

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present 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.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the September 3, 2019 workshop meeting, September 3, 2019 regular monthly meeting, September 19, 2019 workshop meeting, September 26, 2019 special call meeting and the September 30, 2019 public hearing. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Public comments were as follows:

Tracy Terry, 4H BB Coach, was present to request the BB team be allowed to use the Ag Center for their shooting sports. He stated they are willing to do whatever is necessary. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to allow them to use the building once an intergovernmental agreement is executed. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Jo Pittman, Michael Reeves and Bobby Brown had requested to be on the agenda to discuss Kildeer Road. The Commissioners heard from Jo Pittman, Julian Pittman and Bobby Brown who requested Kildeer Road and Hatley Road be placed on the 2023 tsplast list. Julian Pittman requested it be put in the minutes that the criteria for these road projects were grandiose BS. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to add the roads to the tsplast list. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously. The approved roads will be voted on in 2020 with work beginning in 2023.

Department head reports were as follows:

Larry Brown, EMA/Fire Coordinator, stated all trucks have been retrofitted. One more part has been ordered for the County truck. He added there were 24 at training last night.

The first item of new business was the adoption of the 2020 general fund budget in the amount of \$4,994,350.00. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adopt the budget. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Bids were received as follows for the paving of Thistle Road:

Triple Surface

Everett Dykes	\$149,350.00
Reeves Construction	No Bid

Asphalt

Everett Dykes	\$143,664.40
Reeves Construction	\$128,638.00

Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to accept the asphalt bid from Reeves Construction in the amount of \$128,638.00. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A letter was presented from Scotty Owens requesting Taylorwood Lane be closed. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to table the matter until we received recommendation from Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

An agreement was presented for the TSPLOST project Walker Road. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager Paula Ball presented the original tsplost application for Walker Road. The application stated as follows "To surface (new construction) Walker Road to the end State Highway 215 and up to Mount Pilgrim Church with a gravel mix". This document gives a little clarification of the extent of the project.

A 36 month extended lease agreement for the FSA Office in Rochelle has been requested from USDA. This lease would be for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 in the monthly amount of \$2,007.25. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

2020 budgets were presented for the Jail Fund, E911 Account, Cedar Creek Fire, Drug Abuse, Juvenile Services, TSPLOST, 2018 SPLOST and the Special Projects Account. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the budgets. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of old business was a quitclaim deed to the Old High School Gym and the ROTC Building. Also, an intergovernmental agreement for the school's use of the gym was presented. This deed would transfer ownership of the buildings to the County. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion not to accept the offers. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

A letter from the Public Defender's Office was presented which stated there has been a recalculation of funding for their office. Wilcox County's portion would increase from \$11,206 to \$26,210 with the new calculation.

GEMA has approved for the Safe Room application move forward to the full application to GEMA/HS. Upon completion this application will be sent to FEMA for consideration of funding the project.

Letters have been received from USDA informing all four Wilcox County applications are being considered for funding in their fiscal year 2020. The applications are for a truck and trailer, a road mowing tractor, a chassis for the rescue truck and chest compression devices for each ambulance. A public hearing will have to be advertised and documented to move forward.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk