

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026 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
Kerney Hair	Commissioner
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Mel Powell	Commissioner
Michael Pomirko	County Manager/Clerk
Adam Dowdy	Road Superintendent

Chairman Jamie Handley called the meeting to order at **5:54 p.m.**

**Local Road Assistance FY2026 Wilcox County \$751,188.72**

Chairman Jamie Handley called the meeting to order and introduced the first item of business regarding the FY2026 Local Road Assistance (LRA) funding allocation for Wilcox County in the amount of \$751,188.72.

County Manager Michael Pomirko and Road Superintendent Adam Dowdy presented a long-term road improvement plan, along with a request to include Gordon Road (\$449,600.00) and Thompson Road (\$315,000.00) in the FY2026 LRA application to GDOT. Mr. Pomirko noted that the proposed plan reflects a shortfall of \$34,411.28 when accounting for engineering fees. Based on their assessment, both officials recommended prioritizing Gordon Road and Thompson Road for the FY2026 LRA funding.

Additional planning efforts outlined a multi-year approach incorporating LMIG and LRA funding, identifying future road projects contingent upon continued funding availability and emergent needs. Mr. Pomirko and Mr. Dowdy also presented a quote from Owens and Sons for preventative maintenance work on several roads that do not yet require full resurfacing. These roads include Powell Road, Sibbie Road, Owensboro Road, American Legion Road, Hatley Road, and Cannonville Road. The proposed strategy involves utilizing T-SPLOST funds to address deteriorating conditions proactively and prevent more costly repairs in the future.

Further discussion included updates on the 2025 LMIG, 2025 LRA, and 2026 LMIG programs, which encompass improvements to Fellows Road, McBryant Road, Copeland Road, and Barentine Road. Mr. Pomirko indicated that supplemental T-SPLOST funding may be necessary to complete these projects but would significantly improve several of the county's roadways. He emphasized the benefit of using contractors such as Owens and Sons to perform targeted maintenance that extends the life of existing roads.

The Board expressed support for the proposed proactive and phased approach to road maintenance and improvement. Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to approve Gordon Road and Thompson Road as the FY2026 LRA application projects and to consider additional options pending final bid quotes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jowan Johnson and carried unanimously.

**Fire Tanker – Garlaudie Fire Station**

County Manager Pomirko informed the Board that he and Mr. Richard Rhodes are currently exploring options for acquiring a fire tanker for the Garlaudie Fire Station. Additional updates will be provided at a future meeting.

**Ashley Copier Pricing and Future Planning**

Mr. Pomirko presented an update regarding the county's current copier equipment, noting that several machines are nearing obsolescence due to unavailable replacement parts, which could lead to operational downtime across multiple offices. Affected departments include the Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Assessor, Governing Authority, Probate Court, Tax Commissioner, Election Office, EMS, and Recreation.

To address this issue, Mr. Pomirko proposed a phased replacement plan in which copiers would be replaced as they reach the end of their service life. This approach is intended to maximize usage of existing equipment while avoiding large, one-time expenditures. The long-term goal is to transition to a manageable replacement cycle of one to three copiers per year.

Following discussion, Commissioner Mel Powell made a motion to approve the purchase of copiers for the following offices: Clerk of Superior Court (\$4,697.00), Tax Assessor (\$2,698.00), Governing Authority (\$3,963.00), Probate Court (\$2,754.00), Tax Commissioner (\$1,249.00), Election Office (\$2,698.00), EMS (\$1,249.00), and Recreation (\$1,249.00). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Clay Reid and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion:** Commissioner Jowan Johnson
- **Second:** Commissioner Mel Powell
- **Vote:** Unanimous
- **Time:** 6:26p.m.

Handwritten signatures in blue ink over horizontal lines. The top signature is for Jamie Handley, and the bottom signature is for Michael Pomirko.

Jamie Handley, Chairman

Michael Pomirko, County Manager