

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MAY 2, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present were as follows:

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| Lanier Keene | Chairman |
| Clay Reid | Vice Chairman |
| Huck Greene | Commissioner |
| Alfonza Hall | Commissioner |
| Jowan Johnson | Commissioner |
| Paula Jones Ball | County Manager/Clerk |

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the April 4, 2017 regular monthly meeting and the April 11, 2017 workshop meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a second from Commissioner Clay Reid. The vote was unanimous.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Ralph McKinney was present to request Pintail Lane be closed. He and Jason Conner own the property on each side of the road and a petition to close the road has been signed with a copy being handed out. Commissioner Alfonza Hall made a motion to begin the process to close the road. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Tim Lott & Ben Shivers requested the County look at closing Doster Road. There are no houses on the road and it goes through their farm land and pecan trees. There is a lot of garbage being dumped on the road. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to proceed with the process. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Jo Pittman requested that Kildeer Road be placed on the list for paving. Chairman Lanier Keene stated the current tsplot list is finalized until 2023. She requested the local members of the Regional Commission ask about grant opportunities.

Department head reports were as follows:

Charles Futch, EMS Director, stated he had met with Tift Regional and they are going to provide the funding for 2 cardiac monitors to go on the ambulances. The value of each monitor is \$30,000. They have not heard anything on the AFG grant. They have responded to 140 calls during the month of April.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers presented a quote from Brannen Ford for a lease purchase program in which he can get three cars for \$36,000 each and pay for them over a three year period. The USDA is no longer funding patrol cars in their grant program. He stated they wrote over 80 citations last month totaling \$26,479 in fines and they made 46 arrests. They have arrested 8 drug dealers from Wednesday to Saturday of last week. They have also caught some kids cutting donuts at the Recreation Department on Saturday night. There was some alcohol involved but they were not going to press criminal charges, they are going to make them perform community service at the Recreation Department. He added his budget is in line with everything but repairs and that is because of the old worn cars and the amount of repairs that is being made. He has an electrician installing safety lights in the Jail and he is going to cover up the receptacles. The Sheriff's Office is applying for a bullet proof vest grant for new vests for the department. It is a 50-50 grant but Woodmen of the World are going to pay our 50%. The City of Pitts is donating a radar unit to the Wilcox Sheriff's Department.

The first item of new business was a proposal from Glenn Gregory, Architect, for a preliminary design of an elevator for the Courthouse. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$5,600. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the Eighth Judicial Judges' proposed budget for 2017-2018. The amount requested from Wilcox County is \$56,555 which is \$2,783 more than last year. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the budget request. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no Commissioner comments.

The County Manager's comments were as follows:

County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated she had talked with the County Attorney about having a workshop meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the Chamber and the upcoming splost referendum. She will set that up.

The final item of business was a request from the Wilcox County Tax Assessors asking the Commission to fund a revaluation. This process would take place over the next three years. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/clerk