

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MAY 7, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE 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 Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the April 2, 2019 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Jowan Johnson. 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 work is still going on at the Jail. The mobile construction unit installed concrete board in the ceiling but it seems to be flimsy. He stated they had a scare at the Courthouse recently. An army veteran had been ordered to move out of his home by the Superior Court Judge. The Vet stated he would be at the Courthouse the next morning. He did show up but he gave himself up and Judge Shawn Rhodes issued a 10-13 to get him mental counseling. Sheriff Rodgers asked for new door locks at the Courthouse and a security officer for the Courthouse.

Sheriff Rodgers added they have made headway on the farm theft situation. They would be seeking warrants in the morning.

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown stated he has received confirmation on the last piece of fire equipment. It is being shipped. We will try to have a meeting with Skip Starling, National Fire Service next week for an update. He added all of our FEMA grants seem to be progressing.

Coroner Janice Brown stated things have been slow. She requested the County look into purchasing a cooler for bodies. This would eliminate us having to pay someone else for this service.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated we have received a response from CSX on their bill to the County for work done on crossings. They were going back to an old agreement signed by the County Commissioners in 1976 agreeing to some form of assistance. The County was not notified of this work prior to completion. She is going to respond to their latest correspondence.

The only item of new business was a right of way agreement with Benji McLeod on Thistle Road. This has been an arduous process but an offer has been made. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to proceed with the acquisition process. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was the Eighth Judicial Judge's budget request for 2019-2020. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for a decision to be made on test boring on Barrentine Road. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to have test boring on Barrentine Road. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

The renewal from United Healthcare for group insurance was presented for Commission review. This will be voted on in the June meeting.

A copy of Andrew Sawyer's resignation letter was presented.

A request for improved office space for the Wilcox County Farm Service agency by USDA was presented. County Manager Paula Ball stated she would take this to the Wilcox County Development Authority meeting to see if the Authority might want to participate.

A schedule for Post Hurricane Michael Forestry meetings was presented.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk