

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the prior month's minutes as presented. There were minutes from the July 3, 2018 Workshop Meeting, July 3, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting, July 17, 2018 Special Call Meeting, and the July 30, 2018 Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department head requests were as follows:

Sheriff Robert Rodgers informed the Commission that Kimberly Lawson will serve as School Resource Office for Wilcox County Schools. The school will reimburse her salary and all related expenses. Ms. Lawson already has the vehicle and equipment.

Sheriff Rodgers stated he had the Georgia Sheriff's Association to look at the old Elementary School in Rochelle to see if it would work for a Public Safety Complex. The GSA says the hallways will not work for cells because it would require the maximum number of employees. He stated he had a jail expert who has built 25-30 jails to look at the project. His projection was building a 47 bed facility at the Old Elementary School and using the existing office space would run around \$4,383,628. He did not recommend building a jail at the Abbeville site and his projection for this site is approximately \$6,138,623. The Commissioners are looking at all possible locations and ideas. No decision has been made.

The first item of new business was to set a proposed mil rate. County Manager Paula Ball stated we will have to accept a slight rollback from 18.25 mils to 18.235 mils or hold three public hearings and advertise. However, due to new growth in the digest, 18.235 mils will net \$19,513 more than last year. The five year history will be run in the paper per legal requirements, and then the Commission will have to vote on it.

The next item of new business was the adoption of a resolution honoring Colonel Lonnie Curry for his longtime commitment to law enforcement in Wilcox County. Colonel Curry recently passed and this resolution will be read at his service on Saturday. Commissioner Jowan Johnson voted to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Clay Reid stated he and Commissioner Alfonza Hall recently attended a retreat of the Workforce Investment Board in St. Simons. The Board offers incentives for training, even paying ½ of the salary of someone in a training position. This is a great opportunity for Wilcox County and should be taken advantage of.

Commissioner Lanier Keene welcomed newly elected Commissioner Mel Powell to the meeting.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball stated Chief Judge Robert Chasteen has requested they be given \$2,000 annually out of Wilcox County's DATE funds to help support a drug court. All four counties in the circuit are contributing. Sheriff Robert Rodgers stated this involves classes for those committing drug crimes. This is part of their probation hopefully keeping them out of jail. If they test dirty during this time, they will spend from 2-5 days in jail. The objection is to teach life without dope. Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to budget the funds. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk

