

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JULY 2, 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
Adam Dowdy	Road Superintendent

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 June 4, 2019 workshop, the June 4, 2019 regular monthly meeting and the June 13, 2019 workshop meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department head reports/requests were as follows:

County Attorney Toni Sawyer was present to request the ratification of documents to shift the road over on the Falcon Circle project. She had met with the Lamsons and they signed their deeds and the deeds have been filed. The Purvis' have not signed their deeds as of yet. The Lamson's were presented a letter offering to buy the property from them and the Purvis' will be presented with the same. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to ratify the documents. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer also presented an update on Thistle Lane. If the McLeod Brothers agree to the sale of realty, Wilcox County will pay \$4,450.00 for .89 acres. She asked the Commission to approve Chairman Lanier Keene to sign the documents if they accepted. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion for the Chairman to sign the sale agreement. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown stated the kickoff meeting for the Wilcox County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be on July 9, 2019 at the Commission Office. He added he has located the ponds in Wilcox County that could supply water during a fire. They are holding training once a month with dinner provided every quarter.

Wayne McGuinty, Mayor/Fire Chief for the City of Rochelle stated he would like to thank the Commission for hiring Skip Starling, National Fire Services and Larry Brown EMA/Fire Coordinator. They have worked on Rochelle's ISO rating and they have dropped from a Classification of 7 to a Classification of 4. This means a reduction in insurance rates in the Rochelle area. He added this is what happens when we all work together.

The first item of new business was the selection of the 2020 LMIG projects. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to place Powell Road, McBryant Road, Pleasant Grove Church Road and Shady Grove Roads on the list for 2020. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The 2019-2020 budget for the Public Defender's Office was next on the agenda. County Manager Paula Ball stated there is no increase in the request. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to fund them per their request. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of new business was a vacancy on the Wilcox County Board of Health due to the death of Mr. Tommy Scott. Chairman Lanier Keene stated the Health Board had discussed M. L. Lewis. Chairman Keene asked permission to talk with Mr. Lewis and see if he would be interested. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to ask M. L. Lewis to serve on the board. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

There were no Commissioner comments.

County Manager Paula Ball stated she just wanted to present one item and that was the findings from Preston Geotechnical Consultants after boring Barrentine Road. She asked the Commissioners to read the report at their earliest convenience.

The County Manager stated she wanted to clarify one rumor that is being passed around. The repairs to the Wilcox County Jail are not coming out of the general fund operating budget. Funds were specified for this purpose in the 2018 SPLOST and all jail improvements will come out of this account.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Lanier Keene, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Paula J. Ball, County Manager, Clerk