

**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 14, 2011**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 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, Victor Aldridge, Gene Dixon and Danny Turner.

STAFF PRESENT: County Manager Paul Smith, County Clerk Pam Gibson and County Attorney Tony Rowell.

PRESS: Waycross Journal Herald Reporter Myra Thrift.

INVOCATION: Clarke Lee gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Brown led the Victor Aldridge.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – PEGGY GUINN: Chairman Brown presented Peggy Guinn a check and a vase to honor her retirement from the Ware County Sheriff's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2011 MINUTES:

Work Sessions – February 14, 2011 and February 28, 2011
Called Meetings – February 14, 2011 and February 28, 2011
Regular Meeting – February 14, 2011
Public Hearings – February 14, 2011

APPROVE BIDS:

Natural Gas – Manager Smith said staff recommends the bid with SCANA Energy as the new provider of natural gas for Ware County, effective May 1, 2011.

Turn Out Gear – Fire Department – Manager Smith said staff recommends the bid from Municipal Equipment Company for thirty (30) complete suits in the amount of \$36,570.00 to be funded from the 2008 SPLOST.

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS:

Seven Rivers RC&D Council – Manager Smith Commissioner Turner has agreed to serve on this board.

Ware County Board of Assessors – Manager Smith said the Ware County Board of Assessors recommended the appointment of Jacob Strickland.

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS:

Georgia Fund 1 – Manager Smith said this resolution is needed to close an old account with Georgia Fund 1 in the amount of \$1,201.08 and transfer the funds to the General Fund.

Amending Code of Ordinances – Chapter 46 and Chapter 18 – Manager Smith said a resolution is needed to complete this item which was approved at the February 14th meeting, however a resolution is needed.

Transmit Community Agenda for the Joint Ware County-City of Waycross 2031 Comprehensive Plan – Manager Smith said this is a resolution to transmit the Community Agenda for the Joint Ware County-City of Waycross 2031 Comprehensive Plan.

APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – RONNIE MUSIC – PAPA’S DELI & CONVENIENCE #2: Manager Smith said approval is needed for this application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Ronnie Music for PaPa’s Deli & Convenience #2 located at U.S. #1 North, Dixie Union.

APPROVE STATEWIDE CONTRACT TERMS FOR GRADER AND LOADER – PUBLIC WORKS: Manager Smith said he recommends approval of the statewide contract terms for the Graders and Loader for Public Works.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF DECATUR RADAR FOR GEORGIA STATE PATROL: Manager Smith he recommends approval of the purchase of a Decatur Radar for the Georgia State Patrol.

Commissioner Turner moved to approve March 14, 2011 Consent Items with Commissioner Aldridge seconding. Commissioner Nelson requested more information be stated for the record. Commissioner Turner withdrew his motion and Commissioner Aldridge withdrew his second. Manager Smith read the items with more detail as listed above. Commissioner Turner moved to approve the March 14, 2011 Consent Items with Commissioner Aldridge seconding. Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Turner – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Nelson - yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT: Manager Smith stated Ware County received GDOT Striping Contract for 27 miles of roadway chosen by the state. Staff is currently getting right-of-way from residents on Josephine Park Road and Trail Road.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: There was none.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Nelson – Congratulated the Waycross College Basketball GCAA Region 17 Champions.

Chairman Brown – Remember the sick and shut-ins. Also keep the Brooks family in your prayers. He said America needs prayers and to pray for the tragedy in Japan.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Commissioner Dixon seconding. Commissioner Turner – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Chairman Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

These are the unofficial minutes of the Ware County Board of Commissioners for March 14, 2011.