

**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 11, 2010**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 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, Kathy E. Davis, Gene Dixon and Victor Aldridge.

STAFF PRESENT: County Manager Gail Boyd, County Clerk Pam Gibson and County Attorney Huey Spearman.

PRESS: Waycross Journal Herald Reporter Myra Thrift.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Aldridge gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Proclamation in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Commissioner Aldridge seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2009 MINUTES:

CONSENT ITEMS:

Approval of December 2009 Minutes:

Public Hearing – December 14, 2009

Work Session – December 14, 2009

Regular Meeting – December 14, 2009

Emergency Called Meeting – December 17, 2009

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the December 2009 Minutes with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Election of Vice-Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tem – Chairman Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Carlos Nelson as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Dixon as Chairman Pro-Tem. Commissioner Aldridge seconded the motion. Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Appointments to Standing Committees – Commissioner Davis moved to appoint the following individuals to serve on the standing committees:

Waycross-Ware County Development Authority – Chairman Brown

Okefenokee Area Development Authority – Chairman Brown

Downtown Waycross Development Authority – Commissioner Dixon

Waycross-Ware County Library Board – Commissioner Aldridge

Waycross-Ware County Tourism Board – Commissioner Nelson

Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority – Chairman Brown

Waycross-Ware Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee (TPCC) – Chairman Brown and Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Annual Appointments –

County Manager and County Clerk - Commissioner Nelson moved to appoint Gail Boyd as County Manager and Pam Gibson as County Clerk with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

County Attorney – Commissioner Dixon moved to accept the resignation of County Attorney Huey Spearman with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Commissioner Aldridge moved to table the appointment of County Attorney with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ware County Recreation Board – Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Larry Paulk to the Ware County Recreation Board for a term of five (5) years. Commissioner Aldridge

seconded the motion. Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Ware County Board of Assessors – Commissioner Nelson moved to appoint to Post #1 – Jimmy Johnson and Post #4 – Jack Mixon and to reappoint to Post #2 – Nathaniel Houseal. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Okefenokee Area Development Authority – Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Dr. David Morton to serve on the Okefenokee Area Development Authority (OADA) Board with Commissioner Nelson seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

PLANNING ITEMS:

Resolution – Road Closing/Abandoning: Brown Drive f/k/a/ Ordnance Road (between Harris Road and Smith Drive). Also to include a 260’ portion of Brown Drive extending northerly from the portion of Brown Drive formerly known as Ordnance Road to the dead end - - County – Commissioner Aldridge moved to approve the resolution for the Road Closing and Abandoning of Brown Drive f/k/a/ Ordnance Road (between Harris Road and Smith Drive and also to include a 260’ portion of Brown Drive. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Rezoning: Simmons Drive East of the Georgia Power Easement from IP Planned Industrial to GI General Industrial - - County – Commissioner Davis moved to approve the rezoning of Simmons Drive east of the Georgia Power Easement from IP Planned Industrial to GI General Industrial - - County with Commissioner Dixon seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPROVE BUDGET AND 2010 INDIGENT DEFENSE AGREEMENT: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Budget and 2010 Indigent Defense Agreement in the amount of \$114,548.09 for the period of January through June 2010. Commissioner Aldridge seconded the motion. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SATILLA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM: Commissioner Aldridge moved to approve the agreement with Satilla Community Services for Day Treatment Program at a cost of \$40,000.00. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea,

Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPROVE 2010 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES RFP: Commissioner Dixon moved to approve the 2010 Tax Anticipation Notes with SunTrust Bank at a 2.19% rate (30-Day LIBOR rate plus 1.94% to be adjusted monthly on the 1st day of each month) if funds are drawn down as needed. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RE-IMPLEMENT 911 FEES: Commissioner Davis moved to approve the resolution to re-implement 911 fees with Commissioner Nelson seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES: Commissioner Aldridge moved to establish the Qualifying Fees for the 2010 elections with Commissioner Nelson seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF PURSUIT VEHICLES: Commissioner Aldridge moved to approve the purchase of five (5) pursuit vehicles from Bobby Jones Ford, Inc. under state contract pricing at \$21,101.68. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Davis – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

These are the unofficial minutes of the Ware County Board of Commissioners for January 11, 2010.