

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023
5:15 p.m.**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Ware County Commission Chambers, 305 Oak Street, Suite 201 Waycross, Georgia 31501 with Chairman Elmer Thrift presiding.

CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Elmer Thrift
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Commissioner Steve Barnard; Commissioner Leonard Burse Commissioner Timmy Lucas; Commissioner Jerry Pope
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	None
STAFF PRESENT	County Manager Scott Moye; Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Herzog; County Clerk Melinda Brooks
PRESS	Danny Bartlett, WJH
INVOCATION	The invocation was waived from the Work Session
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was waived from the Work Session

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to approve the agenda, with Commissioner Lucas seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye, Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Work Session	May 8, 2023
Public Hearing	May 8, 2023
Regular Meeting	May 8, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Burse to approve the meeting minutes as presented, with Commissioner Lucas seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye, Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 2023-17: Accept GDOT Contract for Airport Terminal Apron Rehabilitation

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the GDOT Contract as presented. Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

B. Resolution 2023-18: Award Bid for Airport Terminal Apron Rehabilitation, Phase 1 & 2

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to award the bid Phase I and Phase II with Phase I local funds (25% match) \$188,810.05 coming from ARPA funds and Phase II local funds (25% match) \$110,728.25 coming from airport funds. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

C. Resolution 2023-19: Award Bid for the Bickley Community Tennis Court Rehabilitation

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to accept the Bid for the Bickley Tennis Court as presented. Commissioner Burse seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

D. Resolution 2023-20: Approve Regional TSPLOST Project List

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope to approve the Regional TSPLOST list as presented, with Commissioner Burse seconding the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

E. Resolution 2023-21: Approve Unison Behavioral Health Contract

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope with Commissioner Barnard seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

F. Ordinance 2023-03: Amend Chapter 6: Alcoholic Beverages License Requirements

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lucas to approve Ordinance 2023-03 as presented with Commissioner Barnard seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

G. Alcoholic License Application – 1984 South Georgia Parkway

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope to approve the Alcoholic License Application for 1984 South Georgia Parkway. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-no; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

H. Alcoholic License Application – 2476 Minnesota Avenue

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lucas to approve the Alcoholic License Application for 2476 Minnesota Avenue. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Steve Barnard-no; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

I. Appointment – Ware County Board of Elections, Post 3

Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burse to appoint Marian Solomon-Gaines to Ware County Board of Elections, Post 3. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Commissioner Pope said he felt a Democrat should be appointed to the Board to give it balance.

Commissioner Burse said he concurred 110%. Commissioner Barnard said even if a Democrat is picked, the Republican Party will still have a majority because the Chairman is a Republican.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-no; Commissioner Steve Barnard-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-no.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Barnard stated after the concerns brought up the dog leg curve in the last meeting, he visited the Tanner Lane-Winn Clay Bridge Site. He said the plan is to extend the guard rails an additional 100 feet on both sides of the road on the north end to keep someone from running off the road and will look good. He added that there are enough funds in the project to cover that addition. Chairman Thrift asked why the cable couldn’t be moved. Commissioner Barnard stated that would be too expensive and the road is already built. Chairman Thrift said that should have been planned out ahead of time. He wanted to know if they asked for a change order. Commissioner Barnard asked County Engineer Wallace if he would have to do a change order to add the guard rails. Mr. Wallace said there is a pay item for guard rails set up in the contract, so that can be extended to increase the pay item. The Chairman asked if the issue is because of the AT&T cable. Mr. Wallace explained that AT&T had an existing easement in place. The requirement of AT&T to allow Ware County to construct the road on their right of way or existing easement was for the paved road to stay off of their line that is still in use. Chairman Thrift insisted that the crook in the road is pretty bad and wanted to know what would be the cost to straighten it. Mr. Wallace said the County would have to go to AT&T. The Chairman wanted to know if anyone had approached AT&T, and Mr. Wallace said no because AT&T had already had an existing right of way. Their stipulation for the County use their right of way was to build the roadway off of their line. There was never a request for AT&T to move their line because of their requirement. The Chairman said that he has moved AT&T lines before. CM Moye asked Mr. Wallace if it would be feasible to move the northern part of the road all the way over to where the pond is to straighten it. Mr. Wallace said a significant portion of the that pond would have to be filled in and may possibly infringe on his house. Commissioner Barnard said he felt like it will be better once the shoulders are finished and the

guard rails are up. CM Moye pointed out the speed limit is supposed to be slow on that road. Commissioner Barnard said it should be about 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Burse advised that Juneteenth would be the following Monday and celebrations are planned for Bailey Street Park and on Oak Street. He also thanked Ms. Shawn Taylor for her service on the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Barnard asked about the Bailey Street swimming pool. County Manager Moye said that chemicals had been ordered, it would probably be open in the next few days. Commissioner Barnard asked if lifeguards had been hired. Mr. Moye said as far as he knew they had. Commissioner Lucas asked if the County would be footing the bill for security. Mr. Moye answered in the affirmative.

Chairman Thrift asked for an update on the bridge on Albany Avenue. CM Moye said they would be doing more surveying outside of the right of way this week. Commissioner Barnard asked how long before plans would be available for viewing. Mr. Moye said they are still doing surveys, so it will be around five to six months before preliminary designs are ready.

Commissioner Lucas asked about Ossie Davis/US 1 right of way acquisitions. CM Moye said he had a status meeting the next day with GDOT and should be able to find out during that call.

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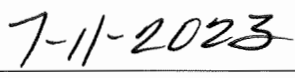
A motion was made by Commissioner Burse to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:44 p.m., with Commissioner Pope seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Date proposed to be approved: July 10, 2023

AT&TEST:


Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk


Elmer Thrift, Chairman


Date

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