

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 2, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

David Brown	Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Vice Chairman
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Tracy Tyndal	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the May 5, 2015 regular monthly meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Head Reports were as follows:

Andrew Coccaro, EMS Director, presented the stats on May calls.

He stated we are in a waiting game on the new chassis for the ambulance. Our request went in at a bad time when they had none in stock so we are waiting on Ford.

He gave kudos to his crew that made a decision to get a patient to the correct hospital where they are going to make a full recovery.

The Dodge ambulance that we obtained from Dodge County has been inspected and is in service. He complimented William Catchings on his repair. He added this ambulance should service us for a while.

Larry Brown, EMA Director, stated we have received a \$9,000 reimbursement on the hazard mitigation update. This update basically did not cost the county anything out of pocket.

Janice Brown, Coroner, stated she is still working on the nursing home account of a patient that the county had to pay for their cremation.

The first item of new business was a budget increase request from the Wilcox County Health Department. Ms. Joni Wilson, Nurse Manager and Dr. Lawton Davis, Medical Director for South Central Health District, were present to make the request.

Dr. Davis gave background on the program and presented the fact that Wilcox County has been funding at the same level for the past 16-17 years. He added they do not have the exact amount of the request because the final budget has to be approved by the Health Department Board on Monday. Chairman David Brown will be at this meeting and will bring it back to the Commissioners.

The second item of business was a Firefighters Assistance Grant that had been applied for by Andrew Coccaro, EMS Director. Mr. Coccaro explained that he had applied for the grant which would supply extrication protection equipment for his employees. Right now they have none. He will continue to apply for grants to help assist his department.

The final item of old business was the bids obtained on the Wilcox County 2015 LMIG project. Paula Jones Ball, County Manager, explained this year Wilcox joined with Dodge County in the bidding process in order to get better pricing. This was a benefit to Wilcox since Dodge is a much larger county. The initial bids obtained for both projects are as follows:

Dykes Grassing	\$1,150,018.80
Reeves Construction	\$1,578,640.45

If the low bid from Dykes Grassing is accepted, the Wilcox County portion will be \$379,926.60. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from Dykes Grassing. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner Comments were as follows:

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked for an update on the Safety Action Program. Paula Jones Ball stated that GDOT is revamping the program. We have submitted requests for 2014-2015 but right now it looks like the program will not be funded again until 2016.

Commissioner Huck Greene asked why we are just hearing from the Health Department. Paula Jones Ball stated she had not contacted them during the budget process in the past, because it has been history, a department will never request the same amount or less so she felt it was best to let a sleeping dog lie.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

Ms. Ball stated she had received some preliminary figures from Pat Ashley, Auditor. It looks like Wilcox County will add around \$317,000 to their fund balance in 2014. This is much better than expected with the huge increase to the Crisp Regional Hospital in 2014.

She also stated Probate Judge Betty Jean Anderson resigned effective May 30, 2015. Judge John Pridgen is going to appoint Magistrate Shawn Rhodes to the position on Wednesday morning at 8:30. A special election will have to be called for the vacancy and the election will be held on September 15, 2015. This election will be additional cost to the county.

The South Georgia Regional Commission will be here next Tuesday, June 9, 2015 to install the GIS mapping program they have been preparing for the last year. After all kinks have been worked out, the Commission will have to decide whether to offer this free of charge to the public. If placed on the County website it could save foot traffic to the Courthouse and save employee time.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ David Brown, Chairman

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