

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 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 minutes from the October 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

No one had requested to be addressed with public comments. However, since there was such a large crowd, Chairman David Brown asked if the Commissioners would allow them to speak? Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to allow them to address the Commissioners. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Susan Luke stated that she represented her family and she requested the Commission reconsider their decision to reopen Mayhaw Road. They were concerned about their family's safety as well as vandalism. She stated their attorney had requested to be on the agenda but was denied.

Donnie Luke responded saying the road was closed in 2009. Since that time they have suffered from vandalism also. They have been denied access to their property. They have been chased and followed. They have had a bulldozer and tractor vandalized. He stated if some were nicer, they would have not had this trouble.

Commissioner Tracy Tyndal asked who denied the attorney's request to be on the agenda. Ms. Luke stated their attorney had contacted Toni Sawyer, County Attorney and she said they could not be on the agenda.

The first item on the agenda was an offer from Michael Louthan to purchase the Old Health Department lot. His offer was \$1,500.00. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal stated that we have advertised for bids for two years and have had no offers. If we sell it, it will go back on the tax digest. Chairman David Brown stated he would like to get \$3,000 for the lots. Mr. Louthan offered \$2,500. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to accept the offer of \$2,500. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was the transit contract for 2016. Susan Arnette, RMS, stated the contract was for 2015-2106. The actual contract is between the County and the Department of Transportation. Ms. Arnette added the county will continue to provide liability insurance and RMS will meet the cash match. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A litter ordinance has been prepared and was presented at last month's meeting for study. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried four to one with Commissioners Tyndal, Johnson, Brown and Keene for and Greene abstained.

Seven corrected tax bills were presented by Tax Commissioner Bobby Gibbs. A motion was made by Commissioner David Brown to table the matter until the meeting tomorrow night. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was an update to the Gebcorp Defined Benefit Plan to comply with new IRS requirements. Commissioner Tracy Tyndal made a motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Lanier Keene addressed a complaint that he had received on the transit service. Ms. Susan Arnette explained the circumstances on the complaint to the Commissioners.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

1. A complaint from a taxpayer was given to the Commissioners. Tax Commissioner Bobby Gibbs had received the complaint and he asked that it be forwarded to the Commissioners
2. Clifton Talley has brought it to my attention that the minutes did not reflect the ambulance lease would be paid by splost funds. It was discussed at the time of the lease acceptance. All Commissioners agreed that was part of the decision.
3. A SPLOST update through September 30, 2015 with projections through the end of the splost which will end in March 2018 was presented.

4. A Capital Improvement Plan had been presented at the January 2015 meeting. The work sessions had fallen by the wayside. The County Manager requested we begin work on the plan again. Work needs to begin on the upcoming splost referendum. The only federal election next year is in March 2016. The resolution would need to be adopted by December 2015 and there is no way this can be accomplished. A special election will have to be held in 2017. Work needs to begin soon on this upcoming referendum.
5. The Courthouse Site Observation Report for 9/25/15 to 10/26/15 was presented. This report is prepared by Abbeville Commissioning and gives updates on the HVAC replacement.
6. A County Impact Form was given to the Commissioners. Different county departments have been given the form and have been asked to report any construction, timber cutting, mobile homes being moved in or anything that would affect the tax digest. This is an example of how county departments are working together.
7. An update was given on Mt. Olive Church Road. Both parties have agreed to donate the necessary right of way. The engineer is preparing the necessary information to give to the County Attorney for deed preparation.
8. A Highway 280 Project planning luncheon was held on October 26, 2015 at Little Ocmulgee State Park. This initiative is to promote Highway 280 from Savannah to Americus. The Manager explained that she is the only contact in Wilcox County for this type of project. She explained that she would do as much as she could on these projects but is limited on the amount of time that she can give. All other counties were represented by their Chamber of Commerce.
9. The final two items were the % of the insurance paid by county employees and payment in lieu of insurance. She stated the Chairman had suggested a workshop meeting be held on these two items.

Commissioner David Brown explained the original vote taken on payment in lieu of insurance. He asked if any one of the Commissioners would like to sit in on a meeting with Paula Ball, Clifton Talley and he. Commissioner Jowan Johnson volunteered.

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

_____ David Brown, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk

