

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 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 Tony Sheppard; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Chuck Clark; County Attorney Brent Green; and County Clerk Katie Bishop.

Absent: County Administrator Steve Howard

Agenda Amendments:

Remove from Regular Agenda under Presentations:

St. Marys Express Excursion Train presented by Doug Vaught

Addition to Regular Agenda:

Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adopt the agenda amendments presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- September 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Starline to approve the September 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Joint Proclamation recognizing by the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine; and the County of Camden, Georgia designating Friday the 4th of October 2013 as Maritime Safety and Security Team Kings Bay (MSST 91108) Day.

Chairman Keene announced that the following Joint Proclamation will be recorded in the official minutes:

A PROCLAMATION by the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine; and the County of Camden, Georgia designating Friday the 4th of October 2013 as ***MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM KINGS BAY (MSST 91108)*** Day.

WHEREAS, today, on behalf of all Camden County citizens, we pause to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the Maritime Safety and Security Team Kings Bay (MSST 91108) on the steps of Historic Orange Hall, where a decade ago on the 6th of October 2003 the team was commissioned; and

WHEREAS, Camden County has an exceptional supportive relationship with all the military services based in and around Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base; and

WHEREAS, with the commissioning of the Maritime Safety and Security Team Kings Bay (MSST 91108) in October of 2003, the commissioning of the Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay (MFPU) in July 2007, and the commissioning of the cutters USCGC SEA DRAGON (WPB 87367) in January 2008 and USCGC SEA DOG (WPB 87373) in July 2009, the Coast Guard presence in Camden County has dramatically increased; and

WHEREAS, during the past 10 years, MSST Kings Bay has completed more than 75 worldwide deployments in support of national security, short notice maritime response and defense operations with some of the most notable operations including the 2003 Free Trade Agreement of America Conference in Miami, 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City, the 2005 Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C., the 2008 Republican National Convention in Saint Paul, MN, the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans, LA, humanitarian relief operations from Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy, several joint U.S. Secret Service security protection details for the President and Vice President of the U.S., and security zone enforcement for over 500 ballistic missile submarine movements as part of the U.S. Transit Protection System; and

WHEREAS, the crew of MSST Kings Bay has demonstrated superb operational adaptability, and was the "tip of the spear" during the historic DEEPWATER HORIZON response while serving as the lead Command and Control element for all Deployable Specialized Forces in the Gulf region, MSST Kings Bay operated an armada of 28 Defender Class Response Boats across a massive seven parish operating area where they operated independently and mishap free for more than 40 days while safely completing over 3500 underway hours in one of the most difficult waterway regions in North America; and

WHEREAS, MSST Kings Bay demonstrated incredible flexibility, outstanding preparation and flawless execution in support of TRADEWINDS 2011, where the Coast Guardsmen of MSST Kings Bay prepared in depth training materials and provided hands on law enforcement and boat forces experience for 245 members representing 21 partner nations; increasing international maritime operations and awareness while enhancing partnerships with all participating agencies; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their commitment to excellence and their dedication to mission preparedness, MSST Kings Bay was the first-ever Deployable Specialized Forces unit to earn consecutive Sumner I. Kimball Awards for excellence in operational readiness in 2010 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the people of Camden County are honored and privileged to have our Coast Guardsmen and families of MSST Kings Bay as part of the fabric of our greater Camden Community where they continue to impress our citizens with their professionalism and mission accomplishments, as well as their volunteerism in our schools, our adopt a highway programs, involvement in other community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and other events that lend themselves to volunteer opportunities such as the moving of the contents of the St Marys Library during renovation.

*NOW, THEREFORE, with thanks for their service to our nation, it is with great enthusiasm we do hereby jointly and proudly proclaim **Friday, the 4th day of October 2013 to be: MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM KINGS BAY(MSST 91108) DAY IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA***

Public Comments

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Regular Agenda

1. Approval of Work Authorization, Supplement 1, for Right-of-Way services for Kingsland By-Pass Phase 1

Vice-Chair Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Work Authorization, Supplement 1, for Right-of-Way services for Kingsland By-Pass Phase 1 in the amount of \$92,050.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of 2013 Millage Rate

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adopt the 2013 millage rate and approve resolutions for the following: County Millage Rate – 11.70; School Board Millage Rate – 15.50.

The motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution to Adopt A County Millage Rate
For Camden County, Georgia

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, that the County hereby adopt the millage rates based on one dollar (\$1.00) of the taxable property of Camden County which appears on the Tax Digest for the year 2013 and on all property in said County that is subject to taxation, but is not returned for taxes and is not on the Tax Digest as provided by law, the same being levied and the same shall be collected by the Tax Commissioner for the following purposes;

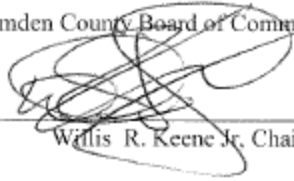
In accordance with the Camden County School Board, the following millage was adopted at their September 19, 2013, meeting.

1. 15.50 mils for the maintenance and operations budget

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt, resolve and enact the foregoing millage rates for Camden County, Georgia.

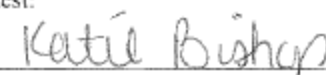
Adopted this 24th day of September, 2013.

Camden County Board of Commissioners



Willis R. Keene Jr, Chairman

Attest:



Katie Bishop, County Clerk

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General Fund Countywide millage rate.

1. 11.70 mils for the general operating budget for the County.

Tax Service District millage rate.

1. 1.40 mils for the Incorporated Service District.
2. .67 mils for the Unincorporated Service District.


In accordance with the State of Georgia, the following millage rate has been set.

1. .15 mils for the general State budget

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt, resolve and enact the foregoing millage rates for Camden County, Georgia.

Adopted this 24th day of September, 2013.

Camden County Board of Commissioners



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3. Approval for Capital Improvements authorization

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Chairman Keene to approve the Capital Improvement Authorization with final approval for all purchases being brought back before the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Chairman to authorize release and placement of Sheriff's Office K-9.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to declare the surplus of retired Camden County Sheriff's Office K-9.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the release and placement of surplus retired Camden County Sheriff's Office K-9 with the handler, Sgt. Kevin Barber.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Safety Data Sharing Project - SPLOST #7

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Starline to approve the proposal by IBM, Flex System Proposal, for the Public Safety Data Sharing Project from SPLOST #7 in the amount of \$202,619.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Chair to execute Tax Release Applications

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Starline to approve the Chair to execute the Tax Release Applications.

The motion carried unanimously.

The following tax release applications were approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Digest Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>
Donald & Elaine Hamilton	2012	\$3,720.92	Parcel created in error
EE Briggs, Inc.	2012	\$626.06	Account doubled with Auto Pros
Jeff Anderson	2012	\$336.84	Regulator sold out of State per bill of sale
Brandon Serdiuk	2012	\$101.84	Owner says never owned
Johnny Dixon	2012	\$101.82	marine equipment sold in 2011
Curtis Robert	2008	\$478.46	belong to father / lien in placed in error
Adorable Pets Grooming	2012	\$109.60	business closed per field review
Adorable Pets Grooming	2011	\$107.80	business closed per field review
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Jeffery Cole	2012	\$124.97	sold out of State in 2010
Jeffery Cole	2011	\$148.04	sold out of State in 2010
Lane Broussard	2012	\$82.64	boat awarded to wife in divorce

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Shari Lynn Worthen	2006	\$71.36	mobile home doubled under account
Shari Lynn Worthen	2005	\$73.91	mobile home doubled under account
Shari Lynn Worthen	2004	\$81.99	mobile home doubled under account
Shari Lynn Worthen	2003	\$91.20	mobile home doubled under account
Shari Lynn Worthen	2002	\$94.17	mobile home doubled under account
Chase Home Finance	2013	\$308.41	mobile home doubled under account
Chase Home Finance	2012	\$316.14	mobile home doubled under account
Chase Home Finance	2011	\$306.37	mobile home doubled under account
Chase Home Finance	2010	\$309.52	mobile home doubled under account
Chase Home Finance	2009	\$369.57	mobile home doubled under account
Lewis Peacock, Sr.	2008	\$373.74	mobile home doubled under account
Dennis Huggins	2013	\$73.97	mobile home moved
Dennis Huggins	2012	\$72.95	mobile home moved
Dennis Huggins	2011	\$69.27	mobile home moved
Dennis Huggins	2010	\$68.72	mobile home moved
Dennis Huggins	2009	\$81.79	mobile home moved
Carl Marsh	2010	\$10.00	mobile home torn down
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Gannons Lawn & Sprinkler	2011	\$86.24	per owner business closed
Gannons Lawn & Sprinkler	2012	\$87.68	per owner business closed
Richard & Alyson Frizzell	2012	\$229.05	donated to charity in 2011
Nathan & Lora Carter	2006	\$211.78	statute of limitations
Nathan & Lora Carter	2005	\$221.72	statute of limitations
Nathan & Lora Carter	2004	\$258.46	statute of limitations
Horace Dallas	2006	\$332.12	statute of limitations

Reports

- ***Calendar – September / October***

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the calendars for September and October 2013.

- ***County Administrator's Report***

No report was offered during this time.

Additional Public Comments:

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

Executive Session – Litigation

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and voted unanimously, that this Board enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4 at 6:23 p.m., and pursuant to the advice by the County Attorney, for the purpose of discussing litigation.

That upon conclusion of the discussion or deliberation in the closed session portion of the meeting that this body enter back into open session, open to the public, at which point an announcement will be made in the Commissioner Chambers, Government Services Complex, this Board is back in session.

That upon coming back into open session that this body ratify the consensus taken in closed session; and that this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Chairman to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4, and that this body confirm the actions of the Board in closed session were as required by law and approved by the County Attorney.

RECONVENE:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to reconvene the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to reconvene the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

After the meeting the Chairman Keene signed the affidavit as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4(b). The original copy of the affidavit immediately follows these minutes and a copy is on file in the County Clerk's office.

Chairman Keene announced that during Executive Session the topic of litigation was discussed as to recommended legal remedies to recover funds from BPJSI and other parties; no vote was taken during Executive Session.

Vice-Chair Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to authorize the County Administrator to send a formal letter to authorize retained law firm to proceed with recommended legal remedies in regards to Bridge Pointe Subdivision.

The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners as follows: At the meeting held on the 24th day of September 2013, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman Willis R. Keene, Jr., Vice-Chair Jimmy Starline, Commissioner Chuck Clark, Commissioner Tony Sheppard and Commissioner Gary Blount, as well as County Attorney Brent Green, and County Clerk Katie Bishop, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation. At the close of the discussions on this subject, the Board did agree to reconvene into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the Board and the discussion of the same regarding the mater set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm to the best of their knowledge, based upon the advice of the County Attorney, who was present during said closed session portion was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and the specific relevant exception is the subject matter as set forth above.
- (3) The Chairman of this Board, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed and pursuant to the Resolution shall execute

an affidavit, in full support of the members of this Board, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).

- (4) *The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:*

AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Willis R. Keene, Jr., who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) *I was the chairperson/presiding officer of a meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners held on the 24th day of September, 2013.*
- (2) *The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing litigation as allowed by the O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 and §50-14-3 was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.*
- (3) *This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4-(b) that such an affidavit be executed.*

This 24th day of September, 2013,

Willis R. Keene, Jr. Chairman

*Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 24th day of September, 2013,*

Notary Public

Those voting in favor of the Resolution:

Commissioners: Chairman Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Vice-Chair Jimmy Starline, Commissioner Chuck Clark, Commissioner Tony Sheppard and Commissioner Gary Blount.

Those voting against the Resolution:

Commissioners: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the September 24, 2013 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.