

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 5:30 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
Kerney Hair	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager/Clerk
Jeff Wessel	Sheriff
Lucas Allison	Cordele Dispatch

Chairman Jamie Handley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Jowan Johnson gave the invocation

All pledge for the flag.

Sheriff Office Vehicles

Chairman Jamie Handley open the meeting with the first item of business to cover the future purchases of law enforcement vehicles and what route should the board take. County Manager, Michael Pomirko informed the board he had two separate options which could give the board more than one way. One option includes the board investing into three vehicles which would have five payments spread out over a five-year period. All three vehicles would be in Wilcox County use once the agreement is signed but the payment will be over a five-year period. Option two give the board the ability to purchase one vehicle per year and no payments will carry into the next year. According to Pomirko, purchasing patrol vehicles has become something we cannot seem to get in front of. Since being appointed County Manager, in 2022, we have invested into more than eight cars or trucks and prior to my time there was another five or six purchased shortly before my arrival. Pomirko added that in his point of view, he would consider one per year which helps rotate one per year and we work from that foundation. Now to hit this mark according to Pomirko the board would need to consider additional funding to the operating budget for the Sheriff Office but as of FY2026 we have a tight budget. Commissioners gave some insight into the use and how this problem continues to haunt the board each year with an office that continues to be over budget each year. After some discussion on the topic the board felt that one per year would help the problem but as of right now, we can use what is left from the 2018 SPLOST and find the remaining amount in the Sheriff Office FY2026 Budget in salaries due to a shortly he has in one position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kerney Hair to make the purchase from Clint Brannen for one 2025 Chevrolet Silverado equipment trucked for \$53,900.00 with \$47,518.00 coming from the 2018 SPLOST and the additional \$6,382.00 coming from the salaries line item out of the Sheriff Office FY2026 budget for the remaining amount. The motion was second by Vice Chairman Clay Reid with a unanimous vote.

Text message system (FIRE IGA January 1, 2026)

Chairman Handley open the second item of business explaining the recent agreement the county and the four cities are reviewing with the text message system and Dodge Couty E-911. We as a board agreed that the FIRE IGA should cover the cost of the text messages for the cities if they sign on. County Manager, Michael Pomirko asked for clarity on the vote from the other night which included Vice Chairman Clay Reid asking that the county help more but, in the motion, nothing was said that included additional help. There was an understanding that if the cities did not sign the FIRE IGA, we would move forward without covering the cost of the text message system for Fire Departments by 01/01/2026 which is the start of the FIRE IGA. Mr. Pomirko also presented to the board options of using SPLOST funds if the board saw the new Jail was not built and the current Jail was shut down. Pomirko goal was to help county fire along with other departments in the county for areas that are coming and they will cost lots of money. Right now, this information is an idea for when that moment comes but very soon, we need to make some

decisions because it will be hard for us to establish county fire without the proper equipment, facility, or engines. No action was taken.

Five-year history options/PT32.1

Chairman Jamie Handley started with the third item of business for the approval of the two options the Board of Commissioners were presented for advertising the five-year history. County Manager, Michael Pomirko presented to the board two separate options which covers the rollback of the millage rate numbers or leaving the millage rate at the current mark. The options are as followed:

- Rollback 15.3000 (-\$15,093.00) 0% Increase
- Option 1 16.0000 \$155,956.00 Increase 4.58% Increase

Mr. Pomirko mentioned each area and presented what the mileage rate could do followed by the decrease or increase in revenue along with the percentage increase that comes with setting your mileage rate at each rate. According to Pomirko, if you went with the rollback, you would see a negative increase in revenue that is already stretched thin. This would not require the board to hold three public hearings but it would make the FY26 budget very challenging. The next option was leaving the millage rate at the current levels which give the board an increase in the revenue collected of \$155,956.00 which comes to a 4.58% over last year.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Clay Reid to accept and adopt the rollback millage rate of 15.3000 to advertise the five-year history in the Cordele Dispatch along with setting a meeting for October 30, 2025 to officially adopt the millage rate. The motion was second by Commissioner Jowan Johnson with a unanimous vote.

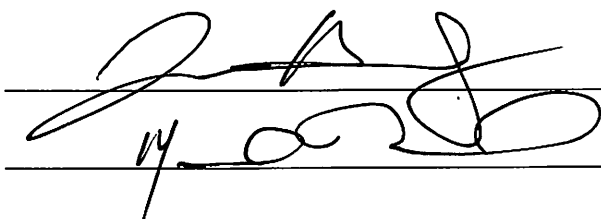
Budget Review FY2025

Chairman Handley open the meeting for the final item of business for County Manager, Michael Pomirko to give some insight into the FY2025 Budget and how Wilcox County finished. According to Pomirko overall the county finished the year with revenue at 108.38% and expenditures at 98.56%. Overall, that is good your revenue was over expenditures for the year but we had several departments who went over with some being a first time overage while others continue to operate their budget like this each year. As you know the budget continues to get harder and harder to keep in line so we need to keep a close eye on the budget for FY2026. Pomirko understood some departments cannot help when certain situations happen but we need to stay within the proposed budget as much as possible.

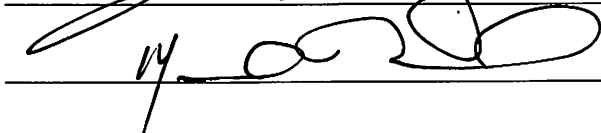
○ Tax Commissioner	\$235,043.00	\$245,043.16	(-\$10,097.27)	104.30%
○ Building & Plants	\$215,509.00	\$221,313.06	(-\$5,804.06)	102.69%
○ Probate Court	\$267,514.00	\$268,046.81	(-\$532.81)	100.20%
○ Public Defender	\$24,206.00	\$26,034.74	(-\$1,828.74)	107.55%
○ Sheriff Office	\$750,475.00	\$847,417.06	(-\$96,942.06)	112.92%
○ School Resource Officer	\$55,040.00	\$58,114.42	(-\$3,074.42)	105.59%*
○ Jail Operations	\$438,454.00	\$464,367.81	(-\$25,913.81)	105.91%
○ Fire	\$89,400.00	\$95,219.44	(-\$5,819.44)	106.51%
○ EMA	\$35,567.00	\$39,079.23	(-\$3,512.23)	109.87%
○ Highways & Streets	\$987,053.00	\$1,011,723.41	(-\$24,670.41)	102.50%
○ Transit	\$211,200.00	\$221,143.17	(-\$9,943.17)	104.71%*
○ Grand Total			(-\$188,138.42)	

Chairman Jamie Handley did ask Sheriff Wessel about his overage which the Sheriff informed the board it came from more part timer in the early part of the budget year for FY2025. No action was taken

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



Jamie Handley, Chairman



Michael Pomirko, County Manager