

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MARCH 7TH, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Vice Chairman
Jamie Handley	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Alfonzo Hall	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager/Clerk
Charles Futch	EMS/EMA Director
Richard Rhodes	Cedar Creek Fire Chief/Fire Consulate
Janice Brown	Coroner
Robert Rodgers	Wilcox County Sheriff
Larry Brown	Abbeville Fire Chief
Katy Haynes	4-H Activity Coordinator
Christin McBryant	DCSS Fatherhood
Scotty Keene	

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order 6:30p.m.

Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to approval minutes of the prior month. Commissioner Alfonzo Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Department Head Report

Fire Consultant Richard Rhodes informed the Board of Commissioners on the progress when it comes to locating ponds in the county. As of right now there is ongoing communication with the City of Pitts and the City of Pineview while not having much success with Rochelle or Abbeville. Skip Stirling came into town on two different occasions which helped us understand the pond locations and sending them off for drought studies. As of now we have 65 ponds located that would help Wilcox County in the future if they pass the drought study. Mr. Rhodes also informed the Board of Commissioners it would be best for the Wilcox County to have a pond every three miles for a water shuttle. At the next meeting he plans to give an update on the information he presented tonight along with long term plans we need to plan for down the road.

Mrs. Katy Haynes presented to the Board of Commissioners their activities taking place right now at the 4-H office. She is really excited to have kids involved again along with offering more for the area. Mrs. Haynes did ask the Board of Commissioners would they be interested in serving as judges for a picture contest which 4-H kids would take part in. After discussion the Board of Commissioners agreed to serve as a judging body on the next picture contest Mrs. Haynes will spearhead. This will take place at the next commissioners meeting.

Janice Brown had no update or anything to share.

EMS/EMA Charles Futch did not have an update for the meeting.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers jumped down the agenda and informed the Board of Commissioners about the quote for lighting, sirens, and other equipment needs for the two 2023 F-150 Patrol Trucks. The quotes came from Mobile Communication (Motorola), Two Way Communication (Kenwood), and West Chatham Warning Devices. After much discussion over the direction County Manager Michael Pomirko

informed the Board of Commissioners if we are going to invest into radios then we should either choose between Motorola and Kenwood? He went on to say if we picked Motorola we would have the same devices as we continued to improve our secondary communication system. The current system runs on analog and one day we should be digital. For that to happen we need to purchase analog/digital radios going forward according to County Manager Michael Pomirko. This could also mean we are taking baby steps into this journey and not trying to revamp the radio system overnight. After little discussion Commissioner Jowan Johnson made the motion we would approval the bid from Mobile Communications for two sheriff trucks (\$13,936.00) and going forward we will only invest into Motorola products for all communication. The motion was second by Commissioner Jamie Handley with a unanimously decision.

New Business

County Manager Michael Pomirko informed the Board of Commissioners on the current 2023 LMIG change order. Currently the county along with other counties/cities have already bid out their 2023 LMIG with a locked in price. After a three period all cities or a county must complete their projects so they can continue with future LMIG. According to Pomirko the change order would not affect the county in anyway and Pineview would use the locked in rate to pave Church Street in Pineview. A motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid for the change order for the City of Pineview and second by Commissioner Jamie Handley. The board had a unanimously vote on the motion.

Next Item of business comes from County Manager Michael Pomirko over the totaled Ford Sheriff Car. The check came in at \$14,359.25. Sheriff Robert Rodgers asked the commissioners he would like to use the money on a used F-150 from Dooly County Sheriff Office. The difference the county would need to match would be \$640.75 from County Manager Michael Pomirko.

The next item of business included a Trauma Grant worth \$3,063.84 for EMS that was used for I-Pads in the ambulance for telemedicine according to EMS/EMA Director Charles Futch.

The next item of business included the budget amendments for the Sheriff totaled car \$14,359.25 and Trauma Grant \$3,063.84 that would be moved from revenue back to the department for the purchase of the I-Pads in EMS and for the F-150 from Dooly County Sheriff Office according to County Manager Michael Pomirko. A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to make the budget amendment in the FY2023 budget to reflect the values presented on the budget amendments along with the purchase of the F-150 from Dooly County. The motion was second by Commissioner Alfonso Hall with a unanimously consist.

Next item of business came from County Manager Michael Pomirko over the future use of the Wiregrass Building. Pomirko added we had three rooms left that could be used for historical documents from the Courthouse. It is vital these records are not destroyed but put in a climate control environment so they are preserved. This would also give more space as we head into the elevator construction of the Courthouse and making sure we are complying with the law. County Manager Michael Pomirko asked that the Probate Court use room 114 & 115 while the Clerk of Courts used room 104 at the Wiregrass Building. A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Handley to use the office space as a historical document area for both Probate Court and Clerk of Court for the future. The motion was second by Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a unanimous consist.

Next item of business came from County Manager Michael Pomirko over the landfill clean up from both the Road Department along with Terracon who has helped us overcome the landfill issues this far. Mr. Pomirko informed the Board of Commissioners the State of Georgia gave us the okay to dig into the landfill so we can remove the troubled areas with hauling off and refill with the proper dirt or material needed for that area. The total cost of the project came in with the Road Department hauling and taking to proper landfill material off and refill would cost \$24,000.00. Terracon quote came in at \$68,450.00 which included replacing monitoring wells on site, monthly monitoring, and working on site with the Road Department with the project. The total cost for the entire work would cost \$92,450.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid to accept the quotes over the landfill with the proper cleanup and hauling off of material. The motion was second by Commissioner Jamie Handley with a unanimous consist.

Old Business

County Manager Michael Pomirko informed the Board of Commissioners over a clarity that was mailed out by Georgia Department of Public Health over House Bill 1443. Inside your packet was information on how the new bill worked in different situations that would help keep the confusion down. No action was needed.

County Manager Report

County Manager Michael Pomirko informed the Board of Commissioners over a few areas. He meet with MPHI over a maintenance work order from the FSA Office over a mold test they requested. After meeting with MPHI, an inferred camera was use to inspect the facility with no visible leaks of air, water, or other problems that could come with mold according to the company. Mr. Pomirko informed the board MPHI will be in town soon to conduct an air quality test and give us the results. Mr. Pomirko informed the board all expenses with the American Rescue Plan are due April 30, 2023. The new EMS Building metal structure is going up in the air with all concrete laid for the building. Currently working with EMA/EMS Director Charles Futch over the Opioid Settlement and how we can use the money by following the rules set by the agreement. The flooring was installed this past week at the Wiregrass Building with a few more details coming in the next few weeks.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Jamie Handley asked the board about a Purchase Policy and how we need one for the county. I have spoken with County Manager Michael Pomirko and he has one ready. County Manager Pomirko told the board we could have a workshop in the near future and speak on the purchase policy for the county which is very important.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid to adjourn second by Jamie Handley with a unanimously consent at 7:37p.m.



Mel Powell, Chairman



Michael Pomirko, County Manager/Clerk

