

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2012, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 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 Jimmy Starline; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Chuck Clark; County Attorney Brent Green and Administrative Assistant Julie Swick.

County Administrator Steve Howard and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop were absent.

Agenda Amendments:

Added item to presentations:

- "TSPLOST the Facts" presented by Camden County Chamber of Commerce, Government Community Affairs Committee.

Added item to regular agenda:

6. Appointment of Gary Blount to serve on the Solid Waste Authority.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve 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

- June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to approve the June 19, 2012 Regular meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter

Employee Recognition Committee Chair Julie Swick presented the Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter to Fire Rescue Captain Jeremy Wright. Ms. Swick read the proclamation recognizing the Employee of the Quarter and Chair Rainer presented the proclamation to Captain Wright.

WHEREAS, the Employee Recognition Committee is pleased to announce that Jeremy Wright has been named Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy's commitment to Camden County Fire Rescue since February 2001 has played an important role in the growth and success of this organization. His overall training and dedication as a Firefighter/Paramedic has greatly benefited Camden County as well as the State of Georgia during the last 11 years; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy was promoted to a Captain position in 2009 and uses his knowledge and acquired skills as a Firefighter/Paramedic to be a great leader and positive role model in his department; and,

WHEREAS, he has a 'can do' attitude and keeps everyone around him upbeat, as well as puts forth confidence and instills encouragement in his co-workers; and,

WHEREAS, he regularly spends time off duty helping others by teaching Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) school, Firefighting and Extrication operations, as well as CPR and First Aide classes to help his current and future colleagues succeed; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy serves as an ambassador for his department on the Camden County Retirement Committee and is eager to learn about more efficient and cost effective operations for his department and the County; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy volunteers his time and concurrently shares the enjoyment of his personal interest of fishing in the annual Waverly Woods Make-A-Difference Fishing Tournament charity for special needs children in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy is dedicated to serving the people of Camden County by protecting and preserving life, health and property against fire and other threats; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the members of this body recognize Jeremy Wright as Employee of the Quarter for Camden County Government, and, we hereby express our gratitude for his efforts and commitment.

PROCLAIMED this 10th day of July, 2012.

- "TSPLOST the Facts" presented by Camden County Chamber of Commerce, Government Community Affairs Committee.

Charlie Smith & Christine Daniel, representing the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Community Affairs Committee, presented a power point presentation,

“TSPLOST the Facts”, to the Board.

Reasons to Vote Against TSPLOST

1. We don't need it.
2. No new taxes.
3. I don't trust the government to do what they say.
4. You could eight lane Colerain Road and it wouldn't solve the evacuation problem.
5. We should do our own TSPLOST and keep the money.
6. This is taxation without representation (home rule issue-no opt out option).
7. It is a regressive tax.
8. SPLOST VII will fail if we pass TSPLOST.
9. TSPLOST is all about solving Atlanta's transportation problems.
10. 8% sales tax is too much. It will drive people to shop in Florida.

What's the PROBLEM?

Georgia faces an **\$18+ Billion Dollar funding gap** for Transportation Infrastructure.

How did it happen?

Population Explosion:

4.58 million – Georgia's population in 1970

8.18 million – Georgia's population in 2000

9.68 million – Georgia's population in 2011

Transportation Funding:

Shrinking Fuel Tax

Expansion and Repairs put on hold

Legislative Solutions

Georgia Legislature: 2000-2010

Many transportation proposals

Purdue Task Force

Why the law was created...

- Georgia spends less per capita on transportation than most all other states, while its population and economy have grown rapidly.
- Other states have multiple funding sources for broader transportation infrastructure investment.
- Transportation funding comes almost solely from Georgia's motor fuel tax which isn't bringing in enough money for matching grants (because vehicles are becoming more fuel efficient, carpooling and transit use increases, that shortfall will worsen).
- Approval of TIA can improve a deteriorating transportation network which is important for economic growth and jobs.
Overview of Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010
- Creates 12 special tax district regions based on existing Regional Commission boundaries (map on next page).
- Allows each region to levy a 1% sales tax for 10 years and funds collected in each region must be spent in that region.

- Projects were selected by elected leaders of local governments who formed Regional Roundtables consisting of two individuals from each county: Commissioner David Rainer and Kingsland Mayor Kenneth Smith (selected by all of the county's mayors).
- All 12 Regional Roundtables approved a list of projects by the specified deadline of October 15, 2011.
- Project lists can be found at www.dot.state.ga.us.
- Voters in each region will vote on the proposed sales tax increase in a July 31, 2012 referendum to be effective January 2013.
- 75% of the Region's proceeds would be used to fund the projects on the final project list approved by the Regional Roundtable.
- 25% of the Region's proceeds would be divided among the region's local governments to be spent on discretionary transportation projects using a formula of population and road mileage.
- Most project delivery would be the responsibility of Georgia DOT, working with local governments.
- A citizens review panel is created in each region to monitor results over the 10-year period.

Project Revenue Collections by Region over 10 years:

Regional Commission Amount	(\$Millions)
NW Georgia	1,487
Georgia Mountains	1,260
ARC	8,468
Three Rivers	947
South/Southwest	988
NE Georgia	876
Middle Georgia	841
Central Savannah River	594
River Valley	399
Heart of Georgia	530
SW Georgia	671
Southern Georgia	1,608
Coastal Georgia	

State Wide Map with Region 12 Counties

Eligible Projects

- Roadway Capital (New Roads and Bridges, Expansions)
- Roadway & Bridge Maintenance (Asset Management)
- Safety and Traffic Operations (Intersections, Signals & Signs)
- Freight & Logistics (Truck/Rail/Port)
- Aviation (Airports)

- Bicycle and Pedestrian (Sidewalks & Bike Trails)
- Transit Capital (Buses, Trains, Ferries)
- Transit Operations & Maintenance (Coastal Regional Coaches)

A. Projected Total Sales Tax Receipts Region 12 for 10 Year Period

B. Total Economic Development Investment in Camden County

Camden County over 10 Years

\$62 Million ---- Specific Pre-approved Projects

\$24 Million ---- Local Choice Projects

\$86 Million ---- Total Economic Investment

**C. Camden County's Pre-approved and Local Choice Projects Jobs, Safety, quality
of Life**

Camden County **Pre-approved** Projects + **Local Choice** Projects

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| 1. Phase 1 - Total Costs | \$32.5 Million | Projects are selected by local governments |
| 2. Exit 1 - Total Costs | \$9.0 Million | |
| 3. Phase 2 - Total Costs | <u>\$20.5 Million</u> | Annual Allocation \$2.4 Million |

Total Pre-approved Project \$62.0 Million + Local Choice Allocations - \$24 Million

D. Camden County has 3 projects that meet the required guidelines set forth by the TSPLOST legislation as a Pre-approved Projects

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| 1. Colerain Road Kings Bay to I-95 | | |
| | DOT and Federal Grants | \$26,040,795 |
| | Total Local Match | <u>\$6,510,199</u> |
| | Total Project Cost | \$32,550,994 |
| 2. Exit One | | |
| | DOT and Federal Grants | \$900,000 |
| | Total Local Match | \$8,100,000 |
| | Total Project Cost | <u>\$9,000,000</u> |
| 3. Colerain Road I-95 to State Road 40 West | | |
| | DOT and Federal Grants | \$16,452,969 |
| | Total Local Match | \$4,113,242 |
| | Total Project Cost | <u>\$20,566,211</u> |

E. How are Camden County's Pre-approved Projects funded?

\$43,393,764 DOT and Federal Grant Funds

\$18,723,441 Total Local Match for 3 projects

\$62,117,205 Total Economic Investment in Pre-approved Projects

F. Local Choice TSPLOST Funds Projected for Camden County

Part Two of the TSPLOST legislation provides a 25% share each year that is allocated to Camden County for local choice projects. These funds are divided between the County and the three Cities based upon a LARP formula (*Based upon Total Mileage and Population called the LARP Factor: 1/5 Population factor and 4/5 centerline and unpaved lane miles*).

Initial Annual Allocation to four local governments in Camden County

Unincorporated	\$1,241,975
Kingsland	\$513,511
St Marys	\$586,908
Woodbine	<u>\$67,533</u>

\$2,409,927 First Year allocation to County
\$24,099,270 (10 Year Total to Camden County)*

*This is a flat line conservative projection

G. What's in it for Camden County?

1. What does Camden County get?
Total Investment in Camden County over 10 Years: \$86.0 Million
Total Investment in Camden County in first 5-6 Years: \$74.0 Million
2. What does Camden County contribute?

Low Projection: Flat Economy

\$69.4 Million Total Sales Tax Collected
Minus \$8.7 Million Paid by Tourist, Meals, Guests, Fuel
\$60.7 Million Net Actually Paid by Camden Residents

High Projection: Modest Growth

\$94.6 Million Total Sales Tax Collected
Minus \$11.8 Million Paid by Tourists, Meals, Guests, Fuel
\$82.8 Million Net Actually Paid by Camden Residents

3. What is the bottom line?

Low Projection:

Camden County Gets: \$86 Million Investment
Camden County Pays: \$60.7 Million (Net)

High Projection:

Camden County Gets: \$94.4 Million Investment (Local Choice Funds)
Camden County Pays: \$82.8 Million (Net)

H. Additional Camden County Information

1. What is Camden's share of the region's total sales tax? 5.9%
2. What is Camden's share of the region's population? 7.8%
3. What is Camden's share of the region's centerline paved and unpaved roads?
7.7%
4. What is Camden County's share of pre-approved funds in the Coastal Region?
5.2%
5. What is Camden County's share of local choice funds?
7.8%
6. How many projects were approved for the 10 counties in Region 12?
Bryan County 9 Projects
Bullock County 4 Projects
Camden County 3 Projects
Chatham County 9 Projects
Effingham County 5 Projects
Glynn County 13 Projects

Liberty County	12 Projects
Long County	3 Projects
McIntosh County	6 Projects
Screven County	1 Project

Total 75 Projects

TSPLOST vs. DOT Federal Grants 49.6% vs. 51.4%

Local Match \$18,723,441

Local Option \$24,000,000

\$42,723,441 Total TSPLOST Funds

DOT & Federal Grant Funds

\$43,393,764

\$86,117,205 Total Investments in Camden County

Additional Camden County Information

1. One out of every 12 jobs in Georgia is port related.
2. There is no Plan "B".
3. If fully implemented throughout the State of Georgia the TSPLOST investment (\$18.67 Billion) would create over 425,000 jobs with 43,425 in the Coastal Region and 2,390 jobs in Camden County alone.
4. Approximately 12.5% of sales taxes in Camden County are generated from people "passing through".
5. An \$86 Million investment in infrastructure in Camden County over a 2-5 year period represents the biggest economic investment in our future since Gilman Paper & Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.
6. Camden County residents spend \$14,981,841 on lottery tickets each year (FY10).

What's the Bottom Line?

1. The Tax is Big but the problem is even Bigger
2. TSPLOST is a different Tax
3. A little help from our Friends!
4. Camden is a Big Winner
5. Camden gets Top Priority
6. Investment brings 2,390 jobs to the County
7. In Coastal Region, Camden is treated fairly
8. If not, Now - When?

Sample Ballot Question

(Yes) or (No)

Shall Camden County's transportation system and the transportation network in this region and the state be improved by providing for a 1 percent special district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of transportation projects and programs for a period of ten years?

- TSPLOST Local Projects presentation by Public Works Director Scott Brazell

Public Works Director Scott Brazell presented the TSPLOST Local Projects list to the Board.

Transportation Investment Act of 2010: County Projects

Proposed Camden Projects: New Road Construction	Cost
CMG Place	\$496,320
Springhill Road	\$2,870,000
Incachee Road	\$1,750,000
Jody, Powell, & Kayla Street	\$248,160
Satilla Bluff Road East & West	\$1,400,000
Halifax Road	\$600,000
Haynor Road	\$1,610,000
Marr Road	\$800,000
Jack Small Road	\$700,000
Fisher Massey Road	\$540,000
Hickory Bluff Drive	\$250,000
Field Creek Circle	\$400,000
Oakwell Road	\$1,191,169
Clarks Bluff Road	\$144,000
Old Jefferson Highway P3	\$1,384,732
TOTAL	\$14,385,381

Proposed Camden Projects: RESURFACING	Cost
Kinlaw Road	\$120,000
Cypress Lakes Subdivision	\$140,000
Colesburg Tompkins Road	\$140,000
Old Jefferson Road	\$206,250
Gap Swamp Road	\$96,750
Billyville Road	\$207,000
TOTAL	\$910,000

Proposed Camden Projects: BRIDGES	Cost
Harriett's Bluff at Deep Creek	\$100,000
Colesburn Tompkins at Walker Swamp	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$400,000

Proposed Camden Projects: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT	Cost
Sidewalk Replacement: Browntown Road	\$20,000
Sidewalk Replacement: Colerain Road	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$50,000

TIA 2010 - Special Regional Transportation Tax (2013-2022)

0.25% Estimates for the Local Governments

Local Entities in Camden County	25% First Year Estimate	25% 10 Year Estimate
Camden County	\$1,241,975	\$12,419,750
Kingsland	\$513,511	\$5,135,110
St. Marys	\$586,908	\$5,869,080
Woodbine	\$67,533	\$675,330
COMBINED TOTAL	\$2,409,927	\$24,099,270

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LMIG Funding Estimate	\$230,000	\$2,300,000
<p><i>The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from Georgia Department of Transportation is an annual grant that is used for constructing and resurfacing local roads.</i></p> <p><i>The formula for the grant is 4/5 road mileage and 1/5 population versus the total mileage and population of the State of Georgia.</i></p>		

Funding Timeline

	LMIG/ Number of Years to Fund	T-SPLOST/ Number of Years to Fund
Construction	\$14,384,381 62.5 Years	\$14,384,381 11.5 Years
Resurfacing	\$910,000 4 Years	\$910,000 0.7 Years
Bridge Repair	\$400,000 1.7 Years	\$400,000 0.3 Years
Enhancement	\$50,000 0.2 Years	\$50,000 0.04 Years

Public Comments

Ben Casey, Vacunna Road

Mr. Casey stated that his comments are, again, regarding the noise from the Oakwell Armory Gun Range. He explained, as he pointed out before, Davis & Son’s Enterprises still must meet the requirements that have been on the books since before they opened. He asked who will enforce the ordinances and asked will it be the people who are promised free shooting at the range. He stated that the permit was a conditional use permit in which Mr. Davis had no intention of adhering to the conditions that the Board set forth. He stated that Mr. Davis also had help in not meeting these conditions by people who are employed by the County and he explained that Mr. John Peterson is one of those employees. He stated if Mr. Peterson would have enforced what was required we would not be in the position where we are at. He explained that he spoke of the guidelines set by the Department of Community Affairs at one of the past County Commissioner Meetings. He asked why their guidelines were not followed on the shooting range which requires a minimum of twenty (20) acres. He stated where the shooting range is now they are using maybe five (5) acres, if that. He stated that the range is suppose to be five hundred (500) feet from any residential use area. He stated that Mr. Peterson needs to buy a tape measure or something because the five hundred (500) feet is not there. Mr. Casey stated that by now the Board should know by now that the burms were not at the correct height, the fence was not complete and where were the baffles over the cowboy shooter area. He explained that Mr. Davis, himself, stated that the burm located at the cowboy area would be thirty to thirty-five feet tall. He asked why the county surveyor

information that is contrary to the Boards orders.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of Chair to execute Tax Release Applications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Digest Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>
MH - Mobile Home	V/L - Vacant Land		
Jeffrey & Debra Hulet	2009	\$1011.84	House burned down
Jeffrey & Debra Hulet	2010	\$1021.28	House burned down
Friendly Express	2011	\$1391.86	Sold/doubled for 2011
Patricia A. Armstrong	2012	\$56.96	Removed per field inspection
Robert L. Herrington	2011	\$93.80	Boat moved to Augusta
Jesse Crosby	2011	\$119.25	MH sold to Pierce Co. resident in 2010
Jesse Crosby	2012	\$119.25	MH sold to Pierce Co. resident in 2010
Lionel Dixon	2011	\$134.35	Sold to North Carolina resident
Nancy Graves Talbott	2011	\$1267.48	House turned over to National Park Service
Donna Gail Waldron	2007	\$104.82	MH doubled under #3879
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Donna Gail Waldron	2009	\$96.49	MH doubled under #3879
Donna Gail Waldron	2010	\$84.28	MH doubled under #3879
Donna Gail Waldron	2011	\$84.98	MH doubled under #3879
Donna Gail Waldron	2012	\$89.03	MH doubled under #3879
Robert L. Herrington	2011	\$93.80	Boat resides in Augusta GA
Lionel Dixon	2011	\$134.35	Sold to North Carolina resident
Jesse Crosby	2011	\$119.25	MH sold to Pierce Co. resident in 2010
Jesse Crosby	2012	\$119.25	MH sold to Pierce Co. resident in 2010
Perdue Denean	2005	\$289.89	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
Perdue Denean	2006	\$287.94	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
Perdue Denean	2007	\$286.54	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
William Eddie Poppell	2008	\$283.42	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
William Eddie Poppell	2009	\$281.08	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
William Eddie Poppell	2010	\$279.00	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
William Eddie Poppell	2011	\$280.94	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
William Eddie Poppell	2012	\$283.03	MH in McIntosh Co. since 2004
Jeremy Thigpen	1998	\$72.14	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	1999	\$65.72	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2000	\$81.92	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2001	\$77.57	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2002	\$82.82	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2003	\$79.91	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2004	\$73.77	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2005	\$66.39	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2006	\$65.78	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2007	\$63.68	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2008	\$63.68	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2009	\$49.84	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2010	\$44.76	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2011	\$43.20	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997
Jeremy Thigpen	2012	\$44.03	MH moved to Hortense, GA in 1997

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to approve the

Chair to execute the Tax Release Applications.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and Board direction concerning Appointment to the Joint Development Authority.

The consensus of the Board was to advertise the Joint Development Authority Board of Directors vacancy with a closing date of August 3, 2012 and present this item for official action at the regular meeting of August 7, 2012.

3. Discussion regarding purchase of Real Property.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Starline to authorize for County to enter into negotiations for the possible purchase of real estate in the vicinity of the Public Safety Complex in Woodbine and this item will come before the Board for final approval after negotiations have been finalized by the County Attorney.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Humane Society Contract

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 Humane Society Contract.

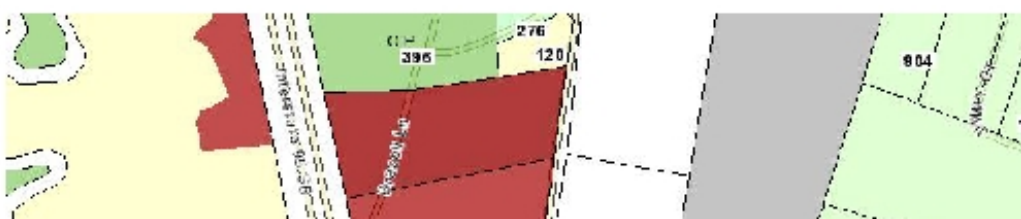
The motion carried unanimously.

Insert FY 2013 Humane Society Contract here.

5. Petition to de-annex a 5.63 acre property owned by Jason Hogan shown as Tax Map 094 Parcel 019J

Planning & Development Director John Peterson presented a power point presentation to the Board:

Petition to de-annex a 5.63 acre property owned by Jason Hogan shown as Tax Map 094 Parcel 019J Kingsland, GA. This property is located on Tax Map 094, Parcel 019J. The present Zoning is R-1, single family residential, according to the City of Kingsland Planning and Development Director. Mr. Hogan has filled out the attached Petition for de-annexation form, and stated that he wishes to de-annex from the City since they furnish him no water, sewer or other services at this location. City of Kingsland Planning Director, Ken Kessler has also notified me that no services are available.



Staff Recommends approval of the De-annexation Resolution to de-annex a 5.63 acre property owned by Jason Hogan shown as Tax Map 094 Parcel 019J Kingsland, GA.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to approve the Resolution to de-annex a 5.63 acre property owned by Jason Hogan shown as Tax Map 094 Parcel 019J.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Gary Blount to serve on the Solid Waste Authority.

Vice-Chair Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the appointment of Gary Blount to the Solid Waste Authority.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - July & August

Julie Swick read the calendars for July & August 2012.

- County Administrator's Report

No report offered.

Additional Public Comments:

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

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Keene to adjourn the July 10, 2012 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at PM.

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

ATTEST:
KATHRYN BISHOP, COUNTY CLERK

