

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE 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 Mel Powell gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 regular monthly meeting, February 18, 2020 special call meeting and the February 21, 2020 special call meeting as presented. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Guest with public comments was as follows:

Prince Joseph Lopez discussed his concerns of handicap accessibility at the Wilcox County Courthouse. Mr. Lopez stated he has tried to obtain his exclusion of serving on jury duty. He tried returning his paperwork to the Clerk's office. However, the buzzer on the lift did not work. He requested a plan on this handicap accessibility. County Manager Paula Ball stated this was one of the items in the current SPLOST projects. The collections of the current splost would be received until March 2024. An elevator would be installed in the Courthouse prior to current splost end date.

Department head reports were as follows:

Michael Pomirko, Recreation Director, informed the Commission that enrollment was up for the baseball season from 119 to 170. This is a 50 child increase from last year.

The first item of new business was the presentation of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Judges' budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. County Manager Paula Ball explained this budget would go into effect in July 2020. She suggested we study it and adopt it at the April 2020 meeting.

The next item of business was a request from Aaron and Nicki Dill to close the end of Powers Road. They explained they had purchased the property at the end of the road. The road ends on their property. They requested they be allowed to install a gate at the beginning of their property. They would maintain this part of the road as private property. They were concerned about trespassing and litter on their property. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to move forward with the legal process. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The final item of business was a vacancy on the Wilcox County Tax Assessors Board due to the expiration of Jan Moore's term. Mrs. Moore has chosen not to serve another term. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Heather Harden to this position. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Elections L & A workers. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Chairman Lanier Keene mentioned the possibility of increasing the county mileage allowance to the amount set by the state which is \$.57.5. This would be discussed at a later date.

He also presented a request from Sara Sercer, 4H Advisor to be allowed to use the recreation field for one more shotgun match. He stated he explained this would be the last one due to future construction at the site. He stated they had promised clean up. No one had a problem with the use for one more time as long as the site was left as clean as it was before the match.

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

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Lanier Keene, Chairman

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Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk