

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2012, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 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 Gary Blount; Commissioner Jimmy Starline; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney Brent Green; and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

Roll call indicated that Commissioner Chuck Clark was absent.

Agenda Amendments:

Added to Regular Agenda:

Administration - County Administrator Steve Howard

3. Surplus Item List
4. A Joint Resolution between the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Mary's and the City of Woodbine in support of the Georgia Department of Labor Kings Bay Career Center remaining in operation in Camden County, Georgia.

Office of the County Attorney - Attorney Brent Green

4. Consideration to amend the Resolution of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners for the Establishment of a Tribunal for the Determination of Revocation of a Special Use Permit.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to adopt the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- April 17, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the April 17, 2012 Regular meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Joint Proclamation of the City of St. Marys, City of Kingsland, City of Woodbine, Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Habitat for Humanity of Camden County Proclaiming May 5-13, 2012 Women Build Week

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Joint Proclamation of the City of St. Marys, City of Kingsland, City of Woodbine, Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Habitat for Humanity of Camden County Proclaiming May 5-13, 2012 Women Build Week and Chair Rainer presented the joint proclamation to Christina Quick, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Camden County.

Joint Proclamation of the City of St. Marys, City of Kingsland, City of Woodbine, Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Habitat for Humanity of Camden County

Proclaiming May 5-13, 2012 Women Build Week In recognition of the efforts of 71 Habitat for Humanity affiliates serving the state of Georgia, we request a proclamation:

Whereas Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's Companies, Inc. have designated the week of May 5 -13, 2012, as National Women Build Week, to highlight the efforts of the Women Build program, which recruits, educates and inspires women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable houses in their communities;

Whereas more than 12 million U.S. children live in poverty and this initiative is aimed at creating awareness of opportunities for helping parents provide warm, safe homes for their children and solving poverty housing;

Whereas 71 Habitat for Humanity affiliates serving the state of Georgia are joining 275 Habitat for Humanity affiliates across all 50 states during National Women Build Week, uniting more than 10,000 women volunteers on Women Build sites across the country;

Whereas this year's theme, "The Build Generation," reflects Habitat Women Build's goal to recruit and train women volunteers, as well as welcome the next generation of Habitat Women Builders - young women, ages 18-24 - who can continue the legacy of Habitat's mission to create affordable housing.

Whereas this initiative helps provide simple, decent affordable housing through joint efforts between Habitat partner families, volunteers, sponsors, community organizations, and business and government leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the leaders of the City of St. Marys, City of Kingsland, City of Woodbine, Camden County Board of County Commissioners, and Habitat for Humanity of Camden County hereby declare by Joint Proclamation the week of May 5-13, 2012, to be

National Women Build Week

The leaders of our community commend this observance during the week of May 5-13, 2012 to the citizens of Camden County.

Public Comments

Ben Casey, 403 Vacuna Road

Mr. Casey stated that Mr. Davis has been very busy at Oakwell Armory to comply with the County requirements of the Special Use Permit for his business, but has done nothing to suppress the noise. He gave the Board a Freedom of Information Act request.

Matt Casey, Kingsland

Mr. Casey stated that he hopes the Board will honor the request by their counsel to postpone the Tribunal date. He stated that the residents of the area have the right to live in peace on their property, further stating that this is fundamental to how they are and he asked the Board to not overlook that.

Regular Agenda

1. Volunteer Program Policy

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the Volunteer Program Policy as discussed and presented by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Personnel Policy Revision - Rate of Leave Accrual

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to approve the Personnel Policy Revision - Rate of Leave Accrual as follows:

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Rate of Leave Accrual. Covered full-time employees begin to accrue personal leave upon employment pursuant to the following: If employed on or after the 1st day of the month but prior to the 16th day of the month the new employee leave accrual shall begin on the 1st day of the month employed; If employed on or after the 16th day of the month but prior to the last day of the employed month then the new employee leave accrual shall begin on the 1st day of the following month. All personal leave shall be posted and available for use to the employee(s) after last the day of the month in which the personal leave was accrued. Employees may begin

leave policy.

3. Surplus Item List

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to approve the Surplus Item List and the donation of units to the military service organization, American Legion, Post 511.

The motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Item List:

1. 5-ton Trane model FT3BA-060CA SER. M471LKFF outdoor unit
2. 5-ton Trane model TWE060D150A1;Ser. M205YH61V indoor unit
3. 5-ton Trane model TWA060C300A2;Ser. M471LKOFF outdoor unit
4. 5-ton Trane model TWE060D150A1;Ser. M385NG01V indoor unit
5. 5-ton Norydyne model FT3BA-060CA;ser.FTA050701710 outdoor unit
6. 5-ton Carrier model 40QB060300;Ser. 2187A16046 indoor unit
7. 4-ton Trane model TWA048C300A3; Ser. M35429KHF outdoor unit
8. 4-ton Trane model TWE048C140B3; Ser. M3841UD1V indoor unit

Surplus Items donated to the military service organization, American Legion, Post 511:

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 2. 5-ton Trane model TWE060D150A1;Ser. M205YH61V indoor unit
 3. 5-ton Norydyne model FT3BA-060CA;ser.FTA050701710 outdoor unit
 4. 5-ton Carrier model 40QB060300;Ser. 2187A16046 indoor unit
4. A Joint Resolution between the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Mary's and the City of Woodbine in support of the Georgia Department of Labor Kings Bay Career Center remaining in operation in Camden County, Georgia.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to approve the Joint Resolution between the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Mary's and the City of Woodbine in support of the Georgia Department of Labor Kings Bay Career Center remaining in operation in Camden County, Georgia.

The motion carried unanimously.

A JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE CITY OF KINGSLAND, THE CITY OF ST. MARYS AND THE CITY OF WOODBINE IN SUPPORT OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, KINGS BAY CAREER CENTER REMAINING IN OPERATION IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Camden County, Georgia is a heavily populated community along Georgia's coast; home to 50, 513 residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Labor released the March 2012 labor statistics for Camden County, and the data indicates a continuing trend of gradual improvement in the local labor market. According to the March data, Camden County employment grew by 231 jobs over the preceding month, and has increased by 658 jobs over the same period one year ago; and,

WHEREAS, employment has increased by approximately 1,000 jobs since January 2011, and the unemployment rate has fallen; the rate, however, has bounced around erratically on a month-to-month basis in response to the fluid size of the labor force as persons continuously enter and exit the job market; and,

WHEREAS, a March 2012 report by the Georgia Department of Labor showed the unemployment rate for Camden County at 8.9%, compared to 9.3 % in March 2011, thus proving the track record as well as the great importance and need for the Kings Bay Career Center to remain in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Kings Bay Career Center is a mission critical location, ensuring that the Georgia Department of Labor meets its mission of working with the public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, Camden County is home to the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and the Kings Bay Career Center is a vital resource for our military service members and their families providing essential resources which offer accessible employment opportunities, one on one assistance and successful job placement for military personnel and their families within our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Marys and the City of Woodbine recognize that the Kings Bay Career Center is an effective tool for unemployed citizens to find work in these hard economic times; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned elected officials of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Mary's and the City of Woodbine do hereby support that the Georgia Department of Labor Kings Bay Career Center remain in Camden County in order to provide high quality, responsive and universally accessible services that accommodate customer choice and exceeding customer expectations to our citizens.

ADOPTED IN LAWFUL ASSEMBLY OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF KINGSLAND, CITY OF ST. MARYS AND THE CITY OF WOODBINE, GEORGIA AND SPREAD UPON THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF ALL ENTITIES.

5. Consideration to amend the Resolution of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners for the Establishment of a Tribunal for the Determination of Revocation of a Special Use Permit.

County Attorney Brent Green stated that Counsel for the Casey's is requesting to postpone the Tribunal for the Determination of Revocation of a Special Use Permit for Oakwell Armory. He stated that after speaking with Attorney Guy, representing Oakwell Armory, although Attorney Guy was opposed to the postponement, he gave no legitimate reason not to delay the date of the Tribunal. Attorney Green recommended

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to amend the Resolution of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners for the Establishment of a Tribunal for the Determination of Revocation of a Special Use Permit for Oakwell Armory to postpone the date of the Tribunal for no later than sixty (60) days from tonight, May 1, 2012.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - ***May & June 2012***

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the calendars for May & June 2012.

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard stated he had the pleasure of attending the ACCG even honoring the County Excellence Awards in Savannah, where Camden County was recognized for the program "Helping Citizens Save Lives, Andrew Cohn AED Program". He stated he would like to recognize the efforts of staff, Firefighter Stuart Sullivan and the family of Andrew Cohn for all the hard work put in to making this program a reality.

He encouraged everyone to attend the Dedication of the Horsestamp Church Road Interchange in honor of Camden County's fallen hero, Officer Carlton "Dan" Jenkins, Monday, May 7th at 9:00 AM, located at the corner of Horsestamp Church Road and Springhill Bluff Road.

He announced that National County Government Month has wrapped up and he encouraged everyone here tonight to stop by the display of artwork submitted by the Grayson Day's Camden County High School Art Class showcasing this year's National County Government Month theme "Health Counties, Healthy Families"

He informed the Board that staff is refining the budget, taking an innovative look at cost saving measures. He stated that there is a savings opportunity to subdivide the Gateway Mental Health building to allow the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to utilize space within this building in lieu of funding provided by the County that is used for office space. He asked the Board for a consensus for him to move forward with this cost savings measure.

The consensus of the Board was unanimous for County Administrator Steve Howard to move forward with the savings opportunity to subdivide the Gateway Mental Health building to allow the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to utilize space within this building in lieu of funding provided by the County that is used for office space.

County Attorney Brent Green announced that Judge Roger B. Lane will be sworn in as the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, Superior Court Judge. He stated that the ceremony will

May 4, 2012, at 4:00 PM.

Additional Public Comments:

No additional public comments were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn the May 1, 2012 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM.

BY: *David L. Rainer*
DAVID L. RAINER, CHAIRMAN
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kathryn A. Bishop
ATTEST:
KATHRYN BISHOP, COUNTY CLERK

