

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 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	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 were 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 Reports were presented as follows:

Andrew Coccaro, EMS Director, informed the Commission that the MPI# which is used for billing is only waiting for them to authorize the password. This procedure could take a maximum of 180 days to complete. Right now we have \$80,000 worth of calls to bill. Once everything is in place all these calls will dump and we should receive a large check.

He added that he has studied the calls so far and it looks as if the county population is only 18% underinsured. The collection company has estimated revenue to be from \$350,000 to \$500,000 annually. They are making an average of 112 to 130 calls per month with a 20% refusal to transport rate.

Dr. Stringer, EMS Medical Director, has been great to work with them to improve service to Wilcox County residents. They have updated protocol and meds.

The Director stated he attended the National EMS Conference in Tennessee. He made several great contacts and was able to obtain multiple Epi Pens for free. They are going to sponsor two children for the Christmas Star program and they are participating in the Georgia Seed Program in which they collect canned goods for needy children. The EMS is trying to give back to the community.

Finally, he added that he is working on trying to obtain grants and hopefully get a truck. He is going to pursue every avenue.

The only item of new business was the bids received for the HVAC system at the Courthouse. Three bids were received which ranged from \$459,000 to \$829,080.

The Courthouse projects and other capital projects were discussed in length. It was decided that a meeting would try to be arranged for December 16th to discuss the HVAC project with the architect and December 19th to tour the Treutlen County Jail. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal was going to obtain information on the Taylor County Jail. Also, everyone was asked to list their capital priority projects and base them on short term and long term.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Chairman Lanier Keene stated he was approached on Thanksgiving morning about a delivery truck running in the ditch on High Rocks Road. He called Adam Dowdy, Road Superintendent. Mr. Dowdy said there was supposed to be road closed signs on the road. When Mr. Dowdy arrived at the road, the signs had been taken down. He replaced them with barricades.

Commissioners Huck Greene and David Brown said they had been called about the road too. After much discussion about the condition of the road, Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to close High Rock Road from Pine City Road to Camellia and Chestnut Lanes. Chairman Lanier Keene seconded the motion which carried with Commissioners Tyndal, Keene, Greene and Brown supporting the closure. Commissioner Jowan Johnson said he would like to look at the road before making a commitment. The County Manager was instructed to proceed with the process with a public hearing being held at the January 6, 2015 meeting.

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

Lanier Keene, Chairman

Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk