MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Jamie Handley Chairman
Clay Reid Vice Chairman
Jowan Johnson Commissioner
Mel Powell Commissioner

Michael Pomirko County Manager/Clerk
Lucas Allison Cordele Dispatch

Chairman Jamie Handley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mel Powell gave the invocation

All pledge for the flag.

General Fund FY2026 Budget: Tentatively adopt budget for advertising

Chairman Jamie Handley opened the meeting with the first line item of business over the advertising of the FY2026 Budget running in the Cordele Dispatch. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board it was time to run the FY26 Budget in the Cordele Dispatch. The total budget came to a total of \$6,164,908.00 for FY26 with the budget balancing on revenue and expenditures. With no questions Vice Chairman Clay Reid made a motion to tentatively adopt the budget for advertising in the Cordele Dispatch. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

Lark Road – Properly advertising for future consideration.

Chairman Jamie Handley open the second line item of business to discuss the future outcome of Lark Road. From prior meetings the board tabled the decision on closing Lark Road after holding a public hearing. The discussion tonight according to Chairman Handley was to make a decision on either moving forward with advertising another public hearing to close the road or to move on from the topic. Chairman Handley informed the board he felt like we should move on because he was unaware of the individuals in the area who use the road and see this as a problem for the future. Commissioner Mel Powell said he see it both ways and wants to see the road closed because it is not used for much and it will help the land owner out with fencing in two separate areas of the property the current road splits. Commissioner Jowan Johnson mentioned he was not in favor due to public hearing comments he heard at the meeting. Vice Chairman Clay Reid mentioned he was in favor of it closing because he saw it as a road that is not really used and it could help reduce road maintenance. After much discussion, Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to not close the road. The motion did not move forward with a second. Additional discussion and an understanding were made to not move forward with anything on closing Lark Road and if we saw a need to close the road again, we would properly advertise a public hearing prior to any decision.

FLOST IGA

Chairman Jamie Handley began with the third item of business over the upcoming FLOST IGA that is needed for the county and the cities to collect a new penny sales tax according to Georgia House Bill 581 & 92. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board this was part of the process of collecting the new penny tax. The county along with the city will need to vote on this IGA so everything is properly documented and turn into the Department of Revenue after the citizen's vote. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Clay Reid to adopt the FLOST IGA for the county. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

RMS Contract

Chairman Jamie Handley open the final item of business for the RMS Contract for the time period of 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board after completing the

RFP under GDOT for the transit services we current accepted the sole bid from RMS Transit. This contract will cover year one with the board having the opportunity to renew the contract once per year for the next four years. A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to accept and adopt the contract from RMS Transit for the period of 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026. The motion was second by Vice Chairman Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mel Powell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second by Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a unanimous vote. 5:31p.m.

_ Jamie Handley, Chairman

_ Michael Pomirko, County Manager