

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Mel Powell        | Chairman               |
| Jowan Johnson     | Vice Chairman          |
| Clay Reid         | Commissioner           |
| Jamie Handley     | Commissioner           |
| Alfonza Hall      | Commissioner           |
| Michael Pomirko   | County Manager         |
| Callie Vandegrift | County Clerk           |
| Charles Futch     | EMA/Fire Coordinator   |
| Janice Brown      | Coroner                |
| Richard Rhodes    | Cedar Creek Fire Chief |
| RT Hardy          | Guest Speaker          |
| Nicole Embry      | Guest Speaker          |
| Ralph McKinney    | Guest Speaker          |
| Lucas Allison     | Cordele Dispatch       |

Call to Order

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

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

All gave the pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to approve the prior months minutes. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded this motion with a unanimously consent from the board.

Guests with Public Comments

Mr. RT Hardy gave his concerns on Odessa Road along with a private drive located within Seville for which the city put in a water line. He stated that the problems comes with the public coming down this road and causing traffic problems even though only two residents live on the private drive. Mr. RT Hardy as the Board of Commissioners could someone informs him along with Mrs. Nicole Embry if the road is considered private or public. County Manager Michael Pomirko and Road Superintendent were tasks by the board to look into the problem and see if we can clear up any misunderstanding. Mrs. Nicole Embry also resides in the same area has the same concerns which resembled what Mr. RT Hardy introduced to the Board of Commissioners.

New Business

The first item of business included the approval for the concrete work considered on the outside of the new EMS facility. Adam Dowdy Road Superintendent says that there will be a new quote for concrete coming in next week which gives three total quotes for the project. The item of business was tabled by Commissioner Clay Reid and seconded by Commissioner Jamie Handley and was carried unanimously until the third bid came in.

The second item of business included the discussion of adding a front porch addition 10'x10' to the new EMS facility for \$7,500.00 was tabled as well until all the concrete quotes comes in.

The third item of business includes the approval of a Signage/Plaque at the Will Duncan Emergency Medical Facility. The signage would total \$1725.00 if made with wood, which included two 6" x 6" wood posts holding a metal sign on both sides. The other total for the metal sign would include a 6" x 6" metal post holding the metal sign at \$2532.00. The plaque included

the recognition of Mr. Will Duncan who made a generous donation for the facility. Commissioner Jowan Johnson motioned for the approval of the sign/plaque and Commissioner Clay Reid seconded with a unanimous consent.

#### Old Business

The forth item of business included the appointment of Mrs. Vicky Kemp willingness to serve a second appointment on the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Jamie Handley motioned this and was seconded by Commissioner Alfonza Hall with a unanimous consent.

It was decided to move forward on the Courthouse Parking lot Sign and no vote was needed that would cover the county for events on the parking lot and other events that may take place.

Mr. Ralph McKinney (Pintail Lane) continues to give his concerns on Pintail Lane and is request to a road closure. He says that the sheriff has been called multiple times due to stealing and vandalism but there has been no incident report filed. Commissioner Jamie Handley stated that if they were to push forward with this and close one road, they would have to continue to do it with everyone who has a problem with a road. There are no safety signs on this road and Mr. McKinney says that DOT has installed pipe in the past with it connecting to Highway 129. Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to start the process to close this road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamie Handley with a vote from all commissioners in favor.

#### Department Head Reports

Coroner Janice Brown gave a price for a new coroners van for \$57,850.00 which would include a petition wall, but would need a radio, lights, and a liner for \$999.00 that only covered the liner. Ms. Brown says that her current van does not cool and only has vent in the back. She also says that there was a \$38,000.00 grant but it is no longer in the budget. Chairman Mel Powell says to continue to use the current van as there is just not enough money to get a new one.

#### County Manager Reports

County Manager Michael Pomirko gave an update on the new county website stating that we are only about two emails from completion.

There is a new state bill that increases weight on roads; we only have to replace some signage. Tammy has already made the new signage for this and will get it out to the Road Department.

We are working on continuing to improve the phone systems.

Update on 2022-2023 LMIG, we are hoping to see some roads get paved soon.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:16 P.M. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded.

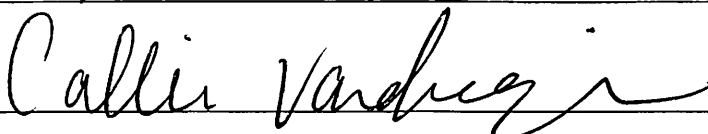
Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to leave executive session at 7:28 P.M. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to approve the expense of \$23,902.00 to be used for related opioid expenses that came in from the lawsuit settlement. The motion was second Clay Reid with a unanimous consent from the board.

No comments came from Commissioners comments.

Commissioner Clay Reid motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded and that carried unanimously.

  
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Mel Powell, Chairman

  
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Callie Vandergrift, AP Clerk