

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

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 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: Commissioner Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Approval of March 2012 minutes:

Work Sessions – March 12, 2012 and March 26, 2012
Called Meetings – March 12, 2012 and March 26, 2012
Public Hearings – March 12, 2012
Regular Meeting – March 12, 2012

Approval of Bids:

- **2012 Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS) bid** – Manager Smith said each year Ware County borrows operating funds for the year. These funds are paid by December 31st of the same year. Proposals for rates were sought to borrow \$3,800,000.00. Manager Smith and County Financial Consultant Harrison Tillman reviewed the bids and recommend the bid from SunTrust Bank at a fixed rate of 1.29% with a re-investment rate of 0.10%. Ware County has decreased the amount of funds borrowed in the last few years. The operating funds will not need to be drawn until May or June 2012.
- **Request for Proposal – Natural Gas** – Manager Smith said the current contract with Scana Energy expires April 30, 2012. Requests for Proposals were due on March 8, 2012. Only one RFP was received on time from Gas South, offering a per therm rate of \$.527. The option of State Contract pricing was considered, at a

rate of \$.38-\$.40 per therm. Scana being our current vendor and the prior years' contract permitting negotiations with the vendor, Scana was asked to submit pricing. Their fixed, per therm rate is \$.369. Staff recommends that the Ware County Board of Commissioners approve Scana Energy as the continued provider of natural gas for Ware County for the contract period May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013.

Approval of Resolutions:

- **Application for a grant for Section 5311 Public Transportation Assistance** – Manager Smith said this is a resolution authorizing the filing of the FY 2013 application with GDOT and the US Department of Transportation for a grant for Public Transportation Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws. The basic Federal Grant portion is \$165,776, the State Grant portion is \$5,730 with the third party administrator (MIDS) providing the local match of \$125,667.
- **Resolution to accept Quitclaim Deed from Southeast Georgia Rehabilitation** – Manager Smith said this resolution for Ware County to accept a Quitclaim Deed from Southeast Georgia Rehabilitation, Inc. for the building located at 3225 Harris Road.

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

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Smith mentioned the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan is ready for public viewing; Ware County received a rebate check from the Public Defenders last year operating expense, and the Hatcher Point Road project. Ware County and the City of Waycross will begin negotiating LOST on April 19th, and GDOT funds are being sought to fix the Telmore Highway.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: There was none.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Nelson – announced the Rise n Shine on Tuesday morning and wished everyone a belated Happy Easter.

Chairman Brown – asked everyone to remember the President, troops, Ware County employees and the sick. He appreciates all the hard work the employees do.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dixon moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m. with Commissioner Nelson 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 April 9, 2012.