

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hon. Jamie Handley, Chairman; Hon. Kerney Hair, Commissioner; Hon. Jowan Johnson, Commissioner; and Hon. Mel Powell, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Pomirko, County Manager; Toni Sawyer, County Attorney; Hon. Jeff Wessel, Wilcox County Sheriff; Janice Brown, Hon. Janet Mauldin, Clerk of Superior Court; Scotty Keen, Abbeville Fire Department; Hon. Kirk Musselman, Abbeville City Councilman; Man Furguson, Rochelle City Councilman; Lucas Allison, Cordele Dispatch; Cindy Willingham, Guest.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Handley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board of Commissioners and public stood for and recited the pledge of allegiance.

PRIOR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to approve the prior monthly meeting minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote.

GUEST WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Chairman Handley opened new business with the discussion of the recent RMS Contract Wilcox County received from the prior request for proposals going out. With RMS being the sole bidder the county now has to enter into a new contract with RMS for the Transit Service for the county. Chairman Handley called on County Manager Michael Pomirko for additional input on the contract which Mr. Pomirko explained this was turned over to legal counsel to review the document. County Attorney Toni Sawyer, gave some input on the contract and how she was concerned about one area on the contract. Sawyer also continued with additional information needs to be added within the contract with Pomirko added he will input the data once it has cleared from her side. Mr. Pomirko added we can add all the necessary numbers and words into the contract and vote on the contract at a later special called meeting. He did mention he would ask Mrs. Susan Arnett from RMS Transit to come by if anyone had any questions or concerns before heading into the new contract.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to table the RMS Contract until all areas have been completed and we speak with Susan Arnett at a later special called meeting. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Chairman Handley opened the first item of old business in reference to building maintenance issues on the air conditioning system at the Government Center. Mr. Pomirko informed the board he finally got three quotes up for the replacement of the (2) 5-ton units along with the air handler needed for this project. The three quotes are as followed:

- Purvis Heating & Air \$18,890.00
- Charles Yawn \$24,000.00
- Pruett Air Condition Company \$26,740.00

According to Pomirko, the following three quotes are apples to apples with each bidder acknowledging everything that will need replacing. Pomirko did recommend Purvis Heating & Air due to the lowest bid along with doing past projects with the company.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Mel Powell to award Purvis Heating & Air for the (2) 5-ton units and the air handler at the Wilcox County Government Center. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote.

- (2) Chairman Handley open the discussion for the second item of old business with the final budget amendments for quarter 3. Mr. Pomirko informed the board we recently had some prior discussions over the budget amendments that would clear up the budgets from either big project along with clearing up some areas within certain department. Pomirko added the only change on the budget amendments comes from the air condition quotes we just approved which should reflect Purvis Heating & Air price.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to approve the budget amendments for quarter 3. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

- (3) Chairman Handley open the floor for the third item of old business over the ordinance 05-02 County Manager. The ordinance 05-02 was previous discussed to update information that was once voted on a number of years back. County Attorney, Toni Sawyer informed the board she is still working on the ordinance and should have it by the special called meeting as well.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to table ordinance 05-02 until a later special called meeting. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

- (4) Chairman Handley open the floor for the fourth item of old business over the updated Fire IGA that has been revised numerous times. County Manager Michael Pomirko informed the board the only changes to the IGA was over the city fire department being able to receive diesel at the county barn which the county will cover. Pomirko added this IGA if agreed on by each city would go into effect January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2027. Pomirko also informed the board that it was time to move forward with the Fire IGA and if the cities did not like the IGA, they could offer an IGA to the county they see fit.

- (5) ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Mel Powell to adopt the Fire IGA that would go into effect January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2027. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Janet Maudlin asked the board about them moving to the Government Center in Rochelle. Chairman Handley informed Mrs. Mauldin we've had small conversation about the situation but Mr. Pomirko is working on a plan that would hopefully be a benefit for numerous departments. According to Pomirko we are looking into this right now and it is not anything that will happen overnight. He had his first meeting with a department this evening over the move but it was just a small conversation at the moment. Mrs. Mauldin asked about the storage room she uses which Mr. Pomirko asked her she had books and documents all over the floor. Some areas were on the shelves but a lot of documents and books are in the middle of the floor. Mrs. Mauldin said she has not had time to get over there and get it the way she wants. She also informed the board she would like to bring the documents and books back to the courthouse. Mr. Pomirko added Mrs. Mauldin about the status of the room she is utilizing that has new empty shelves but nothing is on it now. She informed the board she planned to bring the documents back but she did not think she had enough room for the books. Mr. Pomirko informed her again we are at the beginning stages of the process to see if this will all work.

Sheriff Jeff Wessel, also wanted to know about the Government Center building. Again, Mr. Pomirko informed Mr. Wessel we are looking at each department right now and the best fit with making one move. Sheriff Jeff Wessel, wanted to inform the board about a recent problem with his fleet and how he is having maintenance issue from the wear and tear of using them. He informed the board about another SUV that will be heading to the shop for repairs.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: The County Manager informed the board about several projects going on. He reminded the board about the (45) day process we are in with the tax assessment notices being out. Mr. Pomirko explained we cannot run a five-year history until we collect the data and run it in

the Cordele Dispatch along with setting a meeting. The earliest according to Pomirko would be in early October when we can set the millage rate which he wishes could be middle August like it used to be. Chairman Handley asked a few questions over the five-year history along with the tax assessment notices going out so late. Mr. Pomirko informed the board the Tax Assessor Board is the one that sets the number before the notices go out. We would need to have a meeting with Joe Wright from GMASS to see if we can get this process moved up next year. The next area Pomirko mentioned was the 2024 Sales Ratio he wanted the board to have. According to Pomirko we failed with a 29.93 which is not good for collecting on public utilities. Chairman Handley asked how much that would affect the county and Mr. Pomirko said a lot. Anytime you can tax the full amount to public utilities 40% compared to 29.93% is a big difference in revenue we lost for the year. Again, we can speak with Joe Wright when we have an upcoming meeting over the Sales Ratio. Finally, Pomirko added the upcoming EMR class had a total of 25 participates signed up right now which hopefully will stay at that number. It we could produce a small portion of the 25 participates into Paramedics it would help Wilcox County a lot.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: The County Attorney needed to speak with the board in executive session over a few matters. She also mentioned that we will have some information over FLOST in the coming meetings.

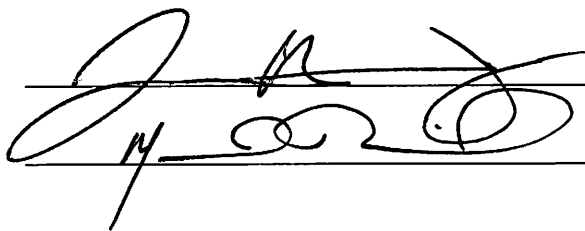
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: No Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION OPEN: A motion was made by Commissioner Mel Powell to go into executive session for litigation, & consult with attorney. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote 7:00p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSE: A motion was made by Commissioner Kerney Hair to come out of executive session for litigation, & consult with attorney. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote 7:23p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to join the opioid settlement with Secondary Manufactures Settlements. The motion was second by Commissioner Kerney Hair with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Jowan Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. 7:25p.m.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Jamie Handley, and the bottom signature is for Michael Pomirko. Both signatures are written over horizontal lines.

Jamie Handley, Chairman

Michael Pomirko, County Manager