

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AT 6:30 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

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 for the August 6, 2019 workshop meeting, August 6, 2019 regular monthly meeting, August 20, 2019 workshop meeting, August 22, 2019 workshop meeting, August 27, 2019 workshop meeting and the August 29, 2019 workshop meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Mel Powell. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no guests with public comments.

The department head reports were as follows:

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown stated work has been completed on the Abbeville tanker. They are beginning work on the Rochelle tanker. The County tanker and the Pitts tanker will be updated also. He added there are six from the Cedar Creek Fire Department scheduled to attend training. The training class for Monday is full.

The first item of new business was the adoption of a proposed 2020 general fund budget. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adopt the budget in the amount of \$4,994,350.00. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A set of rules and regulations for the Wilcox County Board of Equalization need to be adopted. They have been prepared by and adopted by the Board but they need acceptance by the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adopt the rules and regulations. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Quitclaim deeds have been prepared by the Wilcox County Board of Education deeding the Old Gym and ROTC buildings to the County Commissioners. There has been discussions about an intergovernmental agreement on the Gym but we have not received it as of yet. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to postpone the acceptance of the deeds until the intergovernmental has been received and reviewed. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the bids on a new fuel station. They were as follows:

Above Ground Tanks	
Barber Petroleum Equipment	\$170,581.99
L & T, Inc.	\$152,512.00
Under Ground Tanks	
Barber Equipment	\$137,805.73
L & T, Inc.	\$118,715.00

Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy made a recommendation to accept the low bid from L & T, Inc. for the underground tank. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from L & T,

Inc. in the amount of \$118,715.00. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Two new USDA grants have been written by EMS Director Charles Futch and EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown. The EMS grant is for chest compression equipment and the EMA/Fire grant is for a new chassis for a rescue truck. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the grants and move forward with the process. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There were no items of old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Alfonza Hall presented the danger of the Sibbie Road/American Legion Road crossing. Adam Dowdy stated he would obtain prices on solar lights for the crossing.

Commissioner Lanier Keene presented an update on Falcon Circle and asked if Engineer Lance Wood had given an answer on whether the Walker Road project would pave all the way to the Church. County Manager Paula Ball stated Lance has not given a final answer on that. All paperwork has been submitted to GDOT and we have received confirmation for the work on Walker Road.

County Manager Paula Ball stated she had one suggestion. We are getting some new vehicles and we really need to make them last a long time. She recommended a no smoking policy on the newer vehicles.


Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to amend the agenda to allow a vote on the policy. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adopt a no smoking policy for County vehicles for years after 2018 and forward and to have a log in sheet for the Courthouse vehicle. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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