

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MAY 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Present for the meeting were:

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.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Jowan Johnson.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the April, 1, 2021 special call meeting, April 6, 2021 Workshop Meeting, April 6, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting and the April 22, 2021 Special Called Meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Department Head Reports/Requests were as follows:

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown last month he worked on the ISO requirements in Pitts, Wilcox State Prison and Abbeville Fire Department. He stated Skip Starling is coming Monday morning to begin identifying water sources. Rochelle Fire Department was scored last year. He requested to change the name of Cedar Creek Fire Station to Wilcox EMA/Fire Rescue, Station 1, Cedar Creek District. He added this would allow for grants. Cedar Creek has four in compliance. Some of the firefighters had passed the five year window so they will have to take the test. The new rescue truck has been remounted. It needs lights and a radio. The lights and sirens taken off the old rescue truck could be mounted on the tanker truck at the County Farm. There has been a recall on the new rescue truck for the windshield. He stated Dodge County is trying to work on the radio problem. Tommy Darsey, Mobile Communications, is working on a new antenna. EPD was called in on the recent plane crash so he had been working with them. He added he has worked with Glen Eagle Nursing Home on their staffing problem with nurses. He is doing a tabletop at Pineview Nursing Home tomorrow. EPD is coming tomorrow to look at the problem with the Wilcox County Landfill. Training was held last month with 30 participating. He stated that he attended Coroner training at Jekyll Island last week which would give him POST hours needed to maintain certification.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers presented a problem with the showers at the Jail. He stated a ventilation system needs to be installed.

The first item was the name change for Cedar Creek Fire Station as requested by the EMA/Fire Coordinator. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to make the change. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mel Powell presented information from the recent announcement from Middle Georgia EMC on their Broadband project. Commissioner Powell and County Manager Ball attended the announcement service as well as representation from the Wilcox County Chamber of Commerce.

There are two vacancies on the Heart of Georgia Aging Advisory Committee. The current appointees are Ruby Dantley and Vickie Kemp. Commissioner Jowan Johnson was requested to contact them to see if they are willing to continue to serve.

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown has obtained a quote from Mobile Communications for lights and radio for the new Wilcox County Rescue truck. The total amount of the quote is \$5,375.00. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the quote. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of old business was the 2021-2022 Eighth Judicial Judges' Budget. There is no increase over the previous year. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the 2021-2022 Public Defenders budget. County Manager Ball was asked to check with the other counties in our district to see if they were approving the budget. This item of business was postponed until the June Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mel Powell discussed an ongoing problem with road signs being stolen in his district.

The County Manager's Report was as follows:

- The National Day of Prayer Celebration will be May 6, 2021 on the Courthouse lawn.
- The Railroad Crossing on SR 112 in Rochelle will be closed tomorrow for maintenance.
- Paving on the Courthouse parking lot will begin the first of next week.

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

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk