

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY JUNE 29, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Thursday, June 29, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ware County Commission Chambers, 305 Oak Street, Suite 201 Waycross, Georgia 31501 with Chairman Elmer Thrift presiding.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Elmer Thrift
<b>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT</b>	Commissioner Steve Barnard, Commissioner Leonard Burse, Commissioner Timmy Lucas. Commissioner Jerry Pope
<b>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT</b>	None
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	County Manager Scott Moye; County Clerk Melinda Brooks
<b>PRESS</b>	Danny Bartlett - WJH
<b>INVOCATION</b>	The invocation was given by Danny Bartlett
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Elmer Thrift

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thrift called to order the public hearing for the proposed FY2024 budget.

**Proposed FY2024 Budget**

Financial Supervisor Beverly York presented a slide show giving breakdowns of estimated revenues and expenditures for the FY24 as well as side by side comparisons of the FY 2023 and FY 2024 budgets.

A 5% COLA raise was included for all employees paid according to pay scale.

A \$2,000 COLA for elected officials was included per state statute.

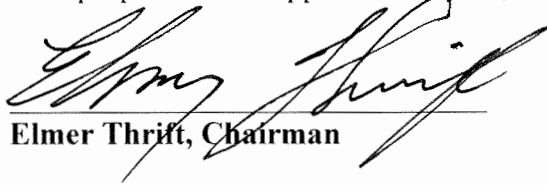
(A copy of the Power Point is attached to these minutes for the record.)

**CLOSURE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to close the public hearing, with Commissioner Pope seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was closed at 9:50 a. m.

Date proposed to be approved: July 10, 2023

  
Elmer Thrift, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk

7-11-2023  
Date