

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 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
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 November 3, 2015 regular monthly meeting and the November 4, 2015 special call meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

There were no department head reports or requests.

County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated that she had inadvertently placed Mayhaw Road under new business on the agenda. She asked if the Commission would vote to move it to old business. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to move Mayhaw Road from new business to old business on the agenda. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of new business was an update on services offered by Red Cross. Ms. Terri Jenkins and Mr. Jack Looney explained the services Red Cross provides.

The next item on the agenda was the replacement of lighting over the clock tower on the Courthouse and the replacement of the storm louvers in the Courthouse copula. Burles Johnson, B. A. Johnson Construction Company, was present to discuss the replacements. Mr. Johnson explained that when he did the work on the Courthouse roof that he replaced the windows in the copula but not the storm louvers. One of the louvers is a door that opens out onto the roof and therefore cannot be sealed totally. He explained the existing louvers were the ones originally placed on the Courthouse when it was

built in 1903. Since that time, they have improved the design which will not let any water in. If the County is looking at replacing the ceiling tiles in the Courtroom, the louvers definitely need to be replaced prior to this improvement. Mr. Johnson explained that when he places the order for the louvers, there will be a 12-13 week time frame for the construction. When construction is complete, he will have to work it in his schedule to get down here for installation. Bids received were as follows:

B.A. Johnson Construction	\$19,735.69
Waters Mechanical	\$24,087.67

The second item that B. A. Johnson Construction has submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,150 for was the replacement of the lighting above the Courthouse clock. If we replace the halogen lights above the clock with LED lighting, we will have the same amount of lighting costing less money. Also, the LED lighting will last for ten to twelve years reducing the maintenance cost of replacing the bulbs.

Chairman David Brown questioned the replacement and sealing of all four louvers in the copula. He said then you would not be able to access the roof. Mr. Johnson stated if you go out through the lovers, you need a harness to lower yourself onto the roof. It will take someone who really knows what they are doing. He further explained that in order to maintain the warranty on the roof, the County would have to call upon him for any maintenance work and he would rent a lift.

Chairman David Brown asked about other Courthouses. Mr. Johnson stated he does not know of another Courthouse which has access to the roof. Chairman Brown asked if you could make one louver look like a door. Mr. Johnson explained the manufacturer is not going to change his design and retrofit their product for one job.

The next item on the agenda was the 2017 transit application. Susan Arnette with RMS was present to present the application and to answer any questions. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was whether to continue the solid waste contract with Southern Renewable or bid the service. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to renew the contract. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was Mayhaw Road. County Attorney Toni Sawyer was present to give a synopsis of the events that had taken place. In 2009, the Commission had voted to close Mayhaw Road. Recently in 2015, some of the family members came before the Commission asking the County to maintain the road again in which they voted to do. Ms. Sawyer stated this vote was invalid. When the road was closed in 2009, the land went to the property owners with property owners on either side of the road owning to the centerline of the road. No action is really required by the Commission since the vote was invalid but in order to clean the record, she suggested the Commission rescind the vote. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to rescind the vote to reopen Mayhaw Road at the

October 6, 2015 meeting as a result of the validity of the law. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Lanier Keene presented ongoing concerns with trash problems in the county.

Chairman David Brown requested a workshop meeting to discuss insurance and 911 signs.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated she would like to clear up a comment that was made in the November 6th Commission meeting. Someone stated she denied their attorney the right to be on the agenda. This was completely untrue. She had emailed both attorneys involved in the Mayhaw Road issue informing them that Mayhaw Road would not be on the agenda for the November 3, 2015 regular monthly meeting. However, anyone had the right to attend the meeting and speak in public comments but the Commission would not be discussing the matter.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if the Commission was going to proceed with the louvers and lighting of the Courthouse. We have two bids on the louvers and Burles Johnson is considerably lower. Commissioner Keene made a motion to proceed with the replacement of louvers and lighting. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

The County is going to receive an energy efficiency rebate in the amount of \$2,682.00.

Anyone attending the Extension Appreciation luncheon needs to RSVP.

A Courthouse site observation report prepared by Abbeville Commissioning is in our meeting books for an update on the HVAC project.

The 2015 LMIG projects on Cardinal and Sibbie Roads are almost complete. Striping still has to be done.

Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy says the silt fence for Troutman Road is here and work will begin next week.

The engineers have staked off Mt. Olive road. The landowners requested to see exactly where the right of way lines would be. Adam Dowdy has called them in to inform them this has been done. Once they give their approval, the County Attorney can begin preparing the right of way deeds.

Chairman David Brown suggested we place fencing around the HVAC units to prevent vandalism. Bids will be obtained for this.

A workshop meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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