

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM 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 September 7, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting, September 7, 2021 Workshop Meeting, September 16, 2021 Workshop Meeting, September 16, 2021 Special Call Meeting and the September 23, 2021 Special Call Meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Mel Powell. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Department Head reports or requests were as follows:

EMA/Fire Coordinator Larry Brown stated he has been talking with Skip Starling about the Countywide ISO rating.

The first item of new business was the 2023 transit grant application. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The second item of business was a license application from the Seville Dollar General requesting to sell beer and wine. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The 2021 proposed mil rate was discussed.

There was no old business.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

Commissioner Jowan Johnson stated street lights on Curry Street were not working correctly. County Manager Paula Ball stated she would contact Georgia Power.

Commissioner Clay Reid presented the need to obtain bids on the new EMS station. He made a motion to obtain a bid for a metal building from Intrepid Buildings in Waterloo. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Chairman Lanier Keene presented an update on the Middle Georgia EMC Broadband Initiative. He stated Don Wood says they are pouring a pad for the equipment building.

The County Manager's report was as follows:

A spreadsheet of future Wilcox County public safety improvements was presented. County Manager Paula Ball stated we need to have a long term plan if we are going to accomplish the necessary upgrades to public safety.

The County Manager presented a request from Clerk of Court Janet Mauldin to have deeds digitized for the past twenty years. The public could then obtain the deeds from the internet rather than having to come to the Courthouse and search for them.

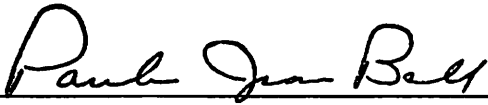
County Manager Paula Ball presented a notice of her retirement from Wilcox County effective March 31, 2021. She stated this would give us six months to find a replacement and bring them up to date on projects.

Commissioner Mel Powell presented the need to give the Wilcox County Board of Education an answer on whether or not we want to accept the Old Elementary School building. A workshop meeting was set up for Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

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



Lanier Keene, Chairman



Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk