

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING 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.

Commissioner David Brown gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the June 7, 2016 regular monthly meeting and the July 29, 2016 special call meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Lanier Keene and a second from Commissioner Huck Greene. The vote was unanimous.

There were no guests with public comments.

There were no department head requests/reports.

The first item of new business was an update on the 2014 Wilcox County Audit by Mr. Pat Ashley with Meeks CPA. Mr. Ashley went over several items of interest in the audit. The county finished the year with \$796,349 in the general fund balance. He added this was a phenomenal job of turning things around. He added that Wilcox County is in much better financial conditions than some of the other local counties. Paula Ball added that she received a phone call today from an Irwin County Commissioner requesting information on county services. He had been referred by Dave Wills with ACCG. It was only five years ago that Wilcox was working with Dave on ways to turn things around. This audit presentation tonight only reflects four years of effort.

There is a vacancy on the Wilcox County DFCS board due to the resignation of Memorie Lee. Gail Goodman has agreed to serve on the board. Commissioner Lanier Keene nominated Ms. Goodman to serve on the board. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

An update was presented on the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission grant for drainage improvement in the Folsom Creek and Cedar Creek area. Wilcox County received \$124,166 in grant funding for five projects. Our in-kind match was \$82,777 for a total benefit to the County in the amount of \$206,943. These projects could have never been completed without the grant funding. This is a huge benefit to the county.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing contracts with the GDOT transportation program for the operating and capital projects for FY17. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The Cordele Judicial Circuit Public Defenders budget for July 2016-June 2017 was presented. The total amount requested from Wilcox County is \$11,447.68. This is an increase of \$230.68. Wilcox County only funds 5% of the budget. Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The 2017 LMIG was presented for signature. Wilcox County will receive \$476,859.51 in funding for 2017. With the county matching 10%, there will be \$524,534 available for the 2017 projects. Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy has prepared a priority list for the next several projects. After much discussion Commissioner David Brown made a motion to apply for the remainder of Harvey Road, 1.17 miles, American Legion Road from Highway 129 to Sibbie Road, 2.0 miles and Cannonville Road from the city limits of Abbeville to the first bridge past Cannonville Baptist Church. Commissioner Huck Greene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A vacancy has occurred on the Wilcox County Board of Tax Assessors due to Scotty King not maintaining certification. Commissioner David Brown made a motion to appoint Glenn McDuffie to the board. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first proposal of the 2017 general fund budget was presented. A workshop meeting was set for Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget as well as the 2018 splst.

There was no old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated the county has come a long way and we need to listen to what Pat Ashley said tonight and stay on course.

Chairman Jowan Johnson stated the community was very pleased with Troutman Road.

County Manager Paula Jones Ball stated we have received and have paid a bill from ACCG for our liability deductible on the Marion lawsuit in the amount of \$2,500.

Ms. Lydia Owens, Rochelle Senior Center, was present to request the county work on the Senior van. It is very old and the air conditioning is not working well. They will pay for the parts if the county will furnish the labor.

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