

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
WARE COUNTY
MAY 11, 2009**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 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: Clarke Lee gave the invocation.

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

CAPTAIN ORLANDO GIARRATANO – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AT PARRIS ISLAND, SC: Deputy Chief William Tate, Gunnery Sergeant Eric Queen, and Captain Orlando Giarratano with the United States Marine Corps were present to discuss the proposed Memorandum Of Understanding with the Board. The agreement provides temporary use of the Ware County Fuel Farm if the Parris Island Marine Station is required to evacuate due to weather conditions. They may also need various parts and supplies from our Vehicle Maintenance facility. Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Barry Cox and Public Works Supervisor Michael Brooks said they have no problem accommodating their request. Manager Boyd said anything they use will be reimbursed to the County. The Board agreed to authorize signing the MOU in advance of the meeting, and to add it to the agenda for official approval.

EMORY “BIG O” MARCUS – BAILEY STREET POOL: Jimmie Burke spoke representing the Bailey Street Committee. He said the committee request that a traditional pool be installed at Bailey Street Park.

CARL R. WAGNER – DISCUSS COMMUNITY GARDENS: Mr. Wagner said he would like to promote the idea of a community garden where citizens could plant individual gardens in one location of possibly 2 to 3 acres. He said this project would encourage a sense of community. He requested to use a room at the Courthouse for a public meeting to see if citizens are interested in this idea. The Board agreed to provide a room at the Courthouse and for Mr. Wagner to contact the County Manager to set up a date for the meeting.

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS AND THE WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FORM “KEEP WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL” AN AFFILIATE OF KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL: EMA Secretary Patricia

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Drawdy and Wilton Deloach with the City of Waycross explained the proposed joint resolution that would form “Keep Waycross-Ware County Beautiful” as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Ms. Drawdy said she has been working with a group of interested citizens through Project Promise to seek this designation. Approval of the resolution and by-laws are needed to become an official group. Mr. Deloach said they also need the resolution and by-laws to obtain certification in order to apply for grants. Manager Boyd said no county funds are required. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

AGREEMENTS WITH SATILLA COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- **Participation Contract for Mental Health Services, Development Disabilities Services, and Substance Abuse Services.**
- **Statement of Service and Maintenance Costs in lieu of Rent for the MR Center.**
- **Lease agreement for St. Illa facility.**

Manager Boyd said these agreements are annual agreements and the amounts are the same as FY 2009. Commissioner Davis asked about raising the rent to cover maintenance issues. Facilities Maintenance Coordinator Clarke Lee said the building will soon need a new roof. It was agreed to postpone this until the June meeting to allow the County Manager time to check into the possibility of increasing the lease rate.

RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES:

Manager Boyd said she was contacted by the State Property Commission office and advised that the local office did not have the authority to say they did not want to renew the lease. They have resent the lease agreement with a 90 day Right to Cancel Clause. They are planning to move the Veterans Office but probably won't before July 1st. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE ITEMS:

Bid – House on Knox Street – Manager Boyd said at the last meeting it was explained there were no bids for the old house on Knox Street. Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Clarke Lee said also no one is interested in tearing down the house. The Board suggested advertising it for demolition. Manager Boyd said official action needs to be taken at the meeting regarding the bid and also authorize demolition of the house. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

PLANNING ITEMS:

Discuss annexation procedures – Planning Director Wayne Kilmark said the Ware County Planning Commission has received an application for annexation/zoning of 806 East Blackshear Avenue into the City Limits of Waycross. The owner, Keith Boatright, has requested the site to be annexed to the City of Waycross for access to sewer service. Mr. Kilmark said state law states the County has the right to deny annexation unless the City also annexes the county road. The proposed annexation will create an island of the

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properties and street right-of-way that is located west of the proposed annexation, unless the city and county otherwise agree to a joint resolution. The Board agreed they have no objection to a resolution.

Ocean Breeze Park Group Development - - County – James Shubert representing the Planning Department said the developers have paid the building permit.

West Parkway Canal - James Shubert representing the Planning Department said the flood zone has been reduced so citizens in the area can utilize the land without flood insurance. He added the developer has had many complications.

PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS:

Paving petition – Strickland Street, Short Street and Mill Street – Manager Boyd informed the Board a paving petition has been submitted for this area. The Board directed Paul Smith and Michael Brooks to rate the area for paving consideration. It was discussed that drainage would be needed also.

Calvin Road and Russell Road – Manager Boyd asked if this could be added to the Brogdon paving project. Civil Construction Coordinator Paul Smith said this could possibly be included with Strickland, Short, and Stephens Roads.

Augusta Springs paving project – Manager Boyd said all the deeds have been prepared for signatures. Gary Taylor has offered to hold a neighborhood meeting to obtain the signatures.

Report on Surplus sale – Manager Boyd reported that the surplus sale held May 9th produced \$28,867.00.

EMS ITEMS:

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Contract for EMS Vehicle Replacement Grants Program (GTCNC) – EMS Director Mark Walker said the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission acting through its authorized agent the Georgia Department of Human Resources has awarded a grant to Ware County Board of Commissioners in amount of \$71,428.57 to replace an existing ambulance. The contract requires the purchase of a new ambulance within 180 days of entering into the agreement. The balance of the purchase will be from SPLOST funds which were already planned for this purpose. The plans for these SPLOST funds were to purchase seven (7) ambulances over the six year period. This will be the third of these purchases. Approval of the contract is needed to proceed with the purchase. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda.

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COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS: There were none.

COUNTY MANAGER ITEMS:

Okefenokee Humane Society – Manager Boyd said she received a contract and resolution from the Okefenokee Humane Society. It was agreed to consider it and the employment of an Animal Control Officer during the budget process. Manager Boyd stated that OHS is currently looking for a new site for OHS. Dr. Morton, OHS Board Member has been looking at property on the Trembling Earth Recreation Park on the Anita Street side.

US 84 four-laning – Manager Boyd said a letter has been sent to Congressman Jack Kingston requesting support for the US 84 four-laning from Ruskin school to Victory Drive.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the work session at 2:50 p.m. with Commissioner Davis seconding. Commissioner Davis – yea, Commissioner Dixon – yea, Commissioner Aldridge – yea, Commissioner Nelson – yea, Chairman Brown – yea. The motion carried.

Approved: June 8, 2009

Pam Gibson, County Clerk

Jimmy Brown, Chairman