

**MINUTES  
MID-MONTH WORK SESSION  
WARE COUNTY  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Mid-month Work Session at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009 in the Ware County Commission Chambers with Chairman Brown presiding.

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Kathy E. Davis.

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

**SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MIKE BOGGS – PRESENT PROPOSAL TO PERFORM DRUG TESTING FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES:** Judge Mike Boggs, Drug Court Administrator, Charles Faubion, and Gracie Griffin, Drug Court Lab Tech, presented a proposal to the Board to perform drug testing for county employees. Judge Boggs said the Drug Court has obtained “state of the art” drug testing equipment. He said the County currently pays \$22.00 for a 5 panel screening plus \$3.00 for alcohol testing. Judge Boggs said the Drug Court equipment can do an 8 panel screening and will offer it to the County for \$17.00 per test. The Board agreed to approve the proposal for the County to perform drug screenings at the Drug Court for \$17.00 per test. Discussion included making changes in the Personnel Policies to reflect the new drug testing.

**LINDA CARROLL, GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING, INC. – DISCUSS COMMUNITY HOUSING HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT (CHIP):** Ms. Carroll was not present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS:**

- **Jamestown Highway @ Wacona Drive** – Civil Construction Coordinator, Paul Smith, reported GDOT Traffic Operations said that Jamestown Highway @ Wacona Drive is an illegal intersection due to the fact there is not a stoplight and it has a designated left turn lane. Mr. Smith stated the intersection has been that way for a number of years. Discussion included that due to liability to start a paper flow showing Ware County is working on it. It was agreed to request the School Board to help with the expense of signalization.

**COMMISSIONER’S ITEMS:**

- **Commissioner Nelson** – requested to discuss the agenda for the upcoming City and County Joint meeting. Manager Boyd said during a meeting with Mayor Billups, City Manager Pete Pyrzenski and Chairman Brown the City expressed a desire to take back maintaining the City Auditorium and the Grove Street Recreation facilities.
- **Commissioner Aldridge** – said he received a call concerning a rezoning request on Pebble Hill Road to allow mobile homes. He added the citizens in the area are upset. Planning Director Wayne Kilmark said he is aware of the situation however an application has not been filed with his office yet.

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- **Chairman Brown** – mentioned he would like the Board to consider the City and County Officials visiting local industries to help build a relationship with them. This could possibly be done when the City and County has a joint meeting.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS:**

- **Codes Department** – Manager Boyd informed the Board that Terry Green, Code Enforcement Officer has resigned and Ware County currently has a hiring freeze therefore she recommends not hiring anyone at this time.
- **Leadership Georgia – March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009** – Manager Boyd said Leadership Georgia will be visiting Waycross in March. Ware County will be providing some in-kind services to help. She added the City of Waycross made a monetary donation of \$2,500 to help expense. The Board agreed to make a donation of \$2,500 to Leadership Georgia.
- **Local Legislation** – Manager Boyd made the Board of aware of HB 413 introduced by Representative Mark Hatfield. The House Bill concerns requiring City and County employees to reside within the county limits. Manager Boyd asked if the Board should take a position. It was agreed to contact ACCG and find out their position is on HB 413.
- **Joint Meeting agenda** – Manager Boyd said the City needs to use the County's State Court facilities. Judge Doug Gibson has been contacted and he said it is okay with him. The Board agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Nelson seconding. Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Chairman Brown – yea, Commissioner Dixon - yea. The motion carried. With no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Approved: March 9, 2009**

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**Pam Gibson, County Clerk**

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**Jimmy Brown, Chairman**