

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25TH, 2022 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
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Lanier Keene	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Indya Tisdol	County Clerk

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order.

Chairman Mel Powell gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid stated that they may have to move USDA into another building.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, gave the commissioners information that included pay structures based on the minimum and maximum pay for positions in the county. With the pay rates we currently are paying shows that we are in the ball park for a county our size. Michael asked the commissioners if they see anything too high to let him know so that we can possibly adjust. Michael said that if we went to a cost of living raise, it would keep us in a proactive stage.

Commissioner, Clay Reid, stated that it would also keep us from having to give drastic raises if we gradually increased pay for employees. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, said that it would get tricky with departments who have a lot of overtime. Commissioner Clay Reid said that would only be the Sheriff department and EMS department because they never shut down. Michael stated that everyone could receive a 3% raise or 2% raise depending on what the county could afford.

Chairman, Mel Powell, stated that the cost of living rate this year would be high.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, said a decision doesn't need to be made now and that the information would be good for the commissioners to look at so that they stay in front of everything.

A quote was received from Pruet Heat and Air Conditioning. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, told the commissioners that he and the previous County Manager, Paula Ball had been working on this issue for quite some time. During this time of the year, they could never get the courtroom to be cool enough and it is still an ongoing issue. Today, there was a huge leak that was noticed. The air conditioning company, Pruet Heat and Air, recommended 4 tons be added to the backside of the courtroom and another 4 ton in front or the side of the courtroom. The unit has not been cut off in the courtroom since April. The water coolers aren't really a great deal of help if there isn't any ice in the coolers to keep it cool. Also, if the water is not a certain temperature then it could cause people to get sick.

Commissioner, Lanier Keene, asked would the units run outside or would they have to be placed inside. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, stated that they would run ducts outside like what we currently have. The project was quoted at \$29,000 which doesn't include the wiring that would be needed.

During the last meeting, County Manager, Michael Pomirko, was asked to reach out to Mr. Ronnie about the radios. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, said that everything in Dodge is Kenwood. Dodge added height to their tower. Mr. Ronnie told Michael that he didn't prefer one over the other. However, if we decided to go with Motorola then we would need to purchase at least 4 handheld radios. If we went with Kenwood then the repeater at the AG Center would have to be updated. It would cost \$5,000 to replace the handhelds and \$3500 to replace the repeaters. Commissioner Lanier Keene asked County Manager, Michael Pomirko, if he crunched any numbers between Motorola and Kenwood. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, said that it seems like Motorola is like a Cadillac and suggested to the commissioners that we go digital so that we are all on one system. Chairman, Mel Powell, asked if we have the finances for the tower. County Manager, Michael Pomirko, said that he was about to discuss that after the update

on the Tower. Michael also said that the county could go with cheaper version of radios of Kenwood or Motorola.

There was discussion about the extension from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in regards to the landfill. So far, the county has spent \$484,446 on the landfill clean up and there could be more in the future. There is 20,000 left for the radios and \$110,000 left for the EMS project. \$170,000 is budgeted for the elevator and there is currently \$160,000 in SPLOST. If we go past a certain dollar amount in the budget year then a single audit will have to be done which can be very expensive.

County Manager, Michael Pomirko, told the commissioners he plans to sit down with each department once a month and go over the budget, any questions or concerns, problems that he may need to be made aware of, future goals, and how everyone can work together as a team.

Commissioner Lanier Keene motioned to adjourn the meeting with there being no further business. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Mel Powell Chairman, Mel Powell

Indya Tisdol County Clerk, Indya Tisdol