

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
WARE COUNTY
FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 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, Kathy E. Davis, Victor Aldridge and Gene Dixon.

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Victor Aldridge gave the invocation.

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

HAZZARD HILL BRANCH AREA – COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Reginald Taylor, 913 Cherry Street, Blackshear, GA – Thanked the Board for the work done at Memorial Park. Mr. Taylor asked about the plans for the pool at Memorial Park. Manager Boyd explained the County is currently in the process of pumping out the pool and plan to cover it with dirt. She said the pool was closed 4 years ago due the fact it cannot pass inspections and is also a health and safety hazard. She said the cost is too excessive to fix (\$150,000 - \$200,000). Mr. Taylor said the public should have been informed of these actions. He gave the history of the park and does not want the pool covered up. The Board directed the County Manager to proceed at her discretion on the issue of covering up the pool.

James Bing – did not attend the Work Session.

GEORGE GRIFFIN – DISCUSS USING LANDFILL GAS AS ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE: Mr. Griffin explained to the Board he had read an article regarding using landfill gas as an energy source. Manager Boyd explained the Board is interested in this and staff has been studying it. Linda Carroll with Governmental Consulting said it is possible that there could be grants come from the President's Stimulus Package and if it does Georgia is ready.

LOUIS HERRIN – DISCUSS OKEFENOKEE HUMANE SOCIETY: Mr. Herrin was not present at the Work Session.

APPROVAL OF BID: EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL SPUR TO MRCX FACILITY: Linda Carroll, Governmental Consulting said the Department of Community Affairs can assist industries with loans and grants if they provide new jobs. The DCA has given authorization to proceed with awarding a bid for construction of the rail spur. There will be no expense to Ware County. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

APPOINTMENTS:

Waycross-Ware County Development Authority – Manager Boyd said the WWDA submits names for consideration for appointment on this Board. She added the City of Waycross chose Pam Hart from the names submitted. After discussion the Board agreed to appoint Bill Hughes. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Mutual Aid Agreement – Manager Boyd said this agreement is between Ware County Commission and the participating Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) Area Eight Counties for Mutual Aid. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Joint City/County Government ordinance regarding Emergency Management – Manager Boyd said this ordinance provides for a City/County Plan for Emergency Management and requires the signature of the Chairman and the Mayor. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Ware County Government ordinance regarding Emergency Management – Manager Boyd said this ordinance provides for Ware County Government's Emergency Management Plan and requires the signatures of the Chairman and all Commissioners. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS:

Borrow pit agreement – Eddie Crawford – Michael Brooks, Public Works Supervisor explained Mr. Crawford expressed an interest in Public Works digging and removing borrow material from an existing permitted pond located on the Telmore-Dixie Union Highway near it's intersection with Henry King Road. Mr. Crawford has obtained a permit for irrigation purposes through the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Service and through Georgia Department of Natural Resources. This agreement will provide a source of good material to repair and upgrade roads in the Dixie Union/Bickley area. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Inert Landfill Concrete/Asphalt Recycling – Michael Brooks, Public Works Supervisor explained a substantial amount of concrete and asphalt needs to be ground for use on

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roadway projects for the Public Works Department. Quotes were obtained from three (3) vendors and all three estimated the concrete at around 3500 tons and the asphalt at 1500 tons. Mr. Brooks recommended Conyers Grading and Landscaping, Dawson, Georgia at \$5.75 per ton concrete and \$5.25 per ton asphalt. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Acceptance of 5' right-of-way dedication on Mallard Road – Michael Brooks, Public Works Supervisor explained that Ronnie Music has offered to dedicate a 5' right-of-way along Mallard Road. The road is now 30' which is not adequate for large equipment travel as well as maintenance. Discussion included removal of the trees within the 5' right-of-way which must be done before widening the road. It was agreed Public Works could remove the trees. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Adopt Speed ordinance for Pineview Church Road and Oakview Road area – Michael Brooks, Public Works Supervisor explained that in an effort to improve safety in the Pineview Church Road/Oakview Road area that Bryan Robbins (Ware Sheriff's office) and himself suggest posting the area with a 25 mph speed limit. The proposed 25 mph areas are:

- Pineview Church Road Thigpen Road to South River Road
- Oakview Road Pineview Church Road to the cul-de-sac (dead end)
- Oakview Circle Entire Section

It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS:

Chairman Brown – mentioned having trash on the roads picked up by Community Service Workers.

Commissioner Aldridge – mentioned requesting the City to help fund Recreation items.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS:

Joint City-County Meeting – Manager Boyd stated the City-County Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. She asked the Board for any agenda items they would like to discuss at the meeting. It was agreed that Chairman Brown and County Manager Boyd meet with the Mayor and City Manager prior to the meeting date to go over any items for the agenda.

Agreement with Pierce County for County Ag Agent – Manager Boyd said this is an agreement between County of Ware and County of Pierce, Georgia providing for services of a County Ag Agent. Currently Ware County is without an Ag Agent. The State of Georgia has frozen the position and it could be sometime before it would be filled. Pierce

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County has agreed share with us their Ag Agent, James Jacobs at a rate of \$500.00 per month paid directly to James Jacobs, and in addition mileage reimbursement shall be paid at the applicable Ware County rate. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Approved: March 9, 2009

Pam Gibson, County Clerk

Jimmy Brown, Chairman