

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM IN 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 Tracy Tyndal gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from:

June 2, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2015 Special Call Meeting

were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Randall Stubbs had requested to be on the agenda to discuss the increase in fire insurance ratings. However, his wife had a doctor appointment and he was unable to attend. Commissioners Lanier Keene and Tracy Tyndal stated they had talked with Mr. Stubbs. Lanier Keene questioned if pumper trucks located strategically across the county would benefit. EMA Director Larry Brown stated water supplies or tankers scattered throughout the county would be the only thing that would help.

Allen Thompson had requested to be on the agenda to discuss problems at the Statham Shoals boat ramp. He stated there are crowds of people swimming at the ramp and they refuse to get out of the way when a boat is trying to come in. There is drinking and drug use going on also. These people are in vehicles with no boat. They are just down there to party.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if an ordinance would help. Sheriff Mike Martin stated if the Commission would pass an ordinance the officers could write tickets and require fines be paid.

Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to adopt an ordinance that would allow no drinking, drug use or swimming at the ramp. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of new business was Dave Pickren with Colleton Collections who asked to present an update on EMS collections thus far. Mr. Pickren was unable to attend due to having strep throat. He will reschedule. Interim EMS Director Dan Taylor presented the figures that he had been given by Mr. Pickren.

Director Taylor then presented the need to increase the mileage charge on transfers from \$10 to \$15. Medicare and insurance companies are paying the \$15 charge of which 80% is collectible. This would increase our revenue approximately \$30,000 annually. He further stated that self-pay accounts are our biggest hole in collections but there are some self-pay that are just not going to pay no matter what the charge. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to increase the EMS mileage charge from \$10 to \$15 a mile. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Director Taylor presented a few items of information stating Tift General Hospital is supplying modems for all ambulances in order to send EKG's to the hospital while the patient is in route. We are receiving the trauma grant funds which will supply equipment to all four ambulances. Each ambulance will be allocated a specific amount of funds for the equipment. The new ambulance will be ready in about four weeks.

Coroner Janice Brown stated she was able to recover the cremation cost of the patient at the Nursing Home. She proved the patient did have funds in their account so we recovered the \$650 charge.

The next item of new business was the setting of the 2015 Mil Rate. County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated the Tax Assessors Office has not completed the digest so we are unable to vote on this at the present.

The presentation of the 2016 proposed budget was the next item of discussion. Manager Ball presented a preliminary budget to each Commissioner. She stated we really cannot finalize the budget without knowing the digest being finalized and knowing what a mil will be worth to the county.

It was decided the Commission would meet again on August 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to take care of setting the mil rate if the information is available at that time.

There were no items of old business on the agenda.

Sheriff Mike Martin stated he is in need of a car. He has heard there is a dealer that has a Crown Vic available with about 70,000 miles at a reasonable price. Sheriff Martin was asked to obtain the information on the car and present it at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to reconvene. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items that needed to be voted on from the executive session.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Jowan Johnson requested an update on Troutman and Mt. Olive Roads which are on our first band of tsplst projects. Manager Ball stated all paperwork is in order on Troutman and the county has received a notice to proceed on the base. We are in need of right of way on Mt. Olive in order to widen the road. There are two property owners that we will be dealing with but we are working on obtaining the necessary right of way.

The County Manager gave a status report as to where we are on the 2015 digest process.

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

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David Brown, Chairman

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Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk