

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:00 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 Leonard Burse, Commissioner Timmy Lucas, Commissioner Jerry Pope, Commissioner Sammy Hendricks
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

Commissioner Pope made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with Commissioner Burse seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Marla Howell & Roy Rhodes – Ware County Bicentennial

Mrs. Howell and Mr. Rhodes explained to the Commission they spearheading a celebration to recognize the 200th anniversary of Ware County. They are soliciting funds from sponsors and holding fundraisers, with the main one being t-shirt sales. There will be numerous events, including: a street dance downtown, an essay contest with a scholarship prize, a historical photo contest, a soap making and syrup boiling at Obediah's Okefenoke, a baking contest, and other things going on at Waycross Motor Speedway, the Heritage Center, Center High School Museum, and the fairgrounds. This celebration will commence on Friday afternoon, December 13 and continue until Sunday afternoon, December 15.

Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Herzog explained that the County Government cannot make a

donation to a private non-profit organization. Mr. Rhodes explained that they would like to place a sign in the Right of Way to denote the location of the original courthouse. He also explained that Sunday would for recognition of local ministers.

Doug Moore – Ordinance Issue

He did not show

RECOGNITION:

Ware County Recreation Department – 14U Boys Basketball Team for Winning State Championship

Recreation Department Director Lance Adamson introduced the 14U Boys Basketball team as the winners of the State Championship. The team was recognized and congratulated by the Commission and all who were in attendance by a standing ovation.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Nicole Smith, Emergency Medical Services

Human Resources Director Theresa Bailey and County Manager Scott Moye presented Ware County EMS employee Nicole Smith as the County Employee of the Month. She was given a \$100 check in appreciation for her dedication and loyalty.

CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Work Session	January 8, 2024
Public Hearing	January 8, 2024
Regular Meeting	January 8, 2024
Called Meeting	January 22, 2024
Work Session	February 12, 2024
Regular Meeting	February 12, 2024

Commissioner Pope made a motion 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 Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 2024 -04: Approve ACCG Intern Grant Program Agreement

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve ACCG Intern Grant Program Agreement. 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 Sammy Hendricks-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

B. Resolution 2024-05: Approve MOU with the City of Waycross

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

Commissioner Burse made a motion to approve the MOU with the City of Waycross.

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 Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

C. Resolution 2024-06: Approve YMCA Pool Management Agreement for Bailey Street Pool

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

Commissioner Pope made a motion to approve YMCA Pool Management Agreement for Bailey Street Pool. 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 Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

D. Resolution 2024-07: Approve Ware County Retirement Vesting Schedule Agreement

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

Commissioner Pope made a motion to approve Ware County Retirement Vesting Schedule Agreement at 100% vesting at 5 years. Commissioner Burse seconded 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 Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

E. Airport Property Easement for Georgia Power

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

Commissioner Burse made a motion to approve the airport property easement for Georgia Power. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

F. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Proposal

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Proposal as set forth by ATLAS with Commissioner Pope seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

G. Drainage Pipe Upgrades on Lewis Davis Road & McDonald Road

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the drainage pipe upgrades on Lewis Davis Road and McDonald Road and added one pipe to each location. Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

H. Alcohol License Request

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the alcohol license request for Guy's Billiards. Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

I. Zoning Text Amendment – Section 904.1 Group Development

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

Commissioner Burse made a motion to approve the zoning text amendment. Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye/

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

ADJOURN

Commissioner Burse made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:51 p.m., with Commissioner Pope seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

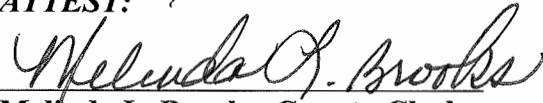
Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jerry Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Sammy Hendricks-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

Date proposed to be approved: April 8, 2024

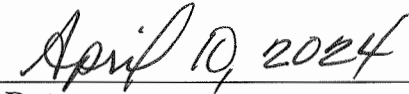


Elmer Thrift, Chairman

ATTEST:



Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk



Date

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