

**ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 9, 2012**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the Ware County Commission Chambers with Chairman Jimmy Brown presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jimmy Brown.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jimmy Brown, Commissioners Carlos Nelson, Gene Dixon, Victor Aldridge and Danny Turner.

**STAFF PRESENT:** County Manager Paul Smith, County Clerk Pam Gibson and County Attorney Jennifer Herzog.

**PRESS:** Waycross Journal Herald Reporter Myra Thrift.

**INVOCATION:** Clarke Lee gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Ware County High School ROTC Color Guard presented the Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION – NAME COUNTY BRIDGE IN HONOR OF SERGEANT CHAD MICHAEL MERCER:**

**PROCLAMATION – DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – JANUARY 16, 2012:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Approval of December 2011 minutes:**

- Work Session – December 12, 2011
- Called Meeting – December 12, 2011
- Public Hearings – December 12, 2011
- Regular Meeting – November 12, 2011

**Election of Vice-Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tem:** Vice-Chairman – Commissioner Aldridge and Chairman Pro-Tem – Commissioner Nelson.

**Appointments to Standing Committees:**

- Waycross-Ware County Development Authority – Commissioner Turner
- Okefenokee Area Development Authority – Chairman Brown

- Downtown Waycross Development Authority – Commissioner Dixon
- Waycross-Ware County Library Board – Commissioner Turner
- Waycross-Ware County Tourism Board – Commissioner Nelson
- Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority – Chairman Brown
- Waycross-Ware Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee – Chairman Brown and Commissioner Aldridge

**Annual Appointments:** County Clerk – Pam Gibson and County Attorney – Tony Rowell

**Set Qualifying fees:** State law requires counties to establish qualifying fees by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the election year. The fee will be a minimum of 3% of the salary of each office up for election.

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| ▪ Sheriff                    | \$1,943.28 |
| ▪ Magistrate Judge           | \$1,591.05 |
| ▪ Tax Commissioner           | \$1,591.05 |
| ▪ Clerk of Court             | \$1,591.05 |
| ▪ Probate Judge              | \$1,591.05 |
| ▪ State Court Judge          | \$1,800.00 |
| ▪ Solicitor                  | \$1,080.00 |
| ▪ Commission Chairman        | \$ 180.00  |
| ▪ Commissioner               | \$ 144.00  |
| ▪ Coroner                    | \$ 296.64  |
| ▪ Board of Education Members | \$ 72.00   |

**Waycross City Auditorium – Resolution and Quit Claim Deed:** Re-convey certain real property known as the City Auditorium back to the City of Waycross.

**Waycross Judicial Circuit Defender Office – Budget and 2012 Indigent Defense agreement:** Public Defender Office Budget for first six months of 2012 in the amount of \$109,609.63 (\$98,303.02 - wages and \$11,306.61 - office expense).

**Resolution to Re-implement 911 fees:** Annual approval of a resolution providing for the collection of a monthly fee from wireless subscribers served by the Ware County 911 service.

*Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Consent Items are presented with Commissioner Turner seconding. Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Turner – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m. with Commissioner Turner seconding. Commissioner Dixon – yea, Chairman Nelson – yea, Commissioner Turner – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

**These are the unofficial minutes of the Ware County Board of Commissioners for January 9, 2012.**