

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022 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
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk
Larry Brown	EMA/Fire Coordinator
Janice Brown	Coroner & Abbeville Fire Chief
Robert Rodgers	Sheriff

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to approve the prior month's meeting. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

John Bennett, Extension Agent, introduced Katie Haynes to the Board of Commissioners as the new 4-H coordinator.

Larry Brown, EMA Director, stated that he received the information he needed from Skip Starling and that he was just now waiting on the map. Some of the information he received were duplicate copies and not needed.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked if we should set up a meeting with the Mayors to discuss the situation relating to ISO and Fire. Larry agreed that a meeting should be scheduled.

Sheriff, Robert Rodgers, informed the commissioners that he had 2 new hires and 1 possible hire. They will attend the academy in January for 11 weeks and also have to pass an agility test and entrance exam. Currently Sheriff Rodgers said that he is surviving with part time help from Turner and Crisp County. Also, Sheriff Rodgers mentioned a program that he and 1st Baptist of Abbeville have rolled out a program that assists drug addicts with recovery. The class is every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked will the new officers be under a contract once they leave the academy and Sheriff Rodgers responded that they will be. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson asked if the new hires were local. Sherriff Rodgers stated one was local and the other one was from Rebecca. He also said that the officers were driven and motivated.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, notified the commissioners that he and Adam toured the roads in the county to see what improvements may need to be done. Addison road was in poor shape and Michael suggested using the remaining funds on improving other roads in the county. There are two

other options possible to improve; Option one was to start on County Farm and Addison road or option two was to start on Addison road and restripe and fix American Legion road.

Commissioner Lanier Keene suggested Addison road and striped American Legion road. Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to go with option two. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, informed the commissioners that an order on an Ambulance is 28-30 weeks out. It is important to get quotes now to look at purchasing one soon and to start the bidding process. Commissioner Clay Reid asked when is the deadline and Michael replied February 24th, 2023. Chairman, Mel Powell, asked if the bid process was for a new ambulance and Michael replied yes.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to start the bid process. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, informed the commissioners about the Lightning Prediction System that would benefit the Wilcox County school system and the Rec department. Two of the towers would be placed at the school and one at the rec department. The cost would be \$31,190. The Federal government would cover \$24, 143, the state would cover \$3,219 and local government would cover the remaining amount of \$4,828. Michael spoke with the Superintendent and asked if he would be willing to split the local cost and Superintendent Garnto did agree to split the cost.

The Regional Council sent a letter informing the commissioners that it was time to vote on the reappointment of Commissioner Clay Reid or to appoint someone else.

Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Clay Reid for the position. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

RMS representative, Susan Arnett asked the commissioners to table the item until the Title 6 training needed for G.D.O.T's approval was up to date.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to table the Title 6 item. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Alex McBryde who is leaving the Board of Tax Assessors suggested that Alex Clements be appointed to the board.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to appoint Alex Clements. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Michael informed the commissioners that the mulch and head from the grant has arrived and everyone should now start to see improvements.

Chairman Mel Powell asked where the Regional Commission meeting will be held and Michael replied that the assessment would be held virtually on November 8th.

Michael informed the commissioners that a meeting would be held Nov. 10th at 10 am at the EMS site for the groundbreaking for the new EMS site. Michael also informed the commissioners that he and Jeremy King, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, would be working together to make a public notice about the new building. The structure should go up in December.

A resignation from Barbara Bailey was submitted to the Board of Elections.

Michael notified the Commissioners that he received a letter from Attorney K. Reid in regards to the LOST meeting and Pitts agreed to meet on December 1st. All parties would be in different rooms and that would include the county and all of the cities.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

Mel Powell

Chairman, Mel Powell

Indya Tisdol

County Clerk, Indya Tisdol