

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2020 AT 5:10 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.

Probate Judge Shawn Rhodes presented his 2020-2021 budget proposals. Judge Rhodes apologized for unforeseen COVID-19 issues in his 2019-2020 budget. Judge Rhodes asked for his 2020-2021 budget to remain the same as the 2019-2020 budget.

Tax Assessor Heather Harden presented her 2020-2021 budget proposal. Tax assessor Harden's 2020-2021 budget would decrease by \$50,834; there were no requests.

EMS Director Charles Futch presented his 2020-2021 budget. Mr. Futch presented that there was no need for increases in the working budget; however, he presented the need for a new ambulance. This purchase would be made under a lease-program out of the SPLOST. County Manager Paula Ball suggests paying a quarter of the purchase up front to reduce the finance years. The Commissioners commented that once a final price and information was presented, a meeting would be held to approve the use of funds.

Road Department Head Adam Dowdy presented his 2020-2021 budget proposals. Dowdy presented that his salaries would remain the same but an increase in overtime would be needed due to unstable work force. Dowdy also presented that an increase in Tech Services/Professional to support the new work order system. An increase of \$250 in Advertising was requested to help in the hiring process. An increase was requested in Equipment as well to support a new motor grader and excavator. Dowdy presented that he could sell the existing equipment to help with the expenses.

The County Shop budget was to stay the same besides a \$67 increase in group insurance.

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

Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.