

**MINUTES
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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 21, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in the Ware County Commission Conference Room with Chairman Jimmy Brown presiding.

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

STAFF ABSENT: Commissioner Carlos Nelson.

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gail Barron Boyd, County Clerk Pam Gibson, Assistant County Manager Paul Smith and County Financial Consultant Harrison Tillman.

INVOCATION: Chairman Brown gave the invocation.

ADMINISTRATION:

- **County Manager Gail Boyd** - opened the Orientation Meeting and gave the new Commission an overview of Administration and the Organizational Chart.
- **County Clerk Pam Gibson – Meeting schedule** – gave an overview of training schedules, future conferences and the yearly calendar.
- **Harrison Tillman, Financial Consultant** - provided the Board with copies of prepared financial information. A power point presentation representing the County's financial condition was given for the Board's information.
- **Huey Spearman – Legal Matters** – Mr. Spearman had to re-schedule due to time restraints.

SPLOST PROGRAM: Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee reviewed SPLOST projects, which include Administration Building, Courthouse Security Plan, and Trembling Earth Recreation Park – Phase V.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS:

- **Mark Walker, EMS Director** - provided the Board with a power point presentation describing what his department does. He spoke of his long and short term goals for the department.
- **Dennis Keen, Fire Chief** – Chief Keen gave a brief history of the Fire Department to the Board. He reviewed the equipment, personnel and his goals for the Fire Department.

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- *Sheriff Randy Royal* – Sheriff Royal discussed his plans for the Sheriff’s Office and the Detention Center for the coming year. He said he is developing several ways to save funds within his department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS:

- *Barry Cox, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor* - provided Board members a list of County vehicles that are in all the departments.
- *Michael Brooks, Road Superintendent* – informed the Board his department has 500 miles of dirt road and 500 miles of paved road to maintain daily. He gave an overview of the daily operations. He provided a map showing where equipment is located on a daily basis.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further discussion this meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Date approved: February 12, 2009

Pam Gibson, County Clerk

Jimmy Brown, Chairman