# Camden Criminal Justice Council

September 13, 2011

Location: Camden County Courthouse, Grand Jury Room

**Present:**
Chairperson – Jackie Johnson, District Attorney
Sheriff Tommy Gregory-Camden County Sheriff's Office
Jim Elders
Jimmy Pitts-Chief Probation Officer
James Springer-State Probation
Judge Martin O. Gillette-Probate Court
Robert S. Cummings-Camden County Re-entry Program
Dr. Leon Washington, Pastor-Evergreen Baptist Church
Judge Jennifer Lewis-Magistrate Court
David L. Rainer, Chair-Board of County Commissioners
Steve L. Howard, Manager-Board of County Commissioners
Judge Anthony L. Harrison-Superior Courts of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Luke Coleman-State Probation
Christina Turner-Camden Criminal Justice Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jackie Johnson who welcomed everyone.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
The board members went around the table and introduced themselves.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON**
The board elected Jackie Johnson, District Attorney as chair.

**MISSION AND PURPOSE**
The Sheriff presented a Mission to the board.

**The Mission of the Camden Criminal Justice Council (CCJC) is to identify possible improvements in the criminal justice system; develop system-wide solutions; propose actions, execute strategies; and generally improve the criminal justice system.**

**In carrying out our mission, we are committed to:**

- **Public Safety**
- **Communication**
- **Cooperation**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A. Motion to add two new board members –approved.
   1. Chief Darryl Griffis, Kingsland Police Department
   2. Chief Tim Hatch, St. Marys Police Department

B. Steve Howard and David L. Rainer explained the benefits of having a CCJC. Steve Howard, David L. Rainer, and Sheriff discussed the flexibility of the committee and the purpose to forming an expert panel in order to deal with the jail over crowding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next meeting is October 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to be held in the Grand Jury Room and a tour of the jail will be given by the Sheriff at 8:00 a.m. A presentation will be given by Chuck Byerly on statistics and numbers of where we stand on the over crowding of the jail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Turner