

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON JULY 19TH, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Vice Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk
Larry Brown	EMA Director
Michael Welch	Sheriff Department

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, began the meeting by informing the commissioners that the carbon barrier at the Landfill is doing its job to stop what needs to be done in the clean-up process. There was a three part situation to control which included the landfill, gas tank, and some wells at the site area that was polluted. He informed the commissioners that there is a new quote to continue monitoring and cleaning those areas as needed. New wells were put in; however old wells are still intact to sample what was underneath the ground. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is currently conducting what is called an ERI pilot study to monitor the ground and are looking for oil, petroleum, or gas by inserting a probe into the ground that will trigger if any of those elements are detected underneath the ground.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if the well EPA is currently monitoring an old well or new one. Michael replied that it was an old well.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked how much the project was going to cost. Michael replied that it would cost the county \$46,350.00.

Chairman Mel Powell asked how long would the Pilot Study last and if the study goes longer will the county have to pay more money. Michael replied that it would maybe last another two to three months and if it does last longer, we would be looking at paying more money to monitor the situation.

Commissioner Lanier Keene asked where the funds would come from to cover the cost. Michael replied that it would come from the American Rescue Plan funds.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked if we could hold off until next budget year on the landfill monitoring if it needs to be continue after this current study. Michael replied that he could EPA and find out.

Chairman Mel Powell asked if we could pay out of the American Rescue Plan money, if more monitoring needed to be done. Commissioner Lanier Keene then stated that if the county does that then what we would fund other projects with when the funds have already been planned for those projects. Michael replied that we would have to pull the money from General Funds to cover those expenses and informed the commissioners that we are working with a tight budget.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to spend \$46,350.00 of the American Rescue Plan funds to continue monitoring the landfill. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the commissioners that two departments had been having issues with their phone lines – the probate and superior court offices. Michael stated that he had spoken with Daniel Baker about installing wireless phones if the internet was switched to fiber in the building because of the outdated phone system that we currently have. It would cost \$225.00 a month, but in the long run it would save \$600. Commissioner Jowan Johnson asked how long the process would take to install the new phones and install the fiber into the building. Michael responded that it may take a year.

Daniel would take care of the phones because we would not purchase the phones via Windstream which is what they proposed to do. The Sheriff department has fiber in their building already, and eventually it will go in to all the buildings, said Michael.

Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson motioned to update the phone system to fiber. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, stated that a line item would be created in the budget for grants to reflect any expenses regarding the Sheriff Office grants. Michael Welch stated that the Sheriff Office received two grants – T.E.N and H.V.E Grants. Michael Welch said that every month he makes a copy of all receipts and submit them for reimbursement. Every month Michael Welch has to send in a copy of the payroll sheet to the state of Georgia showing hours have been worked prior to them receiving reimbursement. Going forward, Michael suggested that the budget is amended every six months to reflect expenses accurately. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, asked Lieutenant Michael Welch would the figures stay the same each month and Welch replied that it would vary depending on what is put in the grant.

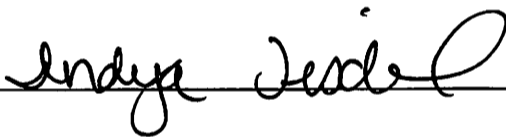
Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson motioned to enter executive session. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to exit executive session. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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



Chairman, Mel Powell



County Clerk, Indya Tisdol