

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 1st, 2023 AT 6:30 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
Alfonza Hall	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Jamie Handley	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager
Janice Brown	Coroner
Callie Vandegrift	County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
John Bennet	Extension County Agent

Call to Order

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson gave the invocation

All gave the Pledge

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes

Commissioner Jamie Handley made a motion to approve the prior month's minutes. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson and was carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution (Pintail Lane) - County Attorney Toni Sawyer explained that there is a process when you decided to close a road. This government has to approve this process, a notice has to be put in the newspaper, the land owners need to be made aware of this, and there has to be a trial. The hearing to start this process will be at the next meeting in September at 6:30 P.M. and the regular meeting will be pushed back to 6:45 P.M. A vote will take place at this hearing. A motion approving this was made by Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson and seconded by Jamie Handley. This carried unanimously.

Guidelines transporting Youth & Adults (Extension Office) – Extension County Agent John Bennet presented the new resolution stating that only 10 people (including the driver) can ride on a bus older than a 2012 model. The bus that they have is a 2009 which means it does not fit into the new guidelines.

Vera Gibson (Tax Assessor Board) Reappoint – Vice Chairman Jowan Johnson made a motion to reappoint Vera Gibson onto the Tax Assessor's Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Alfonza Hall and carried unanimously.

County Holiday Calendar 2024 – No changes will take place on the new calendar.

Old Business

USDA Grant (Coroner Van) – County Manager Michael Pomirko stated that USDA has cut grant funding which means reapplying for a grant for the coroner van means there will be a loss of money. There will need to be a decision made over the van by the next budget year at the latest. Getting a new van is also an option. Coroner Janice Brown stated that the air conditioner in her van does work better now.

Department Head Reports

There were no department head reports.

County Manger Report

We are working on finishing up the FY22 audit.

He has received a cost estimate on repaving Barrentine Road which is broken down into three sections.


The county only had to replace one road sign regarding house bill 189 that was passed.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to go into executive session at 6:42 P.M. This was seconded by Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded this motion and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jamie Handley motioned to leave executive session at 6:57 P.M. Commissioner Clay Reid seconded this.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded.


_____ Mel Powell, Chairman


_____ County Clerk, Callie Vandegrift