

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE WILCOX COUNTY 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 prior month's minutes of the December 3, 2019 regular monthly meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Department head reports/requests were as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball stated Sheriff Robert Rodgers contacted her earlier today to see if funds were available for the purchase of a 2015 Tahoe with approximately 60,000 miles. The vehicle is equipped except for striping and a radio. The purchase price is \$20,000.00 and will be paid for out of splost funds. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to purchase the vehicle. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Annual appointments for 2020 are as follows:

Chairman-Currently Lanier Keene

Vice Chairman-Currently Alfonza Hall

County Attorney-Currently Toni Sawyer

County Manager/Clerk-Currently Paula J. Ball

Auditors-Currently Meeks CPA

Legal Organ-Currently Cordele Dispatch

Financial Institutions-Currently all Wilcox County Banks and the Local Government Investment Pool

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to reappoint all positions. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of new business was the adoption of the SCARRS Governance and Operational Structure. The approval of these agreements will allow the grant application for radios for emergency agencies in Wilcox, Turner, Cook, Berrien and Ware Counties. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the agreements. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the appointment of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission third member appointment. Clay Reid is currently serving in this position. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appointment Mr. Reid to another term. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A quote has been received from Pro Tech for a security entrance system for the Wilcox County Courthouse. The quote is for \$9,128.00. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to accept the quote. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

An agreement between the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and Wilcox County was presented for Walker Road. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Reappointments are due for the members of the Wilcox County Board of Registrations and Elections. The current members are Don Roberts, Chairman, Gene Tomberlin and Barbara Bailey. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to reappoint the current members to another two year term. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Qualifying fees have to be adopted for the 2020 elections. The fees are 3% of the base pay of each office as specified below:

Sheriff	\$1,408
Clerk of Court	\$1,229
Tax Commissioner	\$1,229
Probate/ Magistrate	\$1,229
Coroner	\$ 36
County Commissioner	\$ 144
School Board Member	\$ 36

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to set the qualifying fees. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Michael Pomirko, Recreation Director, presented his suggestions for new appointments for the Recreation Board. They are Jowan Johnson, Brooks Gibbs and Kasey Gibbs. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to appoint the new members. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson presented a problem with the drainage ditch behind Agri Alliance in Rochelle. It is on Acorn Loop at the Ernest Brown property. County Manager Paula Ball stated she would find out if this location was within the City Limits of Rochelle or in the County.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

Paula Ball presented the 2020 ACCG training calendar and noted the Capital Connection Conference was scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Legislative Fish Fry was going to be held on February 5, 2020.

A valuation comparison report on all County Buildings was presented for review. Commissioners were asked to notify the County Manager if they saw any concerns.

A request from CSX railroad was presented asking for permission for traffic to be rerouted from SR159 to Williford Crossing and Hatley Road.

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