

**MINUTES  
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WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 22, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 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, and Assistant County Manager Paul Smith.

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

**Paul Smith, Civil Construction Coordinator** – provided a power point presentation of Ware Infrastructure Projects.

**Derek Lowd, Information Technology Department** – explained to the Board the functions of his department and provided a power point presentation of the new County Website that is under construction and will be live soon.

**Bill Strickland, Airport Manager** – said the Red Star Pilots would be at the Airport January 23-24, 2009 and invited Commissioners to attend. He said the runway projects are now complete.

**Wayne Kilmark, Planning Director** – gave an overview of the departments employees and their functions.

**Scott Rodgers, Recreation Director** – provided information to the Board regarding the Recreation Department. He also discussed the possibility of moving all the Recreation Facilities to the Trembling Earth Complex.

**Betty Gillis, Board of Elections** – explained the function of her department. She explained to the Board the difficulty involved during this past election when re-districting was also required to do along with having a major election.

**Fay Cooper, E-911 Director** – gave the Board an overview of the functions of E-911.

**Ginger Boatright, County Extension Office** – presented handouts to the Board and shared the awards earned by children in the 4-H program.

**Steve Barnard, Tax Commissioner** – shared with the Board the different types of properties involved. He said the digest is \$8,171.120 and he has collected \$6,256,534 as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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*Dale Tyre, Chief Appraiser, Board of Assessors* - discussed the different types of exemptions and how they affect a tax bill. Mr. Tyre gave an example of an individual county tax bill. He added that dates for making a tax return is January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Melba Fiveash, Clerk of Superior Court* – explained the duties of her office.

*Nathan Grantham, Magistrate Court Judge* – briefly told the Board about his office. He said they are in the process of eliminating old files.

*Rick Currie, District Attorney* – explained the function of the District Attorney’s office and spoke of the upcoming trials.

*Doug Gibson, State Court Judge* – explained the State Court function to the Board.

*Calvin Bennett, Probate Judge* – told the Board he and the Sheriff’s office worked to implement an electronic fingerprint machine that was required by law to be done January 1<sup>st</sup>. He added it should speed up licensing of firearms, etc. He explained other functions of the office.

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

*Date approved: February 12, 2009*

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*Pam Gibson, County Clerk*

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*Jimmy Brown, Chairman*