

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17 , 2015, 6:00 PM**

A special called meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2015, 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.

Reverend James Hamm delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of the following items and renumber the agenda accordingly:

Purchasing Officer Keri Moreland

7. Approval of Surplus Item List.
8. Approval to award bid for Road Paving Project. (Powell Road, Jody Lane & Kayla Street.)

Addition to regular agenda:

8. Approval to begin the process of the structuring of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee and approval of the appointment of Coastal Regional Commission Executive Director Allen Burns to serve in the capacity of chair of said Committee.

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

The motion carried unanimously .

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously .

Public Comments

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:06 PM.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM.

Public Hearing (1 item)

- To receive comments from the public regarding the Adoption of the Millage Rate

Charlie Smith, Jr., 821 Locksboro Lane, St. Marys

Mr. Smith stated that he commends the Board for combining the Joint Development Authority (JDA) into the millage rate and not separating that item out on the tax bills. He stated that Spaceport is an important matter, and the JDA will support whatever is needed. He asked the Board to give the JDA numbers for what is needed. He explained that the JDA has the best staff it has seen in years. He urged the Board to continue to allocate the 1 mil to the JDA and they will set aside for Spaceport by planning for that after an indication of what is needed can be relayed.

Reverend James Hamm, 125 Chesnutt Court, Kingsland

Rev. Hamm stated asked the Board to put the millage rate into terms that the people can understand, and by explaining what is going on it will benefit us all.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:14 PM.

Special Called Agenda

1. Contract Renewal for Humane Society of Camden County

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Humane Society of Camden County.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Contract for Telecommunications Audit with ESPY Services, Inc.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Telecommunications Audit with ESPY Services, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of eCivis Master Subscription and Service Agreement

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the eCivis Master Subscription and Service Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of Part-time Animal Control Officer Tammy Barnett and Building Inspector Joey Yacobacci to serve as code enforcement officers.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to appoint Part-time Animal Control Officer Tammy Barnett and Building Inspector Joey Yacobacci to serve as code enforcement officers.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Adoption of the Camden County Government Safety Policy

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adopt the Camden County Government Safety Policy as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Reappointment to the Bryan Lang Historical Archives Board

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to reappoint Robin Cross, Artie Jones & Gwen Mungin to the Bryan Lang Historical Archives Board to serve a term of three (3) years.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adoption of the Millage Rate

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adopt the Resolution for the Millage Rate as presented:

General Fund Countywide millage rate.

1. 12.94 mils for the general operating budget (11.94) and economic development (1.00) combined 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. .05 mils for the general State budget

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adopt the Resolution for the School Board Millage Rate as presented:

In accordance with the Camden County School Board, the following millage was adopted at their August 19, 2015, meeting.

1. 16.00 mils for the maintenance and operations budget

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval to begin the process of the structuring of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee and approval of the appointment of Coastal Regional Commission Executive Director Allen Burns to serve in the capacity of chair of said Committee.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve to begin the process of the structuring of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee and approval of the appointment of Coastal Regional Commission Executive Director Allen Burns to serve in the capacity of chair of said Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - September / October

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop announced that there were no amendments to the September / October calendar at this time.

- County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that Buck Johnson was chosen for the 2015 Teamwork Award. He congratulated Mr. Johnson for his hard work and dedication to Camden County. He stated that Mr. Johnson will be formally recognized during the upcoming Public Service Authority meeting.

He announced that the Commercial Spaceflight Federation welcomed several new member companies at its Executive Board meeting this week, expanding its membership to more than 60 companies. Spaceport Camden of Camden County, Georgia joined the Commercial Spaceflight Federation as an Executive Member.

Additional Public Comments:

Ben Casey, 403 Vacuna Road, Kingsland

Mr. Casey stated that there needs to be more transparency in government. He stated that he would like to see the Joint Development Authority meetings moved to before the Board of County Commissioner meetings to allow openness, as well as residents more opportunity for residents to attend.

Charlie Smith, Jr., 821 Locksboro Lane, St. Marys

Mr. Smith stated that he would like to see if a Work Session can be held prior to the next Board of Commissioner meeting to answer further questions regarding the Joint Development Authority future funding. He stated that a Joint Development Authority meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday, September 18th, to discuss this matter further.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the September 17, 2015 special called meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.