

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM 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 Mel Powell gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes for the following meetings were presented:

February 2, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

February 4, 2021 Special Call Meeting

March 2, 2021 Special Call Meeting

March 18, 2021 Special Call Meeting

March 23, 2021 Special Call Meeting

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports/Requests were as follows:

Coroner Janice Brown stated she was going to have to purchase a new camera.

Recreation Director Michael Pomirko stated Ashley McKinney had resigned from the Recreation Board and he would like to suggest Matt Phagin to fill her position. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Phagin to the position. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Cedar Creek Fire Chief Richard Rhodes gave an update on the department. Chief Rhodes stated there was 9 fire fighters that were eligible to fast track their training and bring their certification up to date. 5 of those are now current with their certification. He has contacted ISO for another audit. The department should now have an ISO rating of 9. Skip Starling, National Fire Service, is coming back on

April 19th. The department has good major equipment and adequate personnel now. The ISO audit will have a few problems because the department has been out of compliance for the past two years and that will hurt the rating. One member of the department has just completed the EMT class that was sponsored by Wilcox EMS. The department does need some smaller equipment but they have had new tires put on the brush truck to replace the dry rotted tires that were on it and they have purchased radios. The department has also obtained another grant for an EMT class. Chief Rhodes stated he has been working with the Wilcox County School Board about training in the high school. They are offering a Community Wide CPR event at the Cedar Creek station in the near future.

The first item of new business was a vacancy on the Wilcox County Board of Tax Assessors due to the resignation of Joe Bailey. It was noted that Vera Gibson had previously said she would serve on the board. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Ms. Gibson to the vacancy. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was the bids for 2021 LMIG projects. Wilcox County entered into an agreement this year with surrounding counties for a joint bid process. Engineer Lance Wood was present to discuss the bids and he recommended accepting the low bid from East Coast Asphalt LLC. He further recommended going with a sand surface treatment on the roads and adding striping of Pineview-Pitts Highway to the 2021 project list. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to approve the bid and add the sand surface treatment to the roads. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manger Paula Ball presented the 2021 Safety Action Program. She explained these are funds that are to be used for highway safety. GDOT has graded Wilcox County roads and Sibbie Road and Cannonville Road are the two roads that ranked the highest on the crash study. It is a requirement that the funding has to be used on these two roads. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion for the safety measures to be used on Cannonville Road. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Manager Ball noted that we do not know how much the funding will be so she and Engineer Lance Wood would propose several safety measures on the road to present to GDOT for consideration.

Susan Arnette, RMS, presented an amendment to the TPO contract with RMS in which they would be reimbursed on a cost basis. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The 2022 budget proposals from the Eighth Judicial Administrative District and the Office of the Public Defender Cordele Judicial Circuit were presented for review. These budgets will be voted on at the May 2021 regular monthly meeting.

There was no old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Chairman Lanier Keene stated he has been approached by several citizens about County vehicles being unmarked. He suggested we get all the County vehicles marked for identification.

County Manager Paula Ball presented a flyer for the National Day of Prayer celebration that will be held on May 6, 2021 at 11:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk