

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
WARE COUNTY  
APRIL 13, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 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 Aldridge gave the invocation.

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

**REGINA MORGAN, OKEFENOKEE AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Morgan said the industries in Industrial Park are holding their own and there have not been many layoffs. She said a new company has expressed interest in locating here, but it is still early in the process. She needs a pre-commitment letter from the County stating the usual commitments made for interested industries.

**DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DATE FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE:** Manager Boyd said staff has been gathering and organizing items and equipment to be declared surplus and proposed a sale date of May 9<sup>th</sup>. She added that all departments have been given an opportunity to physically look at these items before placing them in surplus. A number of items were found to be useable by other departments and were taken out of surplus. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**CONTRACT BETWEEN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND WARE COUNTY TO PROVIDE OPERATION OF A SENIOR CENTER WITH CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR FY 2010:** Manager Boyd said the proposed contract with the Southeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging is to provide nutrition services, both congregate and home delivered meals at our Senior Citizen Center. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**JOINT RESOLUTION WITH CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR APPLICATION OF THE EDWARD BYRNE GRANT:** Manager Boyd said approval is needed regarding this resolution for the Ware County Sheriff's Office and the City Police Department to apply jointly for the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$93,131.00. The grant

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if funded will be used to purchase a video enhancement system and digital in-car video cameras. The grant does not require any matching funds. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**PROCLAMATION – OBSERVANCE OF THE 144<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH – APRIL 13 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2009:** Commissioner Nelson requested approval of the proclamation to be presented at the church this evening. The Board agreed to approve the proclamation.

**AIRPORT ITEMS:**

**Aviation Ground Lease – Michael Dormeyer Hangar #B-1** – Manager Boyd said approval is needed for the Aviation Ground Lease with Michael Dormeyer for hangar #B-1. The hangar rent is \$150.00 per month effective March 1, 2009. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**Lease agreement with Bonnie Crews – Old EMA building** – Manager Boyd said approval is needed for the lease agreement with Bonnie Crews, dba. Blue Collar Café for the Old EMA building at the Airport. The terms of the lease are as follows:

For the period commencing April 1, 2009, Lessee shall pay a monthly rental for the property of \$3.13 per square foot of leased property or \$600.00 per month.

For the period commencing April 1, 2010, Lessee shall pay a monthly rental for the property of \$4.17 per square foot of the leased land area or \$800.00 per month.

For the period commencing April 1, 2011, Lessee shall pay a monthly rental for the property of \$5.21 per square foot of the leased land area or \$1,000.00 per month.

At the end of the initial three-year term of this lease, and at the sole discretion of the Lessor, Lessee may renew and renegotiate the terms of this Lease. Rent shall be based upon the prevailing market rates taking into consideration the use and condition of the property at the time.

It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE ITEMS:**

**Dan Troutman – Alternative Construction & Environmental Solutions:**

**Design Consulting agreement with Alternative Construction & Environmental Services – New Administration Building** – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee said this item was discussed at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> work session. Approval is needed to accept proposal P0903-01 from Alternative Construction Solutions,

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Inc. for Design Consulting and Contract Administration Construction of the New Administration Facility in the amount of \$483,110.00. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**Design Consulting agreement – with Alternative Construction & Environmental – Site Work Courthouse Expansion** – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee said this item was discussed at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> work session. Approval is needed to accept proposal P0812-12 from Alternative Construction Solutions, Inc. for Design Consulting for Site Work Courthouse Expansion in the amount of \$68,390.00. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**Bailey Street Pool** - Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee said numerous possibilities have been explored to renovate the Bailey Street Pool. Services of a pool engineer are needed in order to proceed. A proposal has been obtained from Markey and Associates, Inc. to provide these services for \$18,000.00. Mr. Lee said if the Board is ready to move forward a bid package could be put together for this project. The Board requested that Mr. Markey attend the next work session to discuss his plans.

**PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS:**

**Approve drainage easement – Ocean Breeze, L.P.**

**Approve drainage easement – Eldon Mixon**

Civil Construction Coordinator Paul Smith said in an effort to relieve the standing water along South Georgia Parkway in front of Waycross College approval these two (2) easements are needed. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

**Purchase turnout gear for volunteer Firefighters** – Fire Chief Dennis Keen said 10 sets of turnout gear are needed in order to begin a new firefighter class with volunteers. He said each set costs \$1,500, a total of \$15,000. Manager Boyd said she discussed purchasing these items out of 2008 SPLOST designated for Fire equipment with Harrison Tillman and Huey Spearman. They agreed that these are legitimate expenditures. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

**REVEREND FERRELL MALONE – 2010 CENSUS:** Reverend Malone representing the United States Department of Commerce requested Ware County's help during the preparation of the 2010 Census data that is due April 1, 2010. He said the website is [www.census.gov/atlanta/jobs](http://www.census.gov/atlanta/jobs). Manager Boyd said Planning Director Wayne Kilmark is the coordinator for Ware County.

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**COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Nelson** – said an appointment is needed to represent Ware County Commission on the “Save Our Golf Course” committee. It was agreed that Commissioner Nelson and County Manager Boyd would serve.

**Chairman Brown** – complimented Public Works and staff regarding all the hard work done during the recent flooding in the community. He said Congressman Jack Kingston would be at the Rise n Shine which will be held at the Okefenokee Regional Library.

**Commissioner Aldridge** – said during the flood he received compliments from citizens regarding the work Public Works did to help.

**Commissioner Dixon** – said he would like for the Board to have a joint work session with (DWDA) Downtown Waycross Development Authority toward the end of the next work session.

**COUNTY MANAGER ITEMS:**

**Presidential Declaration** – Manager Boyd said Governor Perdue has requested a Presidential Declaration. She staff has done an excellent job of documenting during the recent flood and the County would be receiving FEMA funds.

**Okefenokee Humane Society Meeting** – Manager Boyd said a meeting is scheduled with the new Okefenokee Humane Society Board on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FY 2010 Budget** – Manager Boyd said budgets are due in by April 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked the Board how they would like to proceed. The Board agreed for staff to put the budget together and highlight any new needs and schedule a budget work session at that time.

**Mill Creek flooding** - Manager Boyd said the Red Cross Damage Assessment Team will be going into the Mill Creek area where 80% of the homes were damaged by floor waters.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

*Approved: May 11, 2009*

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*Pam Gibson, County Clerk*

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*Jimmy Brown, Chairman*