

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2013, 6:00 PM**

**A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.**

Chairman Keene called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chairman Keene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present: Chair Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Vice-Chair Jimmy Starline.; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Tony Sheppard; County Attorney Brent Green; County Administrator Steve Howard and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.**

**Agenda Amendments:**

**Addition to Regular Agenda:**

7. Temple Landing Boat Dock
8. Certification request for Bond Release for Estates at Sanctuary Cove Re-Plat Phase II

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the agenda amendments as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda:**

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adopt the agenda as amended.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

- February 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the February 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Keene convened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

### **Public Hearing**

- Receive comments from the public regarding the issuance of bonds or on the nature or location of the Magnolia Manor South Facility proposed to be refinanced

No comments were offered from the public, neither for nor against this item, during this time.

Chairman Keene adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:32 PM

Chairman Keene reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:32 PM.

### **Public Comments**

Attorney Robert Aitkens, 1829 Powers Ferry Road, Building One, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30339

Attorney Aitkens stated he is here on behalf of Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound Community Association, Inc. and it is the association for the uncompleted subdivision known as Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound. He explained when he last spoke to the commission and he appreciates Commissioner Starline, Blount, Clark, Sheppard and Chairman Keene for letting him speak again and he stated he will probably be speaking for several meetings from now on, hopefully we will make some progress. He stated that at the same time we are at a cross roads as a result of the review of the open records act request he has not been able to find a signed general release associated with the escrow agent and he has not been able to find an agreement between the County and BPJS Investments that is signed by both parties and there is no evidence of the amount that BPJS Investments received as a result of any form of deed to secure debt and other agreement with Camden County upon the tendering to the escrow agent of over sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) in bonds. He stated it is his understanding that the county has collected over two million dollars in taxes from lot owners at Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 that is increasing at somewhere between fifty (\$50,000) and two hundred thousand (\$200,000) a year. He stated rhetorically he asks the benefit that these lot owners have received from approaching three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in taxes. He stated that he has an open records act request in that will have all of the information available and digested and he will provide it to the commissioners within the next ten (10) days. He stated that last but not least he wants to say that in 2006 it appears that Camden County may have been spear headed by the predecessor to Mr. Keene.

John A. King, 1729 Camino De Villas, Burbank, CA 91501

Mr. King stated that he flew across the country today because this has been an ongoing process that we need to have some answers as well as closure. He stated that the gentlemen sitting on this bench up here seem to be men of honor and character. He stated that we call on you as well as everyone in this room, we brought in millions and millions of dollars to this county by the purchase of property in this development and now it appears the bond money is missing. He stated that his question to you gentlemen today is **we're** looking for a resolution not a fight and **we're** prepared to do whatever it takes to get that development up and running. He stated that he is a tax payer in Camden County as well as ten (10) other lot owners. He explained that maybe you guys can huddle together and put something together between the next to find out who is responsible for the bond money, where the bond money went and why

base and people can have what they came here to purchase.

Habiba Doyle, 104 Whitefield Ave., St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Mrs. Doyle stated that she and husband own a lot in Bridge Pointe. She explained they live in and work in Georgia in St. Simons Island. She stated they pay taxes obviously in Georgia. She stated they bought a lot in Bridge Pointe with the full intention of building a home there instead they now have two (2) mortgage payments which has pretty much delayed their retirement and the reason she is working fulltime maybe need a part-time job too. She stated that they paid over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for their Bridge Pointe lot and its worth almost nothing now. She explained that the bond money was their only hope and **it's** gone because of decisions made by the Camden County Board of Commissioners. She stated they need to know where the bond money went and how to get it back. She stated that this has affected every aspect of her **family's** life, including her health and cost them much more than money, much, much more. She stated that the Bridge Pointe lots are not just pieces of land they belong to people like them who are suffering consequences of decisions made by the Camden County Board of Commissioners. She stated they are tired of fighting amongst ourselves with her own family over this, the stress that is has caused, the waiting, but they will never give up because we have much too much invested in this. She stated we urge you to do the right thing, do what needs to be done to please move this development along.

Michael Doyle, 104 Whitefield Ave., St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Mr. Doyle stated that he would like to bring before the Commission that he too would like to know where the money is, when the development is going to be done. He stated that he would like a response to the email that he sent you over two (2) years ago.

Chairman Keene addressed Mr. Doyle stating that he does not have an answer to the email yet and he explained that they are looking at all of the remedies available but as you know and everybody knows it is a relatively complicated issue so it is going to take time.

Mr. Doyle stated the other thing he would like to bring before the commission is where did the bond money go and this company BPJS had investments in Tennessee. He explained the county in Tennessee did not release their bond money and the construction of the development was done. He asked why did we go ahead and give these guys, this company, money to do something that **didn't** turn a shovels worth of dirt. He asked what accountability is there for that money.

Gary Cross, 2517 Norwich St., Brunswick, GA

Mr. Cross stated he is a homeowner and taxpayer in Georgia. He explained that he is very confused and disappointed that we **haven't** been able to move forward with the project as of yet. He stated that he looks forward to the commission getting to the bottom of the details and giving us a green light so everything can go forward. He stated that he believes you guys will do the right thing and he is sure that you want to do the right thing and we are looking forward to it.

Millicent Cross, 2517 Norwich St., Brunswick, GA

Mrs. Cross stated that she would like to add that they are business owners in Camden County.

Cynthia J. Emerson, 109 N. Wellington Dr., Macon, GA 31210

Mrs. Emerson stated that she owns lot 266 and she has only one rhetorical question. She asked the Board if they can request an audit of the Bridge Pointe bond funds.

David Emerson, 109 N. Wellington Dr., Macon, GA 31210

Mr. Emerson stated that this whole situation with them has been a travesty. He stated that they paid cash for the lot initially, which was a considerable amount of money, and they feel like somebody is dragging their feet and something is not right with this kind of a situation.

Brenda King, 3405 Lemon Ave., Walnut, CA 91789

Ms. King stated that she is from California and bought a beautiful lot in phase II for five hundred and nine thousand dollars (\$509,000). She stated she was looking forward to a beautiful development to retire in with her lot that has those beautiful oaks with the Spanish moss in them with their charm and she was looking forward to being one of your neighbors. She stated that her understanding is that the bonding AMS Surety was fraudulent and that twenty-two million (\$22,000,000) was recovered. She stated that it is her understanding that Camden County did not put in a claim for any of that money and has everything been exhausted to try to recover some of that.

Richard Garrison, 297 Pine Harbor Circle, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Mr. Garrison stated that he is a property owner at Bridge Pointe and he lives in St. Augustine, Florida. He stated that Mr. Howard and the Board have over a long period of time now given their voice stating that they wish to cooperate with the land owners and with the association in regards to a settlement for the situation that exists here in Bridge Pointe. He stated that it seems that is all that has been done there words that seem to have no content, no meaning. He explained there have been repeated requests to meet with the board by representatives of the homeowners association incorporated and I have heard of no response to that. He stated that it brings to question your reasoning, your purpose for your constant lack of affirmative action towards a resolution in this case. He stated the O.C.G.A. defines property as that which is owned and to be enjoyed. He stated there is no enjoyment in his ownership; **it's** just been nothing but heartache, bills and the repeated lack of response by Mr. Howard and the Board.

Chairman Keene stated he would like to remind everyone that comments need to be directed to the Board and not to staff members which is clearly stated in the code of conduct, specifically directed to him. Chairman Keene stated that the Board will not have staff members addressed because they are not responsible, this commission holds the responsibility.

Peter Cavaliere, 125 Laramie Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137

Mr. Cavaliere stated that he owns parts of three (3) home sites at Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound. He explained he is asking as an investor and knew the risk going in and he has responsibility. He stated he is paying his mortgage, paying his home association fee and most important to you folks I'm paying my taxes. He stated he is not asking you to do anything I **wouldn't** do but take the same responsibility and find out what happened to our bond monies so we can get something happening over at Bridge Pointe and we can eventually build on that and have it a thriving community to increase your tax revenue.

David Richardson, 3756 Waterlilly Way, Marietta, GA

Mr. Richardson stated that he drove down from Atlanta today, burning a day from work, and

wanted too. He stated that we just want to know where the bond money is.

Conrad Bishop, 220 Thompson Place, Roswell, GA 30075

Mr. Bishop stated that he drove down today and will be driving back tomorrow. He explained that he looked at the lot, the property, today and had the same feeling he had when he looked at it with his brother five (5) or six (6) years ago when he and I both came down here together and bought lots on the same street, we grew up together on the water and we wanted to end up together on the water. He stated that neither one of at this time have anything to show for this property and along with all these other folks. He stated he is representing his brother here today too.

He stated that the taxes we paid and hearing what is going on, I **won't** direct this at any one person, if you all are not working on this huge issue, he is blown away by the magnitude of this mistake, and if you are not working on this what are you working on. He explained that he does not know your business or be disrespectful but goodness gracious I **don't** know how long it takes to get to the bottom of this but lets find out what happened to this bond money and for all these people that have been doing what their suppose to do and paying their taxes.

Joe Wright, 800 Bedford Oaks, Marietta, GA 30066

Mr. Wright stated that he is also a home site owner in Bridge Pointe. He explained that just a moment ago in your comments you said it was the Camden County Board of Commissioners **that's** responsible. He stated that he would like for you to take that responsibility seriously and find out what happened to the money, the money was intended to be spent a Bridge Pointe, so lets recover that money and have it spent there.

Michael Danyus, 9 Clemedge Ct., Palm Coast, FL 32137

Mr. Danyus stated that he would like to ask a couple of questions to the Board of Commissioners. He asked how much money has the BPJS Investments received from Lexon as a result of the County tendering the Bridge Pointe bonds to Troutman & Troutman. He asked how much has the County received from this and most of all how much has the Bridge Pointe lot owners received. He asked what is the status of the Hickory Bluff Marina. He stated that finally he wanted to read something here that he pulled down from your strategic plan dated 2013. He stated that it talks about your vision statement, your mission statement and more important your values. He read the Board of County Commission and employees of Camden County are committed to the following values, Integrity, we act with honesty and fairness and always strive to do the right thing. Respect, we treat everyone with respect. We recognize the dignity that is inherent in all people and celebrate the strength that comes from the diversity of people and ideas. Service, we take pride in our role as public servants and are dedicated to service excellence. We are committed to responsive, quality service, delivered with timeliness, courtesy, and fairness. Accountability, we are accountable and responsible for our actions and accept the consequences of our decisions. Teamwork, we value teamwork, and promote the principles of partnership, consultations and open communication. Balance, we encourage the achievement of a healthy balance in the working and personal lives of employees, believing that this contributes to the vitality of individuals, our organization and our community. He stated that they there worth nothing more than the paper they are written on if **we don't live by them**. He stated that he gives the rest of his time to Robert Aitkens.

Rick Swisher, 1009 Anchorage Ct., Winter Park, FL

Mr. Swisher stated he and his wife own two (2) lots at Bridge Pointe and they have driven up tonight to kind of hear and understand **what's** going on to the best of our ability. He stated that he knows they are not going to get any answers tonight but he is hoping in the near future they will get some sort of reconciliation as to **what's** happened the past couple of years. He stated that he really has nothing more to add than what most of these folks have already come before me and asked but we would really like to see some relief if **that's** even possible and hopefully it will be. He stated lastly, he would like to thank you all for your public service, he knows it is not easy, but you kind of knew that when you ran for this office but he appreciates what you do and they really need some help here.

Cindy Swisher, 1009 Anchorage Ct., Winter Park, FL

Mrs. Swisher stated that she is not sure if you all were the **Commission's** at the time the bond money was released to the developer and her question is why **wasn't** the money escrowed instead of just simply released to the developer She explained that is really her big question and she **doesn't** really think that we would be in this situation as Bridge Pointe land owners if the money had been escrowed and then as the developer did what needed to be done the County would have released that money almost as a construction type loan situation. She explained that she is sure the Board knows what she is talking about and she just hopes that somewhere down the road here that you do recover the money in some shape or form or Camden County compensates us in some shape or form.

## Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of approval of Chair to execute Tax Release Applications

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Chair to execute the Tax Release Applications.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Digest Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>
Barbara Durant	2013	\$83.37	Sold before receiving tags
Camden Office Supply	2012	\$134.14	Per field review business closed Oct. 2010
Johnny Thomas Skipper	2012	\$277.50	Vehicle traded
Diane Jane Aasen	2012	\$32.96	Sold trailer
Reed Snell	2005	\$41.60	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2006	\$40.27	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2007	\$40.13	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2008	\$40.13	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2009	\$30.24	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2010	\$27.63	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2011	\$27.14	Per field review mobile home torn down
Reed Snell	2012	\$27.57	Per field review mobile home torn down
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2004	\$124.13	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2005	\$109.23	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2006	\$103.10	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2007	\$56.01	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2008	\$83.47	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2009	\$78.83	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2010	\$70.15	Per field review mobile home was moved
Emily Gomez Armstrong	2011	\$70.13	Per field review mobile home was moved

Emily Gomez Armstrong	2012	\$71.62	Per field review mobile home was moved
Edward White	2012	\$10.00	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2002	\$362.88	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2003	\$475.13	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2004	\$431.26	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2005	\$395.39	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2006	\$375.15	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2007	\$361.37	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2008	\$361.37	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2009	\$332.91	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2010	\$314.81	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2011	\$316.87	Per field review mobile home was moved
Imogene Robinson	2012	\$280.93	Per field review mobile home was moved
Gregory Reed	2000	\$99.49	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	1999	\$80.54	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	1998	\$88.51	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2001	\$95.13	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2002	\$102.33	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2003	\$83.66	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2004	\$75.15	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2005	\$67.68	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2006	\$67.05	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2007	\$64.95	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2008	\$48.10	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2009	\$37.93	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2010	\$35.65	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2011	\$35.22	Per field review mobile home torn down
Gregory Reed	2012	\$35.85	Per field review mobile home torn down

2. Resolution authorizing the Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority to issue bonds to refinance facilities located in Camden County, Georgia

Vice-Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Chairman Keene to approve the Resolution authorizing the Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority to issue bonds to refinance facilities located in Camden County, Georgia.

**The motion carried unanimously**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMERICUS AND SUMTER COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS TO REFINANCE FACILITIES LOCATED IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA*

*WHEREAS, Magnolia Manor, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation (the “Borrower”) wishes to refinance and improve certain senior housing facilities, extended care facilities, and nursing home facilities in various locations within the State of Georgia; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 8, 2012 the Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority (the “Americus-Sumter Hospital Authority”) adopted a preliminary resolution authorizing the issuance of its revenue bonds to be designated “Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Magnolia Manor Obligated Group) Series 2013” (the “Bonds”) and lending the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) refund and retire the Americus-Sumter Hospital Authority’s Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999A (South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc. Obligated Group), (b) refinance certain bank loans used to acquire facilities owned by the Borrower, (c) fund a debt service reserve fund, (d) make certain improvements to the Borrower’s facilities located in Americus, Georgia, (e) fund certain reserves, and (f) pay certain costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds; and*

**WHEREAS**, among the facilities proposed to be refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds is Magnolia Manor of St. Marys, an approximately 18-unit independent living and approximately 18-unit assisted living facility located at 4695 Charlie Smith, Sr. Highway, St. Marys, Camden County, Georgia (the “**Camden Facility**”) that is owned and operated by the Borrower; and

**WHEREAS**, after publication of a notice more than 14 days prior to the date of this resolution, notice of the hearing was published in *The Tribune & Georgian*, a newspaper of general circulation in Camden County (the “**County**”), on this date a public hearing was held regarding the Bonds and the Camden Facilities being refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of this Resolution is to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) in order to qualify the interest on the Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the other purpose of this Resolution is to satisfy the Hospital Authorities Law, O.C.G.A. § 31-7-71(1), which provides that the “area of operation” of a hospital authority, including the Americus-Sumter Hospital Authority, is “the area within the city or county activating an authority. Such term shall also mean any other city or county in which the authority wishes to operate, provided the governing authorities and the board of any hospital authorities of such city and county request or approve such operation;” and

**WHEREAS**, the County is a governing authority of the St. Marys Hospital Authority;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, and it is hereby resolved by the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Camden County, Georgia, as follows:

1. For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest on the Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to applicable provisions of the Code, the issuance of the Bonds by the Americus-Sumter Hospital Authority in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$65,000,000 and the refinancing of the Camden Facility with the proceeds of the Bonds is approved. This approval is given solely for the purpose of compliance with provisions of the Code; and in no event shall this approval constitute any obligation on the part of the County with respect to the Bonds.

2. For purposes of the Hospital Authorities Law, the County hereby approves the operation of the Americus-Sumter Hospital Authority in the County by its issuance of the Bonds to refinance the Camden Facility. This approval is given solely for the purpose of compliance with provisions of the Hospital Authorities Law and in no event shall this approval constitute any obligation on the part of the County with respect to the Bonds.

ADOPTED, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

3. Approval of Chairman to execute the Intergovernmental agreement to enforce O.C.G.A. §40-6-163 as approved November 13, 2013.

Commissioner Blount made a motion seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to execute Intergovernmental agreement to enforce O.C.G.A. §40-6-163 as approved November 13, 2012.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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4. Waive portion of 2012 tax bill due to County purchase of land.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Starline to approve waive the 2012 tax bill for property purchased by Camden County in the amount of \$337.24.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Consideration to amend 2013 Meeting Calendar to change April & May 2013 meeting dates.

Vice-Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to amend the 2013 meeting calendar to reflect the April & May meeting dates as April 9, 2013, April 23, 2013, May 14, 2013 and May 28, 2013.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Agreement between Camden County Board of Commissioners and Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. regarding OneGeorgia Authority Equity Application for the Spaceport Project.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Starline to approve the Agreement between Camden County Board of Commissioners and Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. regarding OneGeorgia Authority Equity Application for the Spaceport Project.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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7. Temple Landing Boat Dock

Commissioner Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the costs associated with the Temple Creek Landing dock and labor costs as presented in the amount of \$35,804.00.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Certification request for Bond Release for Estates at Sanctuary Cove Re-Plat Phase II

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Chairman Keene to defer releasing the bonds until we have confirmation that notification has been given to any lot owners and table this item, subject to the previous comments, until the regular meeting of March 12, 2013 contingent upon confirmation that notification has been provided to any lot owners affected.

**So voted:**

Chairman Keene - Yes  
Vice-Chairman Starline - No  
Commissioner Sheppard - Yes  
Commissioner Clark - Yes  
Commissioner Blount - Yes

**The motion carried 4-1, Vice-Chairman Starline opposed.**

**Reports**

- **Calendar - February / March**

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the calendars for February & March 2013.

- **County Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he appreciates the **Board's** participation in our goal setting session yesterday and he believes we have some future goals we can attain in the near future.

He announced we did get notification from the Department of Justice for the clearance for the election regarding SPLOST and the Probate Judge vacancy.

### **Additional Public Comments:**

Attorney Robert Aitkens, 1829 Powers Ferry Road, Building One, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30339

Attorney Aitkens stated he ended last time identifying the various collections of Camden County associated both with taxes and trying to get grip on the amount of money and it is only hearsay of \$4.78 million that had been received by BPJS Investments in connection with the bond release related maneuver. He explained that in 2006 the County entered in to a service agreement obtaining to water and sewer the predecessor of Commissioner Keene was involved in a negotiation that involved Land Resource, LLC and Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound, LLC. He stated the payments under that contract required a payment of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) upon signing and it subsequently required a payment of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$875,000) within ninety (90) days. He stated that there has been a lot of money addressed at Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound that has come the **County's** way and I encourage this Board again to consider the creation of a committee to address the needs of the lot owners at Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound. He stated he also believe that there is a clear need for transparency and he has a lot of remedial suggestions and he is very willing to provide those to the commission and it was interesting to read in the paper today about the OneGeorgia Authority and the loan being provided to the Jekyll Island Authority and also interesting to find the equity related arrangement involving Camden County. He stated there are sources and that is not likely to be the best one but that is a possibility I suppose. He stated that there are a lot of actions that the County can take short of focusing on liability and defenses but focusing on remedial measures. He stated that he encourages this commission to listen to these lot owners and the future lot owners that speak to the commission and attempt to find a remedy expeditiously.

Richard Garrison, 297 Pine Harbor Circle, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Mr. Garrison stated that he apologizes for any tone in his voice that sounds of anger it is really that of frustration. He explained that as a tax payer and a land owner here he has no vote and he **can't** elect anyone or offer his vote, add anyone to the Board. He stated that he feels that he is at a disadvantage that he is paying taxes without a choice of representation and this has been the situation for now over seven (7) years. He stated seven (7) years that he **hasn't** had a voice where he pays taxes. He stated that there is a piece of history that relates to that and he asked the Board to consider that, taxation without representation, and it really **doesn't** apply in a true sense but in the sense of equity, fairness it does apply. He stated he does not have a vote, he will never have a

try. He stated that he apologizes to Mr. Howard.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn the February 26, 2013 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM



BY: \_\_\_\_\_

WILLIS R. KEENE, JR., CHAIRMAN  
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TEST: \_\_\_\_\_

KATHRYN BISHOP, COUNTY CLERK