

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Paula Ball	County Manager
Michael Pomirko	Incoming County Manager
Indya Tisdol	Incoming County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Keene gave the invocation.

County Attorney, Toni Sawyer, stated that the Statham Shoals project was to be completed by Dec. 31, 2022 by East Coast Asphalt. County Attorney stated since this isn't an emergency matter, Statham Shoals needs to be rebid. Also, the safety action project on Sibbie Road was to be done by the same company and had not been completed. The contractors did not reach out nor was a contract signed. Lance Woods and Ronnie Kent, county engineers stated that couldn't do work without the contract being complete.

Commissioner Clay Reid said the price has gone up, so we may not be able to find someone else for that amount. County Attorney stated that we are governed by law and have to follow protocol. County Attorney stated that East Coast Asphalt bond need to be contacted so that we can recoup for work not being done due to breach of contract and failure of communication. County Attorney stated that the county needs to reach out to GDOT to see what we need to do to move forward with this project and it needs to be in writing.

Kyle Spivey sent Lance Woods, county engineer, and email wanting to change the material after the bid was set.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to reach out to GDOT to see what the next course of action is. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded that motion and the vote carried unanimously.

Chairman Mel Powell stated that we have the new EMS building. County Attorney, Toni Sawyer, stated that ACCG representative Mr. O'Quinn reached out to her in regards to the EMS building. County Attorney stated that SPLOST documents state that a new EMS building had to be built.

County Attorney, Toni Sawyer, stated that 2017 SPLOST funds cannot be used to remodel the Wiregrass building for EMS.

Chairman Mel Powell and Commissioner Clay Reid mentioned that the agreement was to build a new EMS building once the old building is torn down and that the wiregrass building is a temporary fix.

EMT Mitch Aultman stated he didn't feel comfortable drinking the water where the current EMS building is after the landfill spill. Commissioners stated that a well will be dug so that water could be run from across the road.

Chairman Mel Powell stated that we need to make sure that we know what we are doing before we move too fast with building the new EMS building.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to move forward with building plans that Glenn Gregory had drafted for the new EMS building. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Michael Pomirko, incoming County Manager, stated that he had been working with Charles and Adam in regards to making sure everyone is taken care of with their requests of vehicles. Michael suggested that two F 150 trucks be purchased from Brannen with one being for the Sheriff office and the other for EMS. While Adam would get a vehicle from the Sheriff and would basically be a rotation and two new vehicles purchased. Michael stated that if the vehicles were purchased from Brannen, there would be an 18 month waiting period before obtaining the vehicles.

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated we needed a vehicle for magistrate also. Michael informed the commissioner that magistrate decided to get a used transmission with a 3 year warranty instead of purchasing a new vehicle and that no money would have to come out of the general fund account. Commissioner Clay Reid asked Sheriff Rodgers if they could cover equipment funds if vehicles were purchased. Sheriff Rodgers stated that they didn't have a significant amount in their equipment fund account.

Commissioner Clay Reid stated that the discussion needed to be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to table the discussion. Chairman Mel Powell seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

EMT Mitch Aultman stated that one of the ambulances over heats and idles a lot. He said that he wouldn't drive it to Macon.

Michael Pomirko, incoming County Manager, stated that an ambulance could be purchased with American Rescue Plan funds.

Commissioner Clay Reid stated to incoming County Manager, Michael, that he wanted a breakdown of what all will be funded and how will it be funded.


Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to table the ambulance purchase until next meeting. Commissioner Keene seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

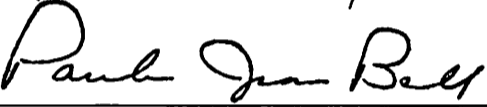
Commissioner Lanier Keene asked about EMC broadband project. Commissioner Clay Reid stated that he heard the project had not been started on because the state wasn't going to fund it.

Incoming County Manager, Michael Pomirko requested a motion to amend the budget to show funding for repairs at the recreation department and Ag center.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to amend. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lanier Keene requested another workshop meeting in reference to the radio tower. Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.


_____ Mel Powell, Chairman


_____ Paula J Ball, County Manager