

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON APRIL 2, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the March 5, 2019 Workshop Meeting, March 5, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting and the March 28, 2019 Special Call Meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Guests with public comments were as follows:

Ruby Milling Naylor presented an upcoming conference of Keep Georgia Beautiful. She strongly encouraged someone from the County to attend. Ms. Naylor added on April 20, 2019 she was partnering with Sara Sercher and the Wilcox County 4H to pick up garbage on Railroad Avenue and Gordon Street.

Department Head Reports were as follows:

Michael Pomirko, Wilcox County Recreation Director, stated he was just visiting the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions.

Adam Dowdy, Road Superintendent, stated his request was on the agenda.

The first item of business was the Eighth Judicial Judges' budget request for 2019-2020. County Manager Paula Ball stated this request was for \$62,443 which is an increase of \$5,889 over last year. Chairman Lanier Keene asked if the other counties were granting the increase. Commissioner Jowan

Johnson made a motion to table the decision until we could see what the other three counties are doing. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A resolution has been presented showing Wilcox County's desire to be included in another Transportation Investment Act involving the counties in the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was bids to repair the duct work at the Wilcox County Jail. The bids were received as follows:

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| Christmas Heating and Air | \$1,500.00 |
| Purvis Heating and Air | \$1,600.00 |
| Pruett Heating and Air | \$9,750.00 |

County Manager Paula Ball stated she called Purvis and Pruet and requested bids on the project. She told them both the same thing. She added she did not know where the discrepancy came in. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to accept the low bid from Christmas. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried with Commissioners Powell, Hall, Johnson and Keene voting for and Commissioner Clay Reid abstaining.

The first item of old business was appointments to the R, C & D Council. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Commissioner Mel Powell, Bob Addison and Paula Ball to the board. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of old business was an equipment purchase request made by Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy at the March 28, 2019 special call meeting. Mr. Dowdy presented his request to purchase a 2012 Hyundai 170W-9 Wheeled Excavator. This machine was traded in by Dooly County with around 5200 hours on it. The price for the machine is \$69,000 but with a new mover attached it will be \$84,500. He further requested to sell the side arm mower that we have had so much trouble and expense with. Chairman Lanier Keene asked Paula Ball if she had a chance to look into financing. She stated we have \$185,786 allocated for Road Department Equipment in the 2018 splost. We have committed to a 60 month lease on a John Deere tractor with total payments equaling \$56,855 and a Case backhoe with payments equaling \$86,920. This leaves \$42,011 in this splost referendum. She suggested paying for the equipment out of splost and selling the truck, bulldozer and side arm mower replenishing the splost as much of the \$42,489 overage as possible. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve this recommendation and purchase the equipment. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner comments were heard as follows:

Commissioner Jowan Johnson asked if there had been any change in renting the Ag Center. He was told that was a rumor that was going around due to a cancellation.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked if the sign was being corrected at the Ag Center. The sign man should be coming this week and will make the correction at no charge.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball stated funding had been passed in the legislature funding a Mother-Baby Satellite Office in Wilcox County. She has no details at this time.

We adopted the resolution earlier participating in the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission upcoming Transportation Investment Act. The first meeting will be May 9, 2019 with Chairman Keene representing the County and the Mayors have to vote on a representative.

Events for the 2019 National Crime Victim's Rights Week were presented if any Commissioner wishes to attend any of these.

Correspondence with Benji McLeod continues on the right of way on Thistle Lane. Work on the road will begin as soon as we get the necessary right of way.

The Wilcox County Recreation Director has made it to the top 10% of grant applicants for a Scotts Field Refurbishment Program. This grant would refurbish one of ball fields at no cost to the County for up to \$50,000.

Wilcox County has received a reimbursement check from ACCG Workers Comp Program for \$8,972. This is only the second time these reimbursements have been made.

The County Manager presented a request from Sheriff Robert Rodgers to purchase a new tank less water heater for the Jail. The prison inmate crew will install the unit and the cost should be no more than \$1,500. This was agreed upon.

The last item of information was an upcoming meeting of the Wilcox County Development Authority. This meeting will be April 18, 2019 at the Commission Office at 5:30 p.m. This will be the kickoff meeting of the new appointments. Mickey Daniell will be the guest speaker and he will point out how Georgia Power can assist with Economic Development.

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

Lanier Keene, Chairman

Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk