

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4th, 2022 AT 6:30 IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Commissioner Lanier Keene called meeting to order.

Commissioner Lanier Keene gave the invocation.

All gave the pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the prior month's meetings. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Probate Judge, Shawn Rhodes, addressed the Commission Board to request a Ford Maverick for the Constable to utilize. It was suggested that magnetic signs be used on the vehicle if purchased so that the signs can be removed if another department needs to use the vehicle. The vehicle is estimated at \$22,900.

Sheriff Rodgers purchased bullet proof vest estimated roughly at \$7416. Sheriff Rodgers stated that new vests are required every 5 years. Sheriff Rodgers also mentioned to the need for two new vehicles and that he would settle for one, if necessary. 2015 Tahoe had been in the shop going on 3 weeks, the 2009 Crown Victoria was going on 2 ½ weeks and the 2016 had just been in the shop. His requests are to trade in the cars while they still have value. Sheriff Rodgers also stated that something needed to be done about the jail because inmates were complaining about housing and one claim he had contacted his attorney about the conditions of housing.

Major Welch requested that equipment be purchased from the general fund account that will be reimbursed by the T.E.N.G (Traffic Enforcement Network Grant) that focuses on Road Safety and the HVE grant. The T.E.N.G grant is about \$19,000 and the HVE grant is about \$30,000.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Mel Powell for Chairman. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Jowan Johnson for Vice Chairman. Chairman Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion that Toni Sawyer remains County Attorney, County Manager Paula Ball until retirement then Michael Pomirko to follow, effective April 1st. County Clerk Indya Tisdol, effective April 1st, 2022. Commissioner Clay Reid requested that we change auditors because his wife, Sherry Reid, Office Manager at the Sheriff's Office had issues with files being lost that the auditors requested. He stated she knows they were lost because they gave her a list of what was needed.

Sheriff office requested to sell 4 old vehicles and put money into equipment. Vice Chairman Johnson motioned to declare them surplus. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to purchase radios and towers with American Rescue Fund money. Commissioner Keene seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

Michael Pomirko, Recreation Department head, requested to move forward with USDA grant. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson motioned to proceed. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that followed unanimously.


County Attorney, Toni Sawyer stated Chairman Mel Powell needs to sign a letter to send to the Representative Williams for redistricting. Sponsorship is needed for the redistricting map prior to February 13th. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion that followed unanimously.

Chairman Mel Powell made a motion to enter executive session. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

Chairman Mel Powell made a motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene into the regular monthly meeting. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion. No decision was made.

With no further business, Chairman Mel Powell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Lanier Keene, Chairman



Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk