

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, 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
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk
Larry Brown	EMA/Fire Coordinator
Janice Brown	Coroner & Abbeville Fire Chief
Christy Welch	Sheriff Dept.
Adam Dowdy	Road Superintendent

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to approval minutes of the prior month. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EMA director, Larry Brown, informed the commissioners that he hit a hog in the county vehicles and there was damage done to the bender and that he is waiting to hear from the adjuster.

A motion was needed for allocating funds to certain projects stated County Manager, Michael Pomirko.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to use ARP funds for upcoming projects. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that followed unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to keep the budget for DFACS the same. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Adam Dowdy and County Manager, Michael Pomirko, sat down and discussed drainage issues the county is having so that the GEMA grant can be applied for.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if the 10% of the Grant that has to be cover will be funded by the county, and if so how much would it be. 90% of the grant would be funded by GEMA. EMA Director, Larry Brown, said that he doesn't think that the county would have to cover it. Commissioner Lanier Keene stated that there is a road that has pipes that need to be changed and suggest it is looked into.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to move forward with the GEMA grant application. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There was much discussion about roads that needed piping work done.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, discussed adding two holidays to the county holidays. According to the holiday schedule presented, between federal and stated there are 12-15 holidays per year taken. Good Friday and Juneteenth were the two holidays suggested to be added.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if the Courthouse will stay open or close early the day before any holiday. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, responded that we are moving in the right direction. The courthouse stayed open all day Friday prior to the Labor Day holiday.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to incorporate Good Friday and Juneteenth into the Holiday Schedule going forward. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion that followed unanimously.

All of the roads that the Road Superintendent, Adam Dowdy and County Manager, Michael Pomirko have recently looked at did not make it onto the TSPLOST list.

There was much discussion about TSPLOST road projects.

County Attorney, Toni Sawyer, informed the commissioners that you have to prioritize what's on the list. LMIG projects can be determined by the county, but TSPLOST are set by the state.

Road Superintendent, Adam Dowdy, said that they work on the roads that can be saved.

There was much more discussion about road projects.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to advertise the transit. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that favored unanimously.

Road Superintendent, Adam Dowdy, said that they have finished Walker Road and will be moving to Turner Road next.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, discussed updating our phone systems which would save the county money during his report and also posting a notice for Walker Road bids October 3, 2022 @ 2:00p.m. A budget workshop will be schedule for department heads to meet with Mr. Pomirko.

Commissioner Lanier Keene said that he was trying to find relatives of William H. Duncan so that they could be present for the groundbreaking ceremony. He said that he knew there was niece, but wasn't sure how to get in contact with her. M.L. Lewis, president of the Democratic Party, said that Gwendolyn Smith of Rochelle, Ga was the niece and that he would let her know.

Road Superintendent, Adam Dowdy, said that his motor grader would cost \$50,000 to be fixed. He suggested the commissioners look into leasing the equipment instead of financing because if something breaks then it would be the manufactures responsibility to fix it. It would cut the repair bill down and also after leasing it for 5 years, the equipment could be returned. If anything goes wrong while the equipment is in his possession, he wouldn't cost the county anything because they manufacturer would have to repair the equipment. The new models don't hold much value with these new computer systems that are being used in them today, if you purchase the equipment at the end of the lease and then try to turn around and sell it for profit. Caterpillar machinery is operator proof, but he doesn't want any parts of John Deere.

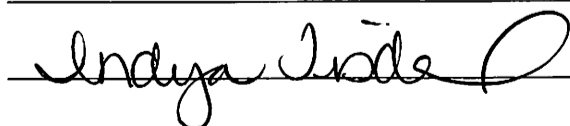
Chairman Mel Powell asked if the John Deere equipment was something we could sell. Adam told Chairman Powell that we still owe on the John Deere equipment, but he doesn't think that we are upside down on it.

Commissioner Lanier Keene made a motion to enter executive session. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

With there being no further business, Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.



Mel Powell, Chairman



Indya Tisdol, County Clerk