

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 6TH, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Vice-Chairman
Alfonzo Hall	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Jamie Handley	Commissioner
Janice Brown	Coroner
Richard Rhodes	Fire Consultant
Charles Futch	EMS/EMA Director
Michael Pomirko	County Manager

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Lucas Allison gave the invocation.

All gave the pledge.

Commissioner Clay Reid motioned the approval minutes of the prior month. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded the motion.

Guest with Public Comments

Mr. Ralph McKinney proposed to the Board of Commissioners of the closure of the road Pintail Lane. Mr. McKinney stated that the last time he was present; the EMS said that the reason for the road to stay open was because it would cost them 4 minutes of travel time. Mr. McKinney. Says that he ran the time and that it takes one minute to slow and turn, and 2 minutes and 12 seconds to completely drive down the road. This road is not wide enough for two people to travel, which he says could potentially be a waste of time for an ambulance or fire truck by taking the chance of someone potentially being on the road. He says that he is having trouble with theft and people breaking into his home. The last 5 years he has had to have two doors replaced because of it, and the sheriff's department has been called numerous times. Commissioner Jamie Handley asks what the difference is between the trauma designation of Hawkinsville and Dodge County. Charles Futch says that Dodge does not have a trauma designation center. Chairman Mel Powell states that there is a process in closing a road down. Commissioner Jowan Johnson states that he is not familiar with the road at all. Commissioner Handley says that there are many residents that use that road as a form of travel, and they would have to be considered also. The motion was tabled until Commissioner Jowan Johnson views road.

Prince Lopez with DDA Rochelle Marketplace comes in. Mr. Lopez is here on the Juneteenth Parades side with a grant request covering arts and culture for the parade of \$100 or more. He says that he is very enthusiastic about the parade and there will be 23 entries, and he asks the people who live on the line where the parade will take place to tidy their yards and houses. County Manager Michael Pomirko says that you cannot use public funds for private events. Commissioner Jowan Johnson questioned Mr. Lopez about what he would be using the money for. Mr. Lopez responded that the money will go towards the parades needs and expenditures. Commissioner Jamie Handley says it is unfair to give just one Downtown Development Authority money and not give it to the others. This grant was denied.

New Business

County manager says that there needs to two budgets approved tonight. The first being the Public Defender Office FY24 and there are no changes. The total amount is \$24,205.29. Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to approve the Public Defender FY24 budget. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded with a unanimous vote.

The next budget needing to be approved is the Superior Court FY24, which is at \$68,928. There are no changes. Commissioner Clay Reid motioned to adopt the FY24 Superior Court budget. Commissioner Jamie Handley seconded with a unanimous vote.

There are two appointments for the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC Area on Aging. The current positions are held by Ms. Ruby Dantley and Ms. Vicki Kemp. Ms. Dantley does not want to serve another term. County manager Michael Pomirko asked to have a special called meeting this month to fill the terms. The item was tabled until a later meeting.

Old Business

County manager Michael Pomirko stated that there was a contract made on June 26th, 2018 at the Special Called Meeting and since then we have completed part two of this contract. The county now owes a second payment of \$8,000. This payment covers the drought study that was done in the past.

For the 2024 SPLOST Approval Projects, County Manager Michael Pomirko says that all that is needed to turn in is a previous list that has already been looked at and the same of the projects for the referendum. The official vote will take place once the official resolution is signed along with the IGA.

Department Head Results

Sheriff Robert Rodgers talks about the jail needing to be cleaning and that there is nowhere to put 10-20 inmates. County Manager Michael Pomirko asks if the inmates could go outside for half a day or two while they clean the inside, then Sheriff Roberts talks about how hot it is outside and how everyone is full, no one is willing to take all the inmates.

Coroner Janice Brown says that the air conditioner does not work in the back of the van. Ms. Brown says that the front blows air but the back stays hot. It is blowing air but it is not cold.

County Manager Reports

County Manager Michael Pomirko states that we are about 60% complete with the new EMS building and that hopefully the sheetrock and a few other things will be in this weekend.

The Demo for the new elevator at the courthouse will begin June 19th.

Walker Road T-SPLOST Project is officially complete.

The next meeting will fall on July 4th, he asks to move it to the following Tuesday July 11th, 2023.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jamie Handley asks if there are any county ordinances about household trash in the public's yard that can be enforced. County Manager Michael Pomirko states that there is a

litter ordinance. If the trash is on someone's private property and they are okay and aware of it then it does not fall under the ordinance.

At 7:22 P.M. Commissioner Jamie Handley made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Commissioner Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

Mel Powell

Mel Powell, Chairman

Michael Pomirko

Michael Pomirko, County Manager Clerk