

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Jowan Johnson	Chairman
David Brown	Commissioner
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Jowan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Huck Greene gave the invocation.

The minutes from the February 2, 2016 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner David Brown and a second from Commissioner Huck Greene. The decision was unanimous.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Dr. Joseph Marion was present to discuss his dissatisfaction with Wilcox County law enforcement and judicial system.

Department head reports were as follows:

Larry Brown stated we had received further confirmation that part of our GEMA grant application has been funded and we have the notice to proceed.

Janice Brown stated our burial ordinance worked this week and kept someone from being buried in a back yard.

Sheriff Mike Martin informed the Commission that they had been given \$35,000.00 plus that had been seized in a traffic stop. He is going to take this money and purchase equipment with it. He asked the Commission to in turn raise all his employees \$.50 per hour. He stated he has fourteen full time employees.

The first item of new business was an update from the Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations. No one was present from the board at this time.

The second item of new business was the Capital Contract from GDOT for the transit system. This contract would purchase a Shuttle Lift Van, computer, bus surveillance and bus tablets. RMS had sent an email stating they would cover the cash match so there would be no cost to the county. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the GDOT Off-Road System projects to be let in May 2016. This project includes Hemlock, County Farm, Powell, Ruby, Owensboro, King of Kings, Christian Hill and Shady Grove roads. An Off System Safety Projects Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed by the county. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Judges budget has been presented for 2016-2017. Wilcox County's share will be \$53,760.66 which is the same as last year. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Board of Elections members Wilton King and Emmanuel Phillips were in attendance at this time and asked to address their situation which was on the agenda earlier. They stated they need help. Elections Supervisor Trish Ely is resigning July 1, 2016 and is moving out of the county. She has agreed to stick around and help with the elections this year but she is unhappy about the money. She will be moving to Leesburg and will commute if the county pays her mileage or if she is raised to \$15.00 per hour. Right now the IRS rate for travel is \$.54 per mile so the hourly increase would be cheaper.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner David Brown suggested a workshop meeting be set to discuss the two requests that have been received tonight. A workshop meeting was set for March 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

An email referencing the future Off-System Safety Program was presented. The application is due by May 1, 2016. A list of roads for the program has been prepared by Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy. The County Manager asked that the Commissioners review the list and submit any input on the project so the list can be voted on at the April 5th regular monthly meeting so the application can make the deadline.

An award letter on the GEMA grant was presented. Work can begin on the warning system.

The City of Rochelle has presented a request for assistance with beaver control.

An inventory of missing road signs has been compiled by Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy. This is an ongoing problem in the County. Would it be better for us to purchase a road sign machine and make our own? Mr. Dowdy is working on getting a quote for the machine.

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

_____ Jowan Johnson, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk