

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2014, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 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 Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Commissioner Tony Sheppard; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Willis R. Keene, Jr.; County Administrator Steve Howard County Attorney; John S. Myers; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop.

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of item under Regular Agenda:

6. Authorization and Approval of Agreement for the creation of the Superior Court Clerk's Technology Fund.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- November 4, 2014 work session minutes; November 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the November 4, 2014 work session minutes and November 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

- Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 presented by Katie Bishop

Employee Recognition Chair Katie Bishop presented the Employee of the Quarter for Fiscal Year 2015 Proclamation to Firefighter Stephen Murdock.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered during this time.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:07 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the public hearing at PM.

Public Hearing

- To receive comments from the public regarding amendments to the Unified Development Code Section 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, and Table 12.1 to amend the approval and appeal authority of variance applications; Section 207(c)(2), 207(e)(3), 504(c)(2), and 1303(b)(2) to eliminate certain fence regulations; and Section 320 (c) and 416(b)(3)) to eliminate the time constraints on developing property that has been cleared

Interim Director Eric Landon presented a power point presentation to the board detailing the Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments:

- Planning staff has interviewed stakeholders in the community to identify amendments to the UDC that will make for a more efficient process and eliminate redundancy.
- The first round of amendments includes changing the variance procedure, eliminating certain fence regulations, and eliminating time restraints for developing cleared property.
- The proposed amendments will give the Planning Commission the authority to approve variances.
- The BOC will have authority to hear appeals of the Planning Commission's decision.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

- The elimination of fence regulations was identified as an opportunity to reduce unnecessary requirements that are not enforced by issuance of a permit or inspections.
- Fences are not issued permits, yet the UDC determines setbacks, height, and building materials.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.
- Currently you cannot develop a property for 3 years if it has been cleared of trees. This requires the County to establish timelines for each property.
- These regulations also place a burden on property owners who cannot determine future market demands on their property.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

Public Hearing Comments

No comments from the public were offered regarding the Unified Development Code amendments during this time.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn the public hearing at 6:12 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 6:12 PM.

Regular Meeting

1. Consideration to amend UDC Sec. 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, and Table 12.1 to amend the approval and appeal authority of variance applications.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the amendments to the Unified Development Code Sections 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, and Table 12.1 to allow the Planning Commission the authority to approve or deny variance applications, with the authority to hear appeals of the Planning Commission's decision by the Board of Commissioners.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration to amend UDC Sec. 207(c) (2), 207(e) (3), 504(c) (2), and 1303(b) (2) to eliminate certain fence regulations.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the amendments to the Unified Development Code Sections 207(c) (2), 207(e) (3), 504(c) (2), and 1303(b) (2) to eliminate certain fence regulations.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration to amend UDC Sec. 320 (c) and 416(b) (3)) to eliminate the time constraints on developing property that has been cleared.

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the amendments to the Unified Development Code Sections 320 (c) and 416(b) (3)) to eliminate the time constraints on developing property that has been cleared.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Building Inspection Services with the City of Kingsland.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Building Inspection Services with the City of Kingsland.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration to reprioritize Road Resurfacing List or 2015 Georgia Department of Transportation "Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant".

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the reprioritized Road Resurfacing List or 2015 Georgia Department of Transportation "Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant".

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Authorization and Approval of Agreement for the creation of the Superior Court Clerk's Technology Fund.

This item was removed during agenda amendments.

7. Approval of Lease Agreement for two (2) advanced life support ambulances from the City of Kingsland.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Lease Agreement for two (2) advanced life support ambulances from the City of Kingsland.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Calendar – November & December 2014

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the calendars for November & December 2014.

County Administrator's Report:

County Administrator Steve Howard reminded the board of the Strategic Planning Sessions scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Wednesday, December 3rd from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Additional Public Comments:

No public comments were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the November 18, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.