

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON JULY 21st, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Wilcox County:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Vice Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lanier Keene gave the invocation.

All gave the pledge.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, informed the commissioners that an open vote was needed on two positions that were discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to increase the UGA coordinator position salary by \$1,367.00. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded that motion that carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to contract Paula Jones Ball for one year as the Financial Consultant. Commissioner Lanier Keene seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson voted against the motion.

County engineer, Lance Woods, began the meeting addressing the change order that was put in place for the project at Statham Shoals road. The change order listed that the project would change from rock to soil cement with surface treatment. Ronnie Kent, county engineer, passed the Statham Shoals road on his way to Ben Hill county several days and noticed that the road had been paved, but they were not contacted prior to East Coast Asphalt starting the project so that they could oversee everything was being done correctly. Ronnie made some calls and emailed East Coast Asphalt to get updates on the project because there was no prior notice. Surface treatment was not put down and typically engineers are present to make sure the road is swept and the treatment is put down as planned, stated Lance.

Chairman Mel Powell asked if there was no soil cement. Lance replied and stated that the soil cement and prime was there, but no surface treatment was put down.

Jared Carver (Quality Control Manager) and Kelley Murray (Operations) were present to represent East Coast Asphalt. Mr. Murray stated that they took full responsibility. A subcontractor, Littlefield, was used and even with all of the paperwork the subcontractor received with the specifics and directions, they still failed to reach out to the county engineers. East Coast Asphalt said they could still put the surface treatment down since it is listed on the change order or the County could save \$12,000 and not have it put down.

Lance stated the he wasn't worried about the road cracking and it won't hurt the road if the surface treatment is put down or not, but if it is put down on top of what is already down then the asphalt would have to go down quickly. He also stated that the county doesn't know how much asphalt has been put down. Kyle from East Coast Asphalt wanted to move forward with other options Lance stated when they talked on the phone. Lance stated that he told Kyle that the call is up to the commissioners and whatever the commissioners decided is what he will go along with.

Commissioner Lanier Keene stated that he drove out there to the site at Statham Shoals road and the work that had been done seemed to appear coarse. Lance replied that is because the rock stays on top of each other and it is just a base. Lance said that normally he and Ronnie are there when the asphalt is put down, but they were not notified.

East Coast asphalt representative, Mr. Murray, stated that GDOT doesn't oversee any of the projects as much as they had done in the past. He wasn't sure if it was because they are short staffed or if there may be another reason as to why. He said they may see one person a week from GDOT when they are working on projects.

Jared Carver, Quality Control Manager from East Coast Asphalt, stated that the Asphalt had been tested and it is good.

Lance stated that as far as the soil cement and road- everything appeared to look good. The asphalt is 4" thick, but the idea of putting surface treatment down was to try to prevent or catch any cracking.


Commissioner Lanier Keene asked if the engineers would be notified once the project resumes and if not, we do not need to pay. East Coast Asphalt responded and said yes.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to put the surface treatment on top of the asphalt and to continue the project. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

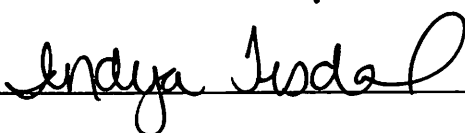
County Manager, Michael Pomirko, asked East Coast Asphalt how long it would be before they resume the project. Mr. Carver and Mr. Murray said that Little Field would be contacted to see if it can be in the next few weeks.

Lance asked East Coast Asphalt representatives about other projects that had not been completed yet. He stated they the company had went through three different striping contractors and roads were still neglected or incomplete and that it was a safety issue. Also, liquidated damages were racking up and there had been no coordination on the projects and that it makes himself and Ronnie look bad to their customers. Lance asked if they could provide an update. East Coast asphalt responded that they have had more work than people to do the job.

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



Chairman, Mel Powell



County Clerk, Indya Tisdol