MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF 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.

Chairman Lanier Keene gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the January 8, 2019 regular monthly meeting and the January 31, 2019 special call meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Clay Reid. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

Department Head reports were as follows:

EMS Director Charles Futch stated he was just in attendance and had nothing to report.

The first item of new business was the expiration of Ruby Dantley and Vickie Kemp's terms on the Heart of Georgia Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to reappoint them to another term. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was the declaration of a John Deere 450E Dozer and a 1987 International Lowboy truck as surplus. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to declare the property surplus. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously. County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated there needs to be a decision on how the property will be disposed as well as the time frame for the bids and a minimum bid that would be accepted. The item will be placed on the March agenda for a decision on these matters.

Bids for a new roof on the Wilcox County Extension Office/FSA Office have been obtained. County Manager Paula Ball stated she has received two bids but does not have the third yet. She explained the building is not leaking so it is not a state of emergency. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to postpone a decision until the March monthly meeting. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Wilcox County Development Authority need to be updated. Appointments from the cities and the County Chairman are as follows:

Wilcox County Commission

City of Rochelle

City of Pineview

City of Pitts

City of Abbeville

Lanier Keene

Wayne McGuinty

Hollan Wilson

Jackie Clements

Michael Estes

This leaves the two at large members to be voted on by the Commission. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Jon Graham Wilson to the board. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to appoint Paula Ball to the board. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Mel Powell stated all his calls had been about roads. He has ridden with Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy and discussed several concerns.

Commissioners Jowan Johnson, Alfonza Hall and Clay Reid stated all was good.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

County Manager Paula Ball provided a letter from USDA stating rent payments have been cut off for the FSA Office until after the government shutdown.

The Legislative Fish Fry will be on March 6, 2019 at the Old Train Depot across from the Capitol.

An update on jail repairs was given.

A possible Legislative Luncheon was discussed for some time in October.

A FEMA grant application prepared by Michael Pomirko was presented which will provide a Thorngard warning system for Recreation as well as the Wilcox County School System. Updates on the landfill visit with EPD were discussed.

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

Lanier Keene, Chairman

Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk