

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Jowan Johnson	Chairman
Lanier Keene	Vice 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.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the September 6, 2016 regular monthly meeting, September 22, 2016 public hearing and the September 29, 2016 special call meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner David Brown. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department head reports were as follows:

EMA Director Larry Brown stated he and the County Manager had a training webinar on the Code Red system. It is now on the County website and anyone can go on the website and register to receive warning alerts. We now have to advertise the availability of the system to the general public.

EMS Director Charles Futch had a presentation but has been detained by a house fire. He will be arriving late.

There were no items of new business.

The only item of old business was the beer license application from Coty Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox had been requested to supply authorization from the land owner that he has permission to open a bar at this location. He has supplied this information. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to table the

decision until the October 11, 2016 workshop and special call meeting and ask Mr. Wilcox to be present at this time. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMS Director Charles Futch addressed the Commissioners on the need for a new ambulance. He said the EMS is basically running out of the new truck and it already has 25,000 miles on it. The County Shop made \$20,000 worth of repairs last year on the fleet. William Catchings has gone to Cordele right now to get a truck out of the shop so they will have two trucks. M4 went to the fire in Pineview where it broke down. They had to go get M3 out of the shop at the County Farm where it was being serviced. Director Futch was asked to attend the workshop meeting on October 11, 2016 and have quotes on all options for a new ambulance.

There were no Commissioner comments.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

1. The opening in the Tax Assessor's Office has been advertised and a total of nine applications have been received. Seven were submitted to the County Manager and two were given to the Tax Assessor's Office. The Board is going to try to meet on October 13th to begin the selection process.
2. A fifteen year's history of the sales ratio was presented. Out of the last 15 years, the Wilcox County sales ratio has fallen below 38% ten times. This year the County and School lost \$21,421 due to the ratio being below the 38% mark.
3. In the 2016 fiscal year, \$39,175.59 has been saved in inmate medical bills due to the County Commission Office following up with letters, phone call, etc. requesting a lower rate.
4. A workshop meeting needs to be held in October to finish discussions on the 2018 splot referendum. Time is running out.
5. The cost of an animal control program will be presented at the November meeting. Due to the budget process, as well as the mil rate process, there was no time to pursue it in September.
6. The County Attorney and County Manager are going to meet sometime in the near future to go over all pending legal matter.

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

Jowan Johnson, Chairman

Paula Jones Ball, County Manager