

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM IN THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hon. Jamie Handley, Chairman; Hon. Clay Reid, Vice Chairman; Hon. Jowan Johnson, Commissioner; and Hon. Mel Powell, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Pomirko, County Manager; Toni Sawyer, County Attorney; Janice Brown; Man Furguson; Larry Brown, Abbeville Fire Chief; Rochelle City Councilman; Lucas Allison, Cordele Dispatch.

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 Vice Chairman Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

GUEST WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Chairman Handley opened new business with the discussion of the Resolution 2025-09 Adopting FY2026 Budgets for Wilcox County. Chairman Handley informed the Board of Commissioners that annually the resolution must be adopted and be presented within the documentation needed for filing purposes. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board again this requirement comes with adopting the budget so we can have it in our files.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Mel Powell to adopt resolution 2025-09 FY2026 Budget. The motion was second by Vice Chairman Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

- (2) Chairman Handley started the discussion for the 2026 LMIG application that the board had prior discussions on when electing a road for the application. According to Chairman Handley the board came to an understanding from many prior meetings over listing Barentine Road as part of the 2026 LMIG application along with using other state funds for the project. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board this will be needed as part of the process of receiving funds from the State of Georgia.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to approve Barentine Road to be added onto the 2026 LMIG Application for Wilcox County. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

- (3) Chairman Handley started with the third item of new business with the engineering proposals from Still Water Engineering. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board the goal of tonight and the four proposals come with trying a new firm that has road engineering knowledge along with combining as many projects together with the best savings. These proposals from Brian Henderson with Steel Water Engineering comes with the following projects:

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| • 2025 LMIG | Fellow Roads             | \$20,000.00 |
| • 2025 LRA  | Copeland Road & McBryant | \$40,000.00 |
| • 2025 TIA  | Cemetery Road            | \$30,000.00 |
| • 2026 LMIG | Barentine Road           | \$35,000.00 |

According to Pomirko, we are excited to work with Brian and his team as we try to combined these projects and see if we can improve more roads within the county.

ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Clay Reid accept the following proposals from Steel Water Engineering that will cover the 2025 LMIG, 2025 LRA, 2025 TIA, & 2026 LMIG. The motion was second by Commissioner Mel Powell with a unanimous vote.

- (4) Chairman Handley started the last discussion in new business for the new RYZY Comm "Communication Agreement" Text message system with Dodge E-911. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board that recently Wilcox County EMS, Wilcox County Sheriff Office, & Cedar Creek approached the County Manager about staying on this system that was once a free trial. This text message system works great with sending out an alert to any responder that gives a GPS coordinates to a certain location. According to Pomirko, this great tool is well needed because it could save seconds with dealing with an emergency. Vice Chairman Clay Reid mentioned the county working with the cities more on paying the bill for this. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board once each city agrees to their agreement with the company on text, we as a county would include in the IGA that the county will cover this cost for the Fire Departments. ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Jowan Johnson to accept the agreement from RYZY Communication that would go into effect immediately. The motion was second by Commissioner Vice Chairman Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

NO OLD BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

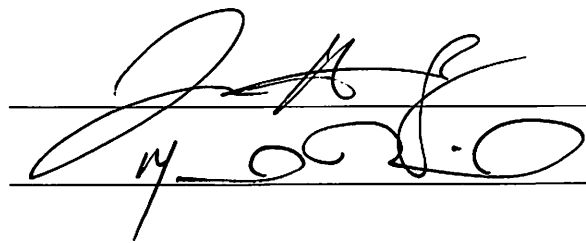
Janice Brown gave an update on how everything has been going for the Coroner's Office. She is still waiting on the new stretcher which may be within the next four weeks. After that point another vendor will need to install the stretcher system in the coroner van.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: The County Manager informed the board about a few topics. First, Mr. Pomirko informed the board that within their packet they will see the upcoming 2026 ACCG Proposed Policy Priorities. This information is for your review so everyone is on the same page according to Pomirko. Next Pomirko informed the board about Lebanon Road is complete with the grassing taking root and we will pay the final bill on the road. Finally, Pomirko gave a brief update on the Statham Shoals Boat Landing project and how everything is starting to look much better. Hopefully within the next month or two it will be open for the general public and we have a plan that the Recreation Department will maintain the grounds in the area.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: The County Attorney Toni Sawyer talk with the board about everything being submitted to the Cordele Dispatch and the Board of Elections Office for the upcoming FLOST. You will see the information in the Cordele Dispatch starting tomorrow. She is working on a Timber Ordinance and was working with Mr. Pomirko on seeing if or when the county may have adopted an ordinance she has on hand.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: No Comments

ADJOURN: Commissioner Jowan Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. 7:05p.m.

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Jamie Handley, Chairman

Michael Pomirko, County Manager