

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026  
4:30 p.m.**

**The Ware County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2026, at 4:30 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 Barry Cox, Commissioner Leonard Burse, Commissioner Timmy Lucas, Commissioner Jon Tindall
<b>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT</b>	None
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	County Manager James Shubert; Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Dorminey Herzog; County Clerk Melinda Brooks
<b>PRESS</b>	Danny Bartlett - WJH
<b>INVOCATION</b>	The invocation was waived from the Work Session
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was waived from the Work Session

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thrift called to order the public hearing session.

Chairman Thrift asked for discussion or questions on the application.

**Request to Change the Name of Cameron Lane**

Robert Wallace spoke on behalf of the Taylor Bristow family, explaining he grew up on Cameron Lane. He began his law enforcement career locally before moving away. He died in the line of duty, and his family would like to honor him by renaming Cameron Lane to Taylor Bristow Lane. County Manager Shubert presented an alternative solution to changing the name. He explained a brown sign could be placed above the street sign with the wording, "In Honor of Taylor Bristow".

**Support**

Mr. Wallace and Taylor's mother, Shelly Bristow, spoke in support of renaming the street as a way of honoring her son.

**Oppose**

Johnny Durrence, Peaches Mann, and Kelly Steedley spoke in opposition to changing the road name. Reasons included costs to residents for changing their address, and noting that several people have died on that road. They supported the idea of the brown honorary sign.

**Added to Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Rezone 801 S. Augusta Avenue**

This is a request to rezone 801 S. Augusta Avenue from C-2 (Highway Commercial) and C-SDD (Highway Commercial Special Development District) to MU (Mixed Use) and MU-SDD (Mixed Use Special Development District). Interim Planning Director Dusting Minchew explained that this request from Edward and Andrea Soto-Lucas is to allow for residential use with the option to return to commercial use in the future.

Support

None

Oppose

None

**Added to Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Request to Rezone Remainder of Parcel 051C05 029**

This request is to rezone portions of parcel 051C05 029 from LI (Limited Industrial District) to C-3 (General Commercial District). Mr. Minchew explained that several years back, there was a lot of split-zoned property. Administration requested that all pieces of property have the same zoning designation

Support

None

Oppose

None

**Added to Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Request to Name a Private Road, Todd Lane**

The property owners, Aaron & Cassidy Lane, requested to name their private drive, which is located off of Owen Lee Road.

Support

None

Oppose

None

**Added to Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Text Amendment to Articles III & VII**

This is a request to amend the text of the Ware County Zoning Resolution. Article III would add definitions for the Closed Loop Cooling System and the Data Center. Article VII would change as follows: 705.3 Conditional Uses (Limited Industrial-LI), 706.3 Conditional Uses (General Industrial-GI), 706.A.6 Conditional Uses Industrial Park (IP), 707.5 Conditional Uses Agriculture Forestry (A)

Support

None

Oppose

None

**Added to Regular Meeting Agenda**

**CLOSURE**

Commissioner Burse made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioners Lucas and Cox seconded the motion simultaneously, which passed unanimously.

The public hearing was closed at 5:24 p. m.

Date proposed to be approved: May 11, 2026

  
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**Elmer Thrift, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Melinda L. Brooks, County Clerk**

5-11-2026  
**Date**

