

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023  
4:42 p.m.**

**The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Monday, September 11, at 4:42 p.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; Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Dorminey Herzog
<b>PRESS</b>	Danny Bartlett - WJH
<b>INVOCATION</b>	The invocation was waived from Work Session
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was waived from Work Session

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thrift called to order the public hearing for the application to close/abandon a portion of Two End Road.

**Road Closure/Abandonment Request – Two End Road**

The applicant, Roger Strickland, has requested to close/abandon a portion of Two End Road. The road closing request begins 608 feet easterly of Cameron Lane and extends southeasterly to the cul-de-sac. The closing request is located in Land Lot 59 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Land District in Ware County, Georgia.

The Ware County Planning Department transfers this request for the road closing to the Ware County Commission.

Chairman Thrift asked Planning and Codes Director James Shubert to give more information on this request. Director Shubert said this road is located in the Palmetto Place Subdivision. *He showed a map on the monitors of the Commission Chambers so the Commissioners could see what he was describing.* He explained that the property owner is proposing to close this section of road and reconstruct a new cul-de-sac closer to the property line. It will be a 60-foot radius cul-de-sac. The road was designed as a part of the subdivision, but the all of the lots were never developed. There are two water lines by the existing roadway, but the water authority will cap those lines.

Commissioner Lucas asked Director Shubert for his recommendation. He said his

recommendation is for the road to be closed because the land is not being used. Commissioner Burse asked if the County had been maintaining the road. Director Shubert said they have not because there is a gate at the section to be closed and it hasn't been graded. He also said there is a copy of the partial plat showing where the new cul-de-sac would be located. Commissioner Barnard asked if there would be a time limit for installing the new cul-de-sac. Director Shubert said a time limit could be added, but the County would not file a Quit Claim Deed until it has been installed. He further explained that normally when something like this is approved at a regular meeting and approved by the road department and the County engineer; once it is built and approved, the information is forwarded to the County attorney to file the Quit Claim deed(s). Then the landowner(s) has to get their attorney to file a Quit Claim deed for what they have to give to the County. Commissioner Barnard said he is asking this because of an issue off of LeJeune where the cul-de-sac wasn't built. Director Shubert said it has been done, but it's a hammerhead turnaround. It wasn't to be a true cul-de-sac.

The Chairman asked Director Shubert if his suggestion is to close the road. He said it was.

**Opposition:**

Chairman Thrift asked if there was anyone in the audience who opposed the road closure. There was no one.

**Support:**

Chairman Thrift asked if there was anyone in the audience who supported the road closure. There was no one.

**Commission Comments:**

None

**CLOSURE**

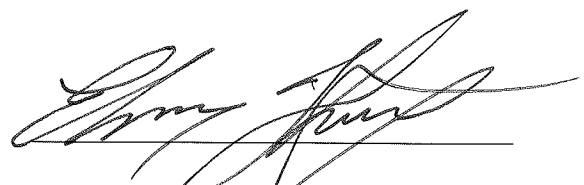
Motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to close the public hearing, with Commissioner Lucas seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was closed at 4:54 p.m.

Date proposed to be approved: October 23, 2023

**ATTEST:**

  
Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk

  
Elmer Thrift, Chairman

  
Date