

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mel Powell	Chairman
Jamie Handley	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Alfonzo Hall	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager/Clerk
Adam Dowdy	Road Superintendent
Lucas Allison	Cordele Dispatch
Brent Peebles	Guest

Chairman Mel Powell called the meeting to order 5:30p.m.

Chairman Powell gave the invocation.

All gave the Pledge.

First item of business included the sale of pipes from the Road Department to the general public. Road Superintendent talked about the money coming from SPLOST to pay for the pipe while the revenue went into the general fund. County Manager Michael Pomirko suggested since we reduced the total amount in the 2024 SPLOST that we get away from sale pipe like a business to the general public and worry more about covering county roads. Also, Pomirko suggested that we have a local business that we purchase the pipe from and it would not be good for the county to compete with a local business. Adam Dowdy also suggested after speaking with other road departments in neighboring counties that we look at a fee for installing private drive ways. Commissioner Jamie Handley talked about the importance of depleting our stock of pipe and not being able to put the money back into the pipe sale. Mr. Dowdy also told the board of the price increase in for pipe and it really does not take long for pipe to knock out a large number such as SPLOST. After much discussion Chairman Mel Powell asked the board were they ready for a vote on the matter. Commissioner Handley made a motion to stop selling pipe to the general public and start charging a fee for \$250.00 that would cover the Road Department installing a pipe on private driveways along with other material needed for that private driveway to be functional. The motion was second by Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a unanimous consent from the entire board.

The second item of business was to discuss the financial consultant agreement that would end on August 1, 2022 with a renewal that would run until the end of September 2024. County Manager Michael Pomirko spoke with the board about the importance of having Mrs. Paula Ball around for the timing that was set on the agenda so we could cross train all employees on the importance of each section within the administrative office along with having a secondary person in place in the event of someone out or someone who may leave. This process would require lots of training and knowing the ends and outs of each section without having someone doing a job they cannot actually do on the books. Commissioners Jowan Johnson strongly disagreed with having a consultant because he thought it was not needed. He believes the board treated another person who worked here bad and that is why she left. Commissioner Jamie Handley believes he see the importance of knowing the finances are important but after a while we must move on. County Manager Michael Pomirko expressed to the board the first year was getting everything in place such as EMS Building, elevator, wiregrass building, moving elections, moving documents and cleaning up space for the elevator from years of backup, saving on moving phone system over to a cheaper provider along with Statham Shoals, and Walker Road project being backed up. According to Pomirko we have do a lot in the first year and hopefully with all the time saved we will save over \$700,000.00 on the EMS Building project because we do it the hardest but cheapest way possible. Also, other goals hit in the first year were LOST and SPLOST which tied up a number of meetings so we

could benefits from those areas without losing any fund. Chairman Powell spoke up and asked the board that we table this and talk about later on in the meeting.

The third item of business was the approval of appointing Lucas Allison to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Agency of Aging Committee. County Manager Michael Pomirko asked the board if we could go ahead and appoint Mr. Lucas Allison until we find the other position for which we are waiting to hear back from Mrs. Vickie Kemp. Mr. Pomirko told the board he has reached out three separate times to Mrs. Kemp but no call back yet. Mr. Pomirko asked Commissioner Jowan Johnson if he heard back from her which he replied by no. Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to appoint Lucas Allison to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission Agency of Aging Committee that is due July 1, 2023. The motion was second by Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a unanimous consent from the board.

The fourth item of business was an overview of the most recent purchase of the M-3 Ambulance that will come in on September of 2026. County Manager Michael Pomirko suggested that the board look at the following list of how we can pay for the ambulance along with using American Rescue Plan funds that can be obligated by December 31, 2024 but period of performance will run until December 31, 2026. No motion was needed at the time but something we will speak about in the coming months.

The fifth item of business was a calendar of events for the upcoming FY24 Budget workshop that will include commissioners and departments. The following dates were as followed.

July 16, 2023 – 4 Departments  
July 11, 2023 – 3 Departments  
July 13, 2023 – 3 Departments  
July 18, 2023 – 3 Departments

No action was needed but County Manager Michael Pomirko said he will get the budget worksheets out for the departments.

The sixth item of business was over the Courthouse parking lot located on the south side of the courthouse across from GA Highway 280. Mr. Pomirko told the board we are starting to have events each weekend on the parking lot and it would be a great idea to post signage so the county is not liable for anything that could happen. Mr. Pomirko spoke with County Attorney earlier in the day for which Mr. Pomirko said in our next meeting I will have something in writing we can look over and have a sign made for the area.

Commissioners voted to go into executive session for Potential Litigation/ Building security & safety. The motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid to head into executive session over Potential Litigation/Building security & safety which was second by Commissioner Alfonzo Hall. The board voted unanimously for executive session which began at 5:53p.m.

The Board of Commissioners came out of executive session at 6:53p.m. and return the meeting back in open session. The motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid and second by Commissioner Jamie Handley with a unanimous consent from the board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clay Reid for the renewal for the financial consultant agreement from August 1, 2023 to end in August 2024 which will be the last time due to discussion from the County Manager Michael Pomirko. The motion also details this will be a contracted value of \$10,000.00 per year with compensation pay like a normal employee would receive such as insurance, paid time off, or other benefits other employees have. The motion was second by Commissioner Jamie Handley with a vote from Commissioner Alfonzo Hall. Commissioner Jowan Johnson voted against the motion leaving a total 3 yes 1 no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Handley to have County Manager Michael Pomirko deliver a letter with questions related to operating cost related to three different Sheriff Office/Jail schematics to Sheriff Robert Rodgers that the board will review in three weeks once the letter is delivered. The motion was second by Commissioner Clay Reid with a unanimous consent from the board.

Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Commissioner Jowan Johnson. The board voted unanimously and the meeting concluded at 6:56p.m.

*Mel Powell*

Mel Powell, Chairman

*M. Pomirko*

Michael Pomirko, County Manager/Clerk