

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 6:00 PM HELD AT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Jamie Handley | Chairman |
| Clay Reid | Vice Chairman |
| Kerney Hair | Commissioner |
| Mel Powell | Commissioner |
| County Manager | Michael Pomirko |
| Joe Dan Thompson | ACCG |
| Brent Pebbles | Fiveash Insurance Agency Agent |
| Lucas Allison | Cordele Dispatch |

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Clay Reid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Mel Powell gave the invocation.

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

1. ACCG Workers' Compensation Program Proposal

- Mr. Joe Dan Thompson with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) presented the Workers' Compensation Program Proposal for the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners for the period **January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**.
- Mr. Thompson provided historical background on the program, noting that ACCG began offering workers' compensation coverage in 1982 and that Wilcox County has participated since 1986. He discussed the safety training programs, risk management services, and legal support available to participating counties.
- Mr. Thompson explained that the proposed premium is influenced by employee salaries and prior claims history. He noted that as older claims fall off and with continued positive performance, the County may see reduced costs in future years. He also stated that Wilcox County received safety credits and other applicable credits for compliance and participation in program requirements.

2. Fire Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Update

- County Manager Michael Pomirko informed the Board that the City of Pitts and the City of Pineview have signed onto the new Fire Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), effective January 1, 2026.
- Mr. Pomirko stated that the new FIRE IGA provides a foundational framework for cooperation between the County and participating cities. He expressed optimism that the City of Abbeville may sign onto the agreement soon but noted that no response has been received from the City of Rochelle at this time.

3. Jail Complex / Sheriff's Office Design RFP

- Mr. Pomirko reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of a new Jail Complex and Sheriff's Office is ready for Board review. He stated that the RFP is scheduled to be released on January 6, 2025.
- He explained that the RFP process will assist the County in identifying the most qualified design firm to support the planning and development of a new jail complex and, if feasible, a sheriff's office facility.

4. Stryker Power Load System

- County Manager Pomirko informed the Board that two new ambulances, M-4 and M-5, are currently in service. Ambulance M-5 requires a Stryker Power Load System to safely load stretchers.
- EMS Director Charles Futch was present and explained the need for a refurbished Stryker Power Load System. He recommended continuing to use the older ambulance M-3 until it is no longer serviceable, citing the significant investment already made in that unit. He further explained that using M-3 would reduce wear and tear on the new ambulances, help maintain fleet condition, and allow M-3 to be used for training purposes and employee recruitment efforts.

- The total cost of the refurbished Stryker Power Load System is \$14,825.00. Mr. Pomirko recommended using SPLOST funds for the purchase due to the early stage of the current budget year and proposed addressing the purchase at a special called meeting.

Commissioner Mel Powell motioned to adjourn. Vice Chairman Clay Reid seconded the motion that carried unanimously. 6:30pm



CHAIRMAN, JAMIE HANDLEY



COUNTY MANAGER, MICHAEL POMIRKO