

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Lanier Keene	Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Vice Chairman
Mel Powell	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Paula J. Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mel Powell gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prior month's minutes from the October 4, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting, October 7, 2021 Workshop Meeting, October 7, 2021 Special Call Meeting, October 22, 2021 Public Hearing and the October 22, 2021 Special Call Meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Mel Powell. Commission Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The first item of new business was a vehicle for the Constable as previously requested by Magistrate Judge Shawn Rhodes. County Manager Paula Ball explained that Judge Rhodes could not attend because he had been asked to hear a case for Ben Hill County. He is requesting the Commission to consider his previous request for an upgrade in the Constable vehicle. He has said he will try to attend our next meeting.

Adam Dowdy, Road Superintendent, has requested two items of equipment be declared surplus. They are a Cat IT 24F Front End Loader and a Cat 953 Front End Loader. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to declare the equipment surplus. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

A vacancy on the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission has occurred due the expiration of Clay Reid's term on December 31, 2021. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to appoint Clay Reid to another term. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

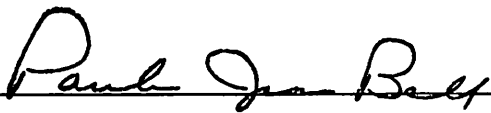
A vacancy on the Wilcox County Board of Tax Assessors has occurred due to the loss of Glenn McDuffie. It was presented that Alex McBryde has expressed an interest in serving. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Alex McBryde to the unexpired term of Glenn McDuffie. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

The only item of old business was the future EMS Station. Commissioner Mel Powell stated the acquisition of the Wiregrass Technical School Building in Rochelle had been voted on but was not unanimous. The State has said it would be better if all Commissioners would sign a letter requesting the building. Chairman Lanier Keene said he does not have a problem with acquiring the building as long as no county funds are spent on the building until it is legally owned by Wilcox County. Commissioner Clay Reid added we could obtain ownership of the building by the first of the year. He stated the EMS does not have to stay there permanently. Chairman Lanier Keene asked if the other Commissioners were just totally against building a new building. Commissioner Clay Reid stated we could save money that could be used toward equipment. Commissioner Mel Powell said we need to get them out of the current house. It may take a while to get the shelters. After further discussion, Commissioner Mel Powell made

a motion to acquire the Wiregrass Technical Building and temporarily move the EMS in the building until a new building could be built. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alfonza Hall seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lanier Keene, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk