

**MINUTES  
MID-MONTH WORK SESSION  
WARE COUNTY  
APRIL 29, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a mid-month Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 in the Ware County Commission Chambers with Chairman Brown presiding.

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Victor Aldridge gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Jimmy Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**EMS ITEMS:**

**Update on “Swine Flu”** – EMS Director Mark Walker said he has talked with Public Health and so far there are 93 confirmed cases and 1 death confirmed in the United States. So far there are none in Georgia. He said Ware County has a Pandemic Flu Plan in place. He said the state is on alert status and reviewing the plans.

**Resolution to adopt Identity Theft Prevention Program Pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) “Red Flag Rules” under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA)** – EMS Director Mark Walker said this resolution is aimed at organizations or businesses which allow people to make partial payments. This will put the plan and training in place to combat identity theft. It was agreed to add this item to the called meeting agenda.

**Trauma Grant – Purchase of Ambulance** – EMS Director Mark Walker explained the closest Trauma Center to Waycross is Savannah. In June 2008 the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (GTCNC) allotted 4 million dollars to work on trauma care. 1 million was set aside for the purchase of ambulances in communities that qualify. Ware County EMS applied for the grant. There are no matching funds. When Ware County receives the contract, sometime around May 15<sup>th</sup>, it has to be approved and the ambulance purchased within 180 days in order to receive the funds. Mr. Walker added there were 56 ambulances awarded at \$71,428.57 each. It was agreed to approve the contract in May.

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE ITEMS:**

**Bailey Street Pool – Markey and Associates** – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee and David Markey with Markey and Associates presented recommendations for the renovation of the Bailey Street Pool. Mr. Markey said the approximate cost for very limited renovation is \$180,000 to get into operation. Commissioner Nelson asked Mr. Markey to explain the concept of “Spray Pads”. Mr. Markey said spray pads is a pad where the water sprays up and it slopes to drains. He said these are very much utilized and cost effective for neighborhood parks. There is no maintenance cost, requires no lifeguards, etc. Mr. Markey said the neighborhoods love these. The cost is approximately \$200,000. The Board requested Mr. Markey return to another work session with cost, design and pictures of a spray pad project before making any decisions.

**SPLOST – New Administration Building – Dan Troutman, ACES, Inc.** – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee said several issues need to be addressed for design of the new Administration building:

- **Parking** – Mr. Troutman said adequate parking will be required and recommends property acquisition on State Street. Mr. Lee said the owners do not want to sell. It was agreed to discuss acquiring the properties in the executive session.
- **Roof design** – Mr. Troutman presented three (3) roof options. It was agreed to go with Option #1 at a cost of \$186,250.
- **Exterior** – Mr. Troutman presented four (4) options to the Board. The Board agreed to go with the marble and stay within the budget.

**House on Knox Street** -Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee received no bids to purchase the old house on Knox Street. It has previously been declared surplus. The Board suggested seeing if anyone would like to tear it down for the wood. County Attorney Huey Spearman said the bids need to be acknowledged on the May 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

**Veteran’s Building at 378 State Street** – Manager Boyd said the Veteran’s Service is moving out of the building after July 1st. It needs major renovations and Ware County does not need the building. The Board agreed to sell the building.

**PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS:**

**Dirt stockpile on Doll Bennett Road** – Steve Bennett has dirt stockpiled on the Doll Bennett Road. All the county will have to do is load and haul it. Public Works Supervisor Michael Brooks said the dirt can be used in that area. A signed onsite easement is needed. The Board was in favor of this.

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**Augusta Springs paving** – Manager Boyd said we are working with Gary Taylor on the rights-of-way issues.

**Presidential Declaration** – Manager Boyd said Ware County has received a Presidential Declaration regarding the recent flood.

**Mosquito control** – Manager Boyd reported that the mosquito spraying truck is has been calibrated and is now spraying.

**COMMISSIONER’S ITEMS:**

**Chairman Brown** – congratulated Commissioner Nelson for being selected to serve on the ACCG Board of Managers. He also congratulated County Manager Boyd upon receiving her ACCG Certified Commissioner Training Certification. Chairman Brown said on the way back from Savannah on Tuesday he stopped at the Humane Society in Glynn County. He said it is set up very well. He thanked Dr. Jim Morton and other OHS members for all their hard work. Dr. Morton thanked the Board for helping to find a new site for the OHS with visibility.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S ITEMS:**

**Budget dates** – It was agreed to have a budget work session on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the work session at 1:00 p.m. due to the Memorial Holiday on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the work session was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

*Approved: May 11, 2009*

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*Pam Gibson, County Clerk*

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*Jimmy Brown, Chairman*