

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 5, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE LOCATED IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mel Powell gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the February 5, 2019 regular monthly meeting were approved by a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Head reports were as follows:

Sheriff Robert Rodgers stated everyone is aware of what is going on with the Jail. When the ceiling was torn out of the common area, they saw what appears to be water damage or black mold. They will be working out of the Crisp County bus most of the week. Chairman Lanier Keene stated the contractor who has been working on the Courtroom is willing to replace the ceiling. Commissioner Clay Reid stated he thought it should be 5/8" hardy board with a sand finish. The ceiling will not be replaced until plumbing is finished. Sheriff Rodgers stated as soon as an air purity test is conducted the prison crew is ready to go to work.

Andrew Sawyer, County Extension Agent, stated a secretary has been hired for the Extension Office. Sheena Snellgrove was selected.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated she has prepared a resolution for the surplus property voted on at the February meeting. County Manager Paula Ball stated we are trying to get someone from Govdeals to come down and train Dor'ree Henderson on the program. When that is complete a minimum sale price and the dates will be established and the resolution will be signed.

The first item of new business was the bids received for the 2019 LMIG projects. County Manager Paula Ball stated The Scruggs Company was the low bid. However, the bid was for resurfacing Hatley Road and repairing and resurfacing McBryant Road. The original county request was for resurfacing Hatley Road, American Legion Road and making a repair on McBryant Road with the resurfacing of McBryant Road going on the 2020 LMIG projects. She suggested accepting the low bid from The Scruggs Company and then have them update their bid to the original request. This will be followed up on at the April 2nd Commission meeting. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from The Scruggs Company. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was the roads that would be placed on the 2019 Safety Action Program list. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to table this matter. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A request has been received to update the members to the R, C & D Council. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to table this until the April meeting for consideration of appointments. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of old business was bids for the replacement of the roof on the Extension/FSA Office. County Manager Paula Ball stated three bids have been obtained as follows:

Dusty Lashley	\$17,200.00
Payne's Roofing	\$17,600.00
McGinnis Roofing	\$17,460.00

Paula Ball stated she loves to see bids this close. This shows everyone is being honest. The fact that Dusty Lashley works for one of the Commissioners was questioned. County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated the Commissioner has to abstain from any discussion of the project and cannot vote on the bids. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from Dusty Lashley. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Powell, Hall and Keene for. Commissioner Reid abstained.

The second item of old business was the resolution disposing of the surplus road equipment voted on at the February 2019 meeting. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to table the adoption of the resolution until training from Govdeals has been given to Dor'ree Henderson. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Chairman Lanier Keene brought up the fact the landfill has been closed. He requested the County Manager check on this.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball presented further correspondence with the owner of the nursing home requesting the taxes be reduced. Mrs. Ball presented the submission of the Wilcox County School's request for LMIG funds for the road work performed at the entrance to the new school. She noted the Tax Commissioner's Office will be closed on April 17th & 18th and again on May 23rd & 24th for training and then again for the update to the new DRIVES system implemented by the State. Correspondence was presented showing discussions between Lance Wood, Engineer and Benji McLeod, landowner trying to obtain right of way on Thistle Lane. An update was given on the FEMA radio grant application and the FEMA Hazard Mitigation grants.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer added the County Commissioners have no control over ad valorem taxes. The Commissioners could ask the Tax Commissioner to waive penalties and interest.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk