

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 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.

The prior month's minutes from the November 6, 2019 regular monthly meeting was approved with 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:

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown stated all racks and tanks should be installed soon. Then we would have Skip Starling, National Fire Service, to come again.

The Office of the Public Defender, Cordele Judicial Circuit, has presented an updated budget request whereby caseload and population of each county has been updated. Wilcox County's contribution would increase from \$11,118 to \$26,209. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the increase. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

District Attorney Brad Rigby requests that Investigator Charles Sheppard's salary be increased to match the other Investigator for the department which is on the State payroll. The difference in the salaries is \$5,353 annually. Ben Hill County would pay \$300 per month and Wilcox County would pay \$146 per month. He further requested this amount be paid through one of the counties payroll. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the increase. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Bids were presented for a HVAC replacement at the Wilcox County NRS Office. Bids were as follows:

Christmas Heating and Air	\$5,100
Truman's Air Conditioning	\$5,639
Purvis Heating & Air	\$4,500

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from Purvis Heating and Air. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Updates to the Recreation Board were the next item on the agenda but all nominees have not been contacted. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

Chairman Lanier Keene stated he had been contacted numerous times about road issues due to the recent rains.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball told the Commissioners there was an email in their meeting books from County Attorney Toni Sawyer informing us of an Elections issue.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers has requested an executive session to discuss Courthouse security. A call meeting was suggested.

An update was presented on the FEMA multi-county radio grant application. A sample MOU & application was presented. This will be on the January 2020 agenda. Applications are due on January 15, 2020.

The final item was an invitation from the Wilcox County Board of Education to attend their January 7, 2020 workshop at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Office in order to discuss future County and School projects.

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