

**MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting, Friday, November 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.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 (present by phone); County Clerk Melinda Brooks
PRESS	None
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Commissioner Burse
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consider a Motion to Enter into an Executive Session to Discuss Litigation and Personnel
Chairman Thrift asked if there was a motion on this item.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion. Chairman Thrift asked if all were in favor. All Commissioner responded with aye. He asked if any were opposed. No one responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 9:05 a. m.

After coming back into the Commission chambers, Commissioner Lucas made a motion to leave Executive Session at 10:57 a. m. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lucas how much it would cost to pave the road connecting the Cornelius and Moore Farms. County Engineer Wallace verified that the Commission was interested in surface treatment and said he would have the price at the next meeting which is November 13.

Commissioner Barnard advised the Commission that the dedication of the Tanner Memorial Bridge turned out nice and was attended by several members of the Tanner family.

MANAGER COMMENTS:

County Manager Moye said he had received a request to pave Wyoming Street as Bailey Monument is expanding to about triple its size and will be adding more jobs. Engineer Wallace is to get price for paving that street.

CM Moye also asked about the lighting on Simmons Drive in Industrial Park. Georgia Power will change to LED lights. There are 18 poles with 2 lights each. The annual cost is \$13,000 with the monthly cost being \$1,100. He said we could turn on only the lights at intersections (1-2 lights).

Commissioner Barnard asked why there is no gate at the back of the Rec. Dept. on Wadley Rd. because someone can drive right in after hours. CM Moye will see about getting a locked gate.

Commissioner Lucas asked for update on Paschall Rd. County Engineer Wallace stated Mr. Kitchen agreed to the price but only wants to give a maintenance easement which allows the County to maintain the right of way and take down what the owner plants. It would transfer from owner to owner. Mr. Kitchen eventually plans to subdivide. Engineer Wallace said the opposite corner had been cleaned up. Undergrowth and abandoned structure have been removed.

Commissioner Pope asked how long before LMIG work starts. Mr. Wallace said it will be about 30 days. The Chairman asked for the ATLAS update/GDOT proposed changes. CM Moye stated GDOT proposed closing 3 RR crossings and building a new one as well as put crossing arms on the one on Blount Rd. Chairman Thrift said he would like to see an overpass at Tomberlin Road since they will be double tracking there.

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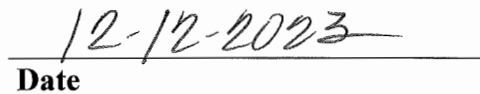
A motion was made by Commissioner Burse to adjourn the Called Meeting at 11:26 a. m. Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

Date proposed to be approved: December 11, 2023


Elmer Thrift, Chairman

ATTEST:


Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk


Date

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