

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2020 AT 5:10 P.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Department Head Michael Pomirko presented 2020-2021 budget proposals for the departments he oversees.

Mr. Pomirko advised the Commissioners that several areas would stay the same.

A \$20,000 increase for Extension was requested for a work truck and increase of salary for Sara Sercer.

Mr. Pomirko stated that the Recreation Department, Agricultural Building, and County buildings would increase.

Mr. Pomirko presented the Commissioners with a proposed quote to re-pave the Wilcox County Courthouse parking lot. However, County Manager Paula Ball stated that re-paving the parking lot would need to wait until the next fiscal year.

There were also mentions of purchasing new computer software for the Commissioner's Office. The quotes were not included in the budget printout, but more discussion on the matter would take place at the next budget meeting.

Mr. Pomirko presented the Recreation budget. He stated that he planned to start basketball, but he could make a cut if need be. All foreseeable expenditures are included in the budget worksheet for study. Mr. Pomirko stated that due to unforeseeable issues with COVID-19, a cut of \$14,000 was made to the Recreation Department budget.

Mr. Pomirko stated that he had replaced 145 light panels in the facilities he manages.

Mr. Pomirko presented the proposed budget for the Agricultural Building. He stated that the AC units were under control with correct maintenance. Because of an issue with the unit in bathroom, Mr. Pomirko stated it would be more fiscally responsible to purchase a new unit for the bathroom, smaller area, and kitchen. He mentioned replacing the lights under the building and building a 5-foot

cinderblock wall to accommodate livestock and prevent water from going under the door of the main building.

Chairman Lanier Keene questioned if the rentals of the Agricultural Center were stopped; Mr. Pomirko stated that the rentals have slowed, but not stopped completely. Mr. Pomirko mentioned the option of including a PA system in the AG center to increase source of revenue.

Mr. Pomirko presented the budget for the Community Service Center. He stated there was only one more AC unit to replace. There were mentions of more improvements, such as repairing the floor, but such improvements were included in the budget printout.

FSA budget was presented next. Mr. Pomirko's biggest fear was the repairs and maintenance including servicing units, replacing LED bulbs, and the extra expenditures due to increased AC service calls. However, extension would share some of the costs.

Mr. Pomirko explained that the rest of the departments stayed the same. The buildings are in better shape from maintenance from this fiscal year.


County Manager Paula Ball stated the radio grant would not cover the radio, but it would cover the tower and repeater. She states that the grant would cover the 911 equipment as well. With the 911 equipment and towers, the county could possibly get its own 911 service.

With no further business, Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously.



Lanier Keene, Chairman



Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk