

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE 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.

Commissioners Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the September 1, 2015 regular monthly meeting, September 8, 2015 special call meeting, September 15, 2015 public hearing and the September 15, 2015 special call meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Huck Greene. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

There were no department heads with reports.

The first item of new business was Skip Starling with National Fire Services Office. Mr. Starling stated they have worked with numerous counties to lower their ISO ratings. They are planners who identify alternate water sources. The County Manager was instructed to set up a workshop meeting with Mr. Starling.

The second item of new business was Mayhaw Road. Mr. Donnie Luke had contacted the Commissioners' Office stating the landowners had not been notified of the road closing. Eric Griffin was spokesperson for the Luke family. Mr. Griffin stated the road was closed in 2009 and that the landowners should have been given notice of the closure. They also did not get any notice of the public hearing. They have lost access to a portion of their property because a gate has been put up that blocked access to the property. There is also a cemetery on Donnie Luke's property and the Barrett family has an easement to the cemetery. They have also had their access blocked. Mr. Griffin added the

dirt road serves as a natural fire break. The family is requesting the road be opened. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal asked why they were addressing it now. Mr. Griffin stated they have families that want to use the property and they also have the field rented and the farmer needs access. Cecilia Luke Ash added that part of the road bed has been dug out. Commissioner David Brown stated that he could not remember a whole lot about the closure since it was in 2009 but he did remember that no one showed up opposing the closure. He added that he thought notices had been sent out. Ms. Ash said no one had permission to represent the family. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to reopen the road. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A resolution has been prepared which will adopt and implement the 2013-2023 solid waste plans. The Heart of Georgia Regional Commission has been working on the plan update for quite some time. Each of the four cities has to adopt the resolution also. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Mayor Michael Estes stated Abbeville has adopted theirs already.

The final item of new business was a settlement with Crisp Regional Hospital for final payment. Their original settlement amount was \$116,868 but they have agreed to accept \$116,152. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to settle for \$116,152. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There was no old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal asked why the Commission was not made aware of the Constable position. He never had the opportunity to vote on it. The County Manager stated the Constable will be working part-time in the Probate/Magistrate Office and part-time in the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Tyndal asked why he was not notified of the position. The County Manager stated the funding is in their budgets and they are both elected officials. Commissioner Tyndal stated the School Board has to approve all hiring and all positions. Commissioner Tindal made a motion to adopt a resolution that no position is hired, created or terminated without the Commission board approval. After much discussion, Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a new motion that any new position pends board approval and that the board will be notified of all new employees. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Tyndal, Brown, Johnson and Greene for and Commissioner Keene against.

The County Manager stated that she has been putting information packets in the Commissioners' meeting books for their review. From now on, she would present these items in the meeting.

1. She has corresponded with Jeff Bridges requesting an update on the signage and striping projects, SAP program, for Wilcox County. Mr. Bridges responded to the email saying Wilcox

County is in line for the May 2016 bid letting. GDOT will perform the bidding, awarding, contractor payments and inspections.

2. GPS has been a problem in Wilcox County and has been mentioned many times. Each GPS company is responsible for updating their own information. However, she was able to find contact information from TomTom and they are very interesting in updating their information. They are working with the Southern Regional Commission, GIS mapping, and EZ911 and 911 databases in order to obtain correct information. Hopefully we can contact some of the other companies and get them to follow suite.
3. A proposed litter ordinance has been prepared by request of Chairman David Brown. It is in everyone's book for study and will be on the November agenda for adoption if the Commission so choses.
4. Wilcox County has received three awards through the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation-Nutrient Management Plan Project. These projects will include Sage Lane, \$24,900, Bluff Creek, \$23,800 and Folsom Creek Road, \$116,780. These projects are 60-40 and the county will fill their 40% with labor and equipment so there will be no additional cost to the county. These road improvements will be a great benefit to the County and is something that we could not have afforded to do on our own.

Commissioner Huck Greene asked when we could apply for another CDBG grant. The County Manager stated the grant application has to be submitted by April 30th of each year and awards are made in August. She asked all Commissioners to submit possible projects. These projects require heavily populated, low income areas.

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

David Brown, Chairman

Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk