

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE LOCATED IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Lanier Keene	Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Vice Chairman
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Mel Powell	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Paula J. Ball	County Manager/Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

He explained the meeting was called to discuss proper disposal of County property. He turned the meeting over to County Attorney Toni Sawyer to explain the process. Attorney Sawyer stated she was contacted about a vehicle that was donated to the City of Rochelle for use by the Senior Citizens Program. She explained the procedure for the disposal of vehicles seized by forfeiture. Originally, she thought it had been donated to the Rochelle Police Department but when she saw the article in the Wilcox Marketer, she realized that was not the case. She stated the Sheriff cannot donate a vehicle without approval from the County Commissioners.

Property has to be titled to the Governing Authority which is Wilcox County i.e. County Commissioners. The vehicle can be used by the Sheriff Department.

Ms. Sawyer cited a Clayton County court case. She stated two cases had gone before the Supreme Court and they were ruled the property can be designated for use by the Sheriff's Office for enforcement purposes.

Ms. Sawyer added no county property can be titled to an elected official. She specifically named Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Court, Probate Court or Magistrate Court. Everything has to be titled in the Wilcox County Commissioners name.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers stated he had consulted an attorney. Ms. Sawyer asked who it was because she would like to contact them. Sheriff Rodgers stated it was the attorney for the County Officials Association of Georgia. He stated his name was Brad. Tax Commissioner Carolyn Elsberry stated his last name was Hutchinson.

Chairman Lanier Keene stated we still have to make a decision. Attorney Toni Sawyer stated she would draw up a resolution and have it ready for the October meeting for the Commissioners to sign conveying ownership of the vehicle to the City of Rochelle for use by the Rochelle Senior Citizens Program. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to prepare the resolution. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

_____ Lanier Keene, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk