting opportunity.

The 911 Director is still out on leave and the Assistant Director wants to wait until she returns to hold a meeting with Wilcox. They will let him know just as soon as the Director returns or other permanent arrangements have been made.

The first item of new business was the refund of public defender funding for their budget year 2013-2014. The Commission had previously voted to ask for the refund but the Public Defender has stated he cannot serve the juvenile court unless they have access to these funds. Public Defender Burt Baker was present to discuss this situation.

After presenting several facts and figures, he asked they be allowed to retain these funds. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to allow them to use the funds toward an Emergency Attorney. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Ms. Susan Arnette with RMS was present to discuss the Transit Capital Contract for 2015. She stated this would allow for the replacement of DOT van # 2874. RMS has agreed to pay the matching 10% cost for the van. Everything will stay the same with Wilcox County providing the liability insurance on the van. She added the new van would be a wheelchair van. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

TIA contracts have been prepared by Lance Wood, Ocmulgee Engineering for Troutman and Mt. Olive Roads in Wilcox County. These two roads are on the first band of projects. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the contracts. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was membership on the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership Board. Originally Paula Jones Ball and Gene Tomberlin were appointed. Mr. Tomberlin has not been able to attend the meetings. Ms. Ball suggested Michael Estes replacing Mr. Tomberlin and Chuck Taylor being named as an alternate. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Michael Estes as member and Chuck Taylor as alternate. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager Paula Jones Ball presented an update on the Chasing Jefferson Davis marathon being planned for next May. This would be completed by a partnership between Wilcox, Ben Hill and Irwin Counties. Right now, they need to open a bank account so solicitations of sponsors could begin. She requested the authority to open an account and run it under the County's tax ID#. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to give this approval. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner David Brown stated our jail is in terrible condition and he thought we should look ahead. A workshop meeting will be held at a later date to begin discussions of this and other county projects.

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