

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AT 5:30 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
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk
Larry Brown	EMA/Fire Coordinator

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lanier Keene gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

Representation from Vanguard Renewables was present to give a presentation over their services and what benefits it would have on the farming industry here in Wilcox County, specifically working with Schaapman Farms.

Anaerobic digestion is used for waste water treatment which would break down cow manure and food waste turning it into liquid fertilizer with no smell. The business supports small/medium sized dairy farms, keeps waste out of landfills, keeps farms viable, and suppresses the smell caused by manure.

There was much discussion about the project during the presentation.

All state level zoning requires a letter of support or zoning compliance letter from the governing body of the county or city.

Commissioner Clay Reid asked if the system had been tried anywhere else in the state of Georgia and the representative stated that they are working on it in Oglethorpe Georgia. However, there are two sides to their business and other operating factor has been done in Americus, Ga.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to grant a letter of support to Vanguard Renewables. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Skip Sterling was present to discuss what requirements must be met in order to lower the ISO rating in the county. Currently, there are 5 stations within the city limits and county altogether. Skip stated that all stations have the capability to meet the ISO rating. Each city controls their destiny and must provide data to move forward. As of now, no data from the cities have been submitted.

Skip stated that the things that are needed are the last 12 months of training records which each volunteer must have at least 24 hours to receive credit from ISO.

There was much discussion about fire stations, ISO ratings, and paper work that is needed to move forward.

Larry Brown, EMA director suggested meeting with all the mayors and fire chiefs.

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

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adjourn executive session. Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

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

*Mel Powell*

Chairman, Mel Powell

Clerk, Indya Tisdol