

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025, 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 made the call to order at 6:40 p.m.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Commissioner Barry Cox; Commissioner Leonard Burse; Commissioner Timmy Lucas; Commissioner Jon Tindall
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	None
STAFF PRESENT	County Manager James Shubert; 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 Burse made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Tindall seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye, Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Angela Shulman – Tax Assessors Office

Human Resources Director Theresa Young and County Manager James Shubert presented Ware County Tax Assessors employee Angela Shulman as the County Employee of the Month. She was given a \$100 check in appreciation for her dedication and loyalty.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Catering Alcohol License Application – Cocktail Caravan, LLC

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the catering alcohol license application for Cocktail

Caravan, LLC. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-NO; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-NO; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

B. Upgrade of Aviation Fuel Contract

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

Commissioner Tindall made a motion to approve the upgrade of the Aviation Fuel Contract in the amount of \$550 per month. Commissioner Burse seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion.

Due to some confusion over the wording of agenda item explanation and amount of increase for monthly cost, County Clerk Brooks verified with airport manager that \$550 is the correct amount of the new contract. The current monthly price is \$375, but with a monthly increase of \$175, the new contract price will be \$550 per month.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

C. Request to Name Private Roadway – Dead End Road

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

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the request to name a private roadway “Dead End Road”. This private roadway is located approximately 1200 feet west of the intersection of Elmer Thrift Road and Banks Lane and ends in a dead end/cul de sac after a 700 feet extension. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

D. Request to Close/Abandon 500 feet pf Alley in Block 214 (New Mexico Ave to Nevada Ave) of Emerson Park Subdivision

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the request to close/abandon 500 feet of alley in Block 214 (New Mexico Avenue to Nevada Avenue) of Emerson Park Subdivision. Commissioner Burse seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion. Commissioner Cox stated he would abstain from voting as he owns property in that subdivision.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Pope-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Barry Cox-abstained; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

E. Request to Adopt Zoning Areas in Unzoned Areas of Ware County per Map Approved by Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the request to adopt zoning areas in unzoned areas of Ware County per map approved by Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission. Commissioner Burse seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-aye; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-NO.

F. Request to Rezone Frontier Estates Area from R-90 and CN to RS and RS-FDP

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

Commissioner Burse made a motion to approve the request to rezone Frontier Estates Area from R-90 and CN to RS and RS-FDP. Commissioner Tindall seconded the motion.

Chairman Thrift asked if there is any discussion on this item. Commissioner Lucas stated he would recuse himself because he lives in this area. Commissioner Tindall commented how the community came together and had a great outcome. Commissioner Burse dittoed Commissioner Tindall's comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Leonard Burse-aye; Commissioner Jon Tindall-aye; Commissioner Timmy Lucas-abstained; Commissioner Barry Cox-aye; and Chairman Elmer Thrift-aye.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager James Shubert explained that the engineers of the Albany Avenue overpass design are waiting on direction from the Commission. He asked for a consensus from the Commission to inform staff how they want engineers to proceed. He offered to take the Commissioners (two at a time) to the site of the overpass with a set of plans to give them a better understanding of what is being designed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:


ADJOURN

Commissioner Tindall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Burse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p. m.

Date proposed to be approved: May 12, 2025


Elmer Thrift, Chairman

ATTEST:


Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk

7-16-2025
Date

