

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2011, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.

Chair Rainer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chair Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair David L. Rainer; Vice-Chair Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Jimmy Starline; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney Brent Green; and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

Commissioner Gary Blount was absent.

Agenda Amendments:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Agenda as presented by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Presentation of Certificate of Eligibility to the members of the Board of Assessors

Chair Rainer presented Certificates of Eligibility to the members of the Board of Assessors. *(Board of Assessor member Paul Fortier was absent)*

Board of Assessor member Richard Frizzell thanked the Board of Commissioners.

Chief Appraiser Terry Ross stated that these classes are a new requirement for the Board of Assessors and this is the first Board of Assessors in Camden County to complete these courses.

- Proclamation for Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2011

Julie Swick, Chair, Employee Recognition Committee introduced Matt Howell, Solid Waste, as Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2011 and County Clerk Katie Bishop read the proclamation honoring Matt Howell.

Public Comments

No comments were offered during this time.

Regular Agenda

1. Appointment to the Camden County Joint Development Authority.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to table this item until the next regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Re-appointment of McArthur Hill to the Camden County Board of Family & Children Services.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to re-appoint McArthur Hill to the Camden County Board of Family & Children Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reduction in Salaries of County Commissioners.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to reduce the Board of Commissioner salaries by 2.93 percent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Indigent Defense Contract.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the Indigent Defense Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Humane Society Contract.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the Humane Society Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Surplus Item List.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Surplus Item List.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to receive equipment and program participation funded by the Georgia Trauma Care Network

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to receive equipment and program participation funded by the Georgia Trauma Care Network.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Rainer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:17 PM.

Chair Rainer convened the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM.

- Introduction of Regular Agenda **Item 8** by Planning & Development Director John Peterson and receive public comments regarding this item.

Public Comments:

Craig Brack, Hickory Bluff

Mr. Brack stated that his side and back property adjoin Mr. Williams and he watched the structure being built. He said there are no construction issues and they share a driveway. He explained that his property is the only one that would be directly affected and he has no problem with the structure.

Mr. Hugh Thomas, Hickory Bluff

Mr. Thomas stated that he is the property owner that adjoins Mr. Brack and he has no opposition with the special variance. He stated that it is not bothering anyone.

Attorney Katie Wilcox, Brunswick

Attorney Wilcox presented the Board with copies of pictures of the adjacent properties including similar structures. She stated that all the pictures are of images of structures that exist in the Hickory Bluff area. She explained that the structure is keeping with the

Exception Variance.

County Attorney Brent Green stated that should the Board allow Mr. Williams to keep the structure as is he would be required to pay a sixty dollar (\$60.00) building permit fee and one hundred dollar (\$100.00) re-inspection fee.

Chair Rainer adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:37 PM.

Chair Rainer reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:37 PM.

8. R.T. Williams is requesting a Special Exception Variance for his property located at 948 Hickory Bluff, Waverly, GA for a reduction of the rear yard setback of 15' to 5.1', and for a reduction of the side yard setback of 10' to 5.2', so that he may keep a manufactured shed building at its present location. The shed was recently built without a building permit. This property is zoned R-2 (Medium-density residential) and is located on Tax Map #125A, Parcel #035D001. ***(District 1 - Commissioner Keene)***

Vice Chair Keene stated that he would just like to clarify that Mr. William's is getting off light by only having to pay the one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160.00) in fees. He stated that the Board needs to modify this ordinance to put more teeth in it.

Commissioner Starline stated that he agrees the structure is not affecting anyone but it was still constructed without a permit and he explained that is very upsetting. He stated that there must be punitive damages added to the code that are not required to come before the Board.

Chair Rainer stated that he agrees that some procedure needs to be in place but he does not see tearing down the structure will solve anything. He stated that he agrees the penalty needs to be stronger.

Commissioner Clark stated that he agrees the code is not extreme enough for building without a permit and the fees need to be looked at closely.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Chair Rainer to grant approval to R.T. Williams for a Special Exception Variance for his property located at 948 Hickory Bluff, Waverly, GA for a reduction of the rear yard setback of 15' to 5.1', and for a reduction of the side yard setback of 10' to 5.2', so that he may keep a manufactured shed building at its present location. The shed was recently built without a building permit. This property is zoned R-2 (Medium-density residential) and is located on Tax Map #125A, Parcel #035D001 with the payment of a sixty dollar (\$60.00) building permit fee and one hundred dollar (\$100.00) re-inspection fee.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Intergovernmental Agreement for Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Energy Efficiency Grant Funding (EEGF)

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Energy Efficiency Grant Funding (EEGF).

The motion carried unanimously.

10. River Walk Extension to Liza Rudolph Road

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to table this item until the next regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. FY 2011 Performance Partnership Agreement

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the FY 2011 Performance Partnership Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar -July **& August 2011**

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the calendars for July & August 2011.

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he would like to congratulate Vice-Chair Keene for completing the Association of County Commissioners, Commissioners Training Program.

Additional Public Comments:

No additional comments from the public were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the July 12, 2011 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop, County Clerk