

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF 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 Clay Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior month's meetings.

Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMA Director Larry Brown informed the Commissioners that HURST tools were serviced and the chassis was ordered for the rescue truck.

The original truck for Extension for \$23,000 had been sold. The next best offer was for \$29,000. However, the Commissioners discussed setting a dollar amount of no more than \$24,000.

Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to set the Extension truck purchase to the dollar amount of \$24,000.

Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMS Director Charles Futch presented a quote for a new ambulance purchase. Futch was quoted \$169,312, which would come out of SPLOST. EMS Director Futch requested that the Commissioners vote to continue with the purchase.

EMS Director Futch stated that there were only two running ambulances at the moment, and the EMS Department was down 4 employees due to COVID. Futch stated that with more funding, he could hire an additional 2 employees.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to give EMS Director Futch permission to continue with the purchasing process.

Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager Paula Ball presented an upgrade program for the courtroom. This program would allow for inmates, attorneys, and witnesses to convene online and never have to enter the courthouse. The upgrade would cost roughly \$26,000. The other 3 counties in the circuit already approved the upgrade. Upgrade would decrease the Sheriff's Department's transportation by lowering the transportation of inmates.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made the motion to approve the courtroom upgrade.

Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager Paula Ball stated that the Speaker of the House will be at the Cordele Depot on September 8, 2020 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. The Speaker of the House asked the county representatives to attend.

With no further business, Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Lanier Keene, Chairman

Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk