

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JULY 29, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Jowan Johnson	Chairman
Lanier Keene	Vice Chairman
David Brown	Commissioner
Huck Greene	Commissioner
Paula Jones Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Jowan Johnson called the meeting to order.

Don Roberts, Wilton King, Emmanuel Phillips and Barbara Bailey, Wilcox County Board of Elections and Registrations board members, presented a request to contract with Trish Ely on an as needed basis to assist with elections this year. Mr. Roberts stated he would draw up a simple contract with Ms. Ely stating she would serve as a consultant as needed at the rate of \$25 per hour and the contract would be through the end of November 2016. He added her employment with the county ends today. Mr. Roberts explained that she has bought a house and has moved out of the county. The Board has it in their minutes where she resigned from the position of Elections Superintendent. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to allow the contract. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMS Director Charles Futch had requested the Commissioners amend the agenda in order to establish rates for the new billing service. They are waiting on these rates and just as soon as they are adopted, they will send out all bills for July. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to amend the agenda adding this item. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Director Futch stated they had obtained rates from the counties that use AMB Billing. Out of these, they had taken rates from counties that border us as well as Dodge County and averaged the rates. Wilcox County rates will be in the middle of the surrounding counties rates.

The new requested rates are as follows:

A0425 (Mileage) - \$15.00
A0426 (ALS Non Emergent) - \$433.33
A0427 (ALS Emergent) - \$563.56
A0428 (BLS Non Emergent) - \$483.00
A0429 (BLS Emergent) - \$525.00

A0433 (ALS2) - \$815.66

A0434 (Specialty Care) - \$963.96

He explained each type of service. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to set the new rates. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Bobby Metts, Wilcox County Chief Appraiser, was present to inform the Commissioners that one of the Board of Tax Assessors members is not qualified to serve by the Department of Revenue standards because he has not taken classes to maintain his credits. He added the Department of Revenue now mandates that you have to take classes in a specific series and cannot randomly take classes. He has not been certified since March of 2016. At the July meeting, he came to the meeting stating just as soon as he gets his check, he is out of here and he will send the Commissioners a letter stating he is resigning. The other two board members are certified so we have a majority but if one becomes ill, we would not be able to carry on business. Bobby Metts read out of the Department of Revenue handbook that a Board of Assessors member can be removed from their position for failure to do their job or failure to maintain certification. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to accept the verbal resignation of Mr. King due to the fact that his training is not current. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Chief Appraiser Bobby Metts, also presented a request that Cathy Sutton be allowed to become full-time will all county benefits. After much discussion, Commissioner Huck Greene made a motion to revisit the request in a few months after further discussions about the future of the office. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Heart of Georgia Regional Commission WIA Board appointments from Wilcox County have expired. Currently the board members are David Brown and Michael Estes. Chairman Jowan Johnson stated they have both agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to appoint them to another term. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The oldest HVAC unit at the Wilcox County Health Department has gone out and is beyond repair. Two bids have been obtained as follows:

Ledford Repair	\$5,000
Purvis Heating & Air	\$5,473

Commissioner David Brown made a motion to accept the low bid from Ledford Repair. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Central Georgia Region 5 Emergency Medical Services Council requesting an updated appointment from Wilcox County. The current member is Dan Taylor who is no longer employed with the County. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Charles Futch to the position. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner David Brown made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ Jowan Johnson, Chairman

_____ Paula Jones Ball, County Manager/Clerk