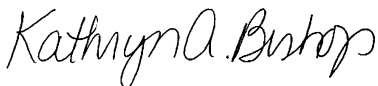


I, Kathryn Bishop, County Clerk, Camden County Board of County Commissioners, hereby certify the attached copy of the approved February 25, 2014 regular meeting minutes as the official record.



Kathryn A. Bishop, County Clerk

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2014, 6:00 PM**

**A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.**

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

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chairman Jimmy Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Agenda Amendments:**

**Addition under Presentations**

- Camden County Community Health Needs Assessment presented by Mary Eleanor Wickersham, D.P.A., Assistant Professor of Public Affairs

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the agenda amendment as presented.

*The motion carried unanimously*

**Addition of item under regular agenda:**

6. Approval to direct the County Administrator and Chairman to proceed with the negotiation of a contract for legal services from Attorney John S. Myers.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the agenda amendment as presented.

*The motion carried unanimously*

## **Motion to Adopt the Agenda:**

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

*The motion carried unanimously*

## **Approval of Minutes**

- February 11, 2014 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the February 11, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Presentations**

- Camden County Community Health Needs Assessment presented by Mary Eleanor Wickersham, D.P.A., Assistant Professor of Public Affairs

Ms. Wickersham presented a power point presentation to the board. The presentation was an overview of the Camden County Community Health Needs Assessment.

## **Public Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:17 PM.

Chairman Starline convened the public hearing at 6:17 PM.

## **Public Hearing**

- Introduction of regular agenda items 1 - 2 by Planning & Development Director John Peterson and receive public comments regarding these items.

**Special Use - SU2014 – 1** AT&T Wireless is requesting a Special Use approval to construct a 300' tall freestanding telecommunications tower and related ground equipment, on a 200 acre Parcel fronting on the Burnt Fort Rd./ SR 252; shown as Tax Map 017 Parcel 014A, and owned by Roy Boyd. It is shown as zoned A-F, general agriculture-forestry district, vacant property and the Future Land Use

Map shows it as "Rural".

Chad Caudill is representing the owner Mr. Roy Boyd, and AT&T in the Special Use application.

The present Boyd tract of land is served by two driveways from SR 252. The proposed new driveway is less than 100' from the existing southernmost driveway that accesses the Boyd Property from SR 252 that is shown as a minor arterial street on the DOT and Camden County Functional Classification Map. Mr. Caudill has sent staff an email stating that they agree to use the southern drive to the property as the site access.

Staff further recommends that a Condition of Special Use Approval should be for the tower to have red non-strobe lights for the evening, and night safety, and the white strobe lights only in the daylight hours because of the rural (dark) nature of the location, night strobes could be distracting and could affect the night vision of those using the State and County Roads in close proximity to the site. Mr. Caudill sent an email to staff stating that he is currently working to get the County documentation for the item as listed below:

Statement of Collocation (will evidence no towers / structures exist within our search area);

Statement to be added to CD's showing 15' wide natural vegetation (Wild Wax Myrtle Bush type or similar) will be maintained around the outside perimeter of the compound;

FAA Lighting Specs have ordered and will provide the type of lighting once determined;

State DOT permit will be worked on as well.

Statement of Collocation (will evidence no towers / structures exist within our search area).

DOT will also be concerned about the 135' setback of the 300' high tower. The engineering letter describing the failure reaction of the tower will have to be furnished to DOT and will be required prior to County driveway and building permit application, just over the minimum setback of 130' between the center of the tower and SR 252 UDC has been used for the setback from SR 252, without having the structural analysis in hand.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Since the applicant has indicated that an engineering fall-zone letter cannot be furnished prior to the Board meeting, staff recommends a Motion to approve SU 2014-1 only with the following 4 conditions being met prior to County Building Permit Application:

1) That the fall zone letters will show that the setback proposed is adequate to prevent tower failure that could be a hazard to the safety of SR 252 motorists, or

that could impede traffic flow as the result of a catastrophic storm event;

2) That the construction application include the buffer design, establishment, and maintenance at the 15' minimum depth of buffer required by the UDC, and with the suggested planting material, or another native material having similar growth, coverage and low maintenance characteristics, and that the buffer be established prior to final tower approval;

3) For the tower to have red non-strobe lights for the evening and night safety, and the white strobe lights only in the daylight hours;

4) That existing forestry driveway entrance location to the south be shown on the Building Permit Site and encroachment permit application as the tower site entrance, as agreed, for tower construction, maintenance, and access also prior to Building Permitting, in accordance with DOT and UDC regulations.

**Public Comments in favor / opposed / rebuttal of items 1:**

No comments were offered regarding item 1 during this time.

**Special Use – SU2014-2** AT&T Wireless is requesting a Special Use approval to construct a 300' tall freestanding telecommunications tower and related ground equipment 157' East side of New Post Road approximately 153' North of Lattany Road, shown as Tax Map 033A Parcel 001, as owned by the Donna Faye Newham and containing 216.69 acres of A-F, general agriculture-forestry district zoned vacant property; the Future Land Use Map shows it as Rural Residential.

The site will be accessed from the New post Road. The closest residence is on the opposite side of New Post Road, and South-west approximately 950' from the tower. Across New Post Road is a residence approximately 1425' away from the tower and in Brantley County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Since the applicant has indicated that the engineering fall-zone letter cannot be furnished prior to the Board meeting, staff recommends a Motion to approve SU 2014-2 only with the following 3 conditions being met prior to County Building Permit approval:

1) That the fall zone letters will show that the setback proposed is adequate to prevent tower failure that will be a hazard to the safety of New Post or Lattany Road motorists, or that will impede traffic flow as the result of a catastrophic storm event;

2) That the construction application include the buffer design, establishment, and maintenance at the 15' minimum depth of buffer required by the UDC, and with the suggested planting material, or another native material having similar growth, coverage and low maintenance characteristics, and that the buffer be

established prior to final tower approval;

3) For the tower to have red non-strobe lights for the evening and night safety, and the white strobe lights in the daylight hours.

### **Public Comments in favor / opposed / rebuttal of item 2:**

No comments were offered regarding item 2 during this time.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the public hearing at 6:29 PM.

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 6:41 PM.

### **Regular Meeting**

1. Consideration of request by Shirah and Company, LLC, representing AT&T Wireless for a Special Use Permit (#SV2014-1) to construct a three hundred (300) feet tall telecommunications tower and related ground equipment on Tax Map 017-0 14A owned by Roy J. Boyd on a 200 acre undeveloped tract of land located on Burnt Fort Road, White Oak, Ga.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the request by AT&T Wireless for a Special Use Permit (#SV2014-1) to construct a three hundred (300) feet tall telecommunications tower and related ground equipment on Tax Map 017-0 14A owned by Roy J. Boyd on a 200 acre undeveloped tract of land located on Burnt Fort Road, White Oak, GA with the following 4 conditions being met, as well as the applicant supplies the Statement of Collocation to evidence no towers / structures exist within our search area prior to County Building Permit Application:

1) That the fall zone letters will show that the setback proposed is adequate to prevent tower failure that could be a hazard to the safety of SR252 motorists, or that could impede traffic flow as the result of a catastrophic storm event;

2) That the construction application include the buffer design, establishment, and maintenance at the 15' minimum depth of buffer required by the UDC, and with the suggested planting material, or another native material having similar growth, coverage and low maintenance characteristics, and that the buffer be established prior to final tower approval;

3) For the tower to have red non-strobe lights for the evening and night safety, and the white strobe lights only in the daylight hours and the white strobe lights only in the daylight hours;

4) That existing forestry driveway entrance location to the south be shown on the Building Permit Site and encroachment permit application as the tower site entrance, as agreed, for tower construction, maintenance, and access also prior to Building Permitting, in accordance with DOT and UDC regulations.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration of request by Shirah and Company, LLC, representing AT&T Wireless for a Special Use Permit (#SV20 14-2) to construct a three hundred (300) feet tall telecommunications tower and related ground equipment on Tax Map 033A-001 owned by Donna Newham on a 216.69 acre undeveloped tract of land located on New Post Road, Waynesville, Ga.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the request by Shirah and Company, LLC, representing AT&T Wireless for a Special Use Permit (#SV20 14-2) to construct a three hundred (300) feet tall telecommunications tower and related ground equipment on Tax Map 033A-001 owned by Donna Newham on a 216.69 acre undeveloped tract of land located on New Post Road, Waynesville, GA with the following 3 conditions being met, as well as the applicant supplies the Statement of Collocation to evidence no towers / structures exist within our search area prior to County Building Permit Application:

1) That the fall zone letters will show that the setback proposed is adequate to prevent tower failure that will be a hazard to the safety of New Post or Lattany Road motorists, or that will impede traffic flow as the result of a catastrophic storm event;

2) That the construction application include the buffer design, establishment, and maintenance at the 15' minimum depth of buffer required by the UDC, and with the suggested planting material, or another native material having similar growth, coverage and low maintenance characteristics, and that the buffer be established prior to final tower approval;

3) For the tower to have red non -strobe lights for the evening and night safety, and the white strobe lights in the daylight hours.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

3. Approval of Agreement for Professional Services.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Agreement for Professional Services for the Camden County Living Well Onsite Wellness Clinic with Dr. Daniel Matricia, DO.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

4. Approval of amendment to agreement for benefit management / consulting and insurance agency services for agency name change.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the amendment to the agreement for benefit management / consulting and insurance agency services for agency name change to Mary T. Smith and Associates, LLC.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

5. Amend the 2014 meeting calendar to change the first meeting date in March due to scheduling conflicts. (*March 4<sup>th</sup>*)

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the amendment to the 2014 meeting calendar to change the first meeting date in March due to scheduling conflicts to March 4, 2014.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

6. Approval to direct the County Administrator and Chairman to proceed with the negotiation of a contract for legal services from Attorney John S. Myers.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to direct the County Administrator and Chairman to negotiate a legal services agreement with Attorney John S. Myers.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Reports**

### *Calendar – February & March 2014*

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the calendars for February & March 2014.

### *County Administrator's Report*

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that they will be working countywide on budget preparations, and a calendar will be provided to the board soon.

Mr. Howard reminded the board that the Goal Setting Retreat is approaching on Monday, March 24, 2014. He encouraged the board to think about their strategic goals for 2014 to present during the retreat.

### **Additional Public Comments:**

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

### **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the February 25, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.

