

**ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013 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, Commission Clerk Pam San Nicolas and County Attorney Tony Rowell.

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

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Brown gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Aldridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2013 MINUTES:**

Work Session – August 12, 2013 and August 26, 2013

Public Hearing – August 22, 2013

Regular Meeting – August 12, 2013

**DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS – EMS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**DEPARTMENTS:** Manager Smith said Staff request the obsolete or broken items be declared surplus so that items of any value may be sold on GovDeals.com and items with no value and those in extremely poor condition be declared scrap so that they may be disposed of properly.

**APPROVE 2014 INDIGENT DEFENSE BUDGET AND AGREEMENT:** Manager Smith

explained the Circuit Public Defender Office is administered through the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC). Each County in the Circuit is required to appropriate funds for salaries, administration, and operating expenses of the Public Defender's Office. Agreements with the GPDSC are made in six month intervals with this proposed agreement for the period of January – June 2014. County budgeted funds required are \$118,586.00 (\$107,279.39 for wages and \$11,306.61 for office expense).

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2014 SPLOST RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO RE-IMPOSE A COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL 1% OPTION SLES TAX AND MOTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX:** Manager Smith approval is needed to call for the 2014 SPLOST Election on November 5, 2013.

**APPROVE UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES FOR THE YEARS 198 – 2005:** Manager Smith said this was discussed at the August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session. Mr. Collins submitted the list of delinquent tax bills for the years 1988 – 2005. They have exceeded the statute of limitations for collection IAW O.C.G.A. 48-3-21.1 and approval is needed from the Board of Commissioners to be classified as uncollectable bills. Upon approval these bills will be removed from the Tax Commissioners delinquent tax rolls and will assist in cleaning up the digest. The list will be retained in the Tax Office for audit purposes or for inspection by the grand jury.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REZONING 161 BLOUNT ROAD FROM A-1AGRICULTURE TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL – COUNTY:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Dixon moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:10 p.m. with Commissioner Turner seconding. Commissioner Turner – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

**These are the unofficial minutes of the Ware County Board of Commissioners for September 9, 2013.**