

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 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.

Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant 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 Administrator Steve Howard and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop**

**Absent: County Attorney; John S. Myers**

**Agenda Amendments:**

No amendments were offered.

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda:**

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

**The motion carried unanimously .**

**Public Comments**

Elaine Powierski, 571 Cardinal Circle East, St. Marys

Mrs. Powierski stated that she was in favor of the budget amendment providing funding directly to the Joint Development Authority.

Larry White, 102 Sylvia Court, St. Marys

Mr. White stated that he was in favor of the budget amendment providing funding directly to the Joint Development Authority.

Kathy White, 102 Sylvia Court, St. Marys

Mrs. White stated that as a voter in Camden County her wishes are for an increase in funding specifically for the Joint Development Authority. She stated that she did not want her additional 1% to go to the general fund.

Dave Reilly, 1062 Greenwillow Drive, St. Marys

Mr. Reilly stated that he was in favor of the budget amendment providing funding directly to the Joint Development Authority.

Tom Canning, 410 Point Peter Place, St. Marys

Mr. Canning stated that he was in favor of the budget amendment providing funding directly to the Joint Development Authority.

Sam Colville, 210 Overlook Lane, St. Marys

Mr. Colville stated that he was in favor of the budget amendment providing funding directly to the Joint Development Authority.

Maria Villeneuve, 95 Mason Court, Kingsland

Mrs. Villeneuve stated that her concerns are regarding Sheffield Cemetery Road not being on placed on the paving list. She explained that the group of people against the road being paved are not as many as those who wish for it to be paved. She urged the board to look into this matter again.

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.

## **Regular Agenda**

1. Consideration of Budget Amendment regarding Joint Development Authority Fiscal Year 2016 Funding.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Budget Amendment regarding Joint Development Authority Fiscal Year 2016 Funding.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline - Yes**

**Vice-Chairman Clark - No**

**Commissioner Blount - Yes**

**Commissioner Keene - Yes**

**Commissioner Sheppard - No**

**The motion passed 3 - 2.**

2. Approval of tap fee for Jail Expansion Project.

**Director Harvey Amerson**

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the City of Woodbine tap fee for Jail Expansion Project.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline - Yes**

**Vice-Chairman Clark - No**

**Commissioner Blount - Yes**

**Commissioner Keene - No**

**Commissioner Sheppard - No**

**The motion failed 3-2 .**

3. Approval to award bid for Road Paving Project. (Powell Road, Jody Lane & Kayla Street.) **Director Harvey Amerson**

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to award the bid for the Road Paving Project regarding Powell Road, Jody Lane & Kayla Street to Seaboard Construction.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Amendment.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Consideration of approval of Surplus Item List. **Chief Mark Crews**

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Surplus Item List as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Approval of appointment of Clay Montague as Chairman of the Environmental Sub Committee - Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to appoint Clay Montague as Chairman of the Environmental Sub Committee - Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

7. Approval of Second Addendum to County Administrator Employment Agreement.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the Second Addendum to County Administrator Employment Agreement.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Starline convened the Solid Waste Authority Meeting at 6:35 PM.

## **SWA Roll Call**

County Attorney John Myers was absent.

## **Adoption of SWA Agenda**

Mr. Keene made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheppard to approve the SWA Agenda as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **SWA Approval of Minutes**

- May 5, 2015 SWA meeting minutes

Mr. Keene made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blount to approve the SWA May 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **SWA Public Comments**

No comments were offered from the public during this time.

## **SWA Agenda**

1. Consideration of overall increase in MSW and C & D tipping fees.

Mr. Keene made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the overall increase in MSW and C & D tipping fees to take effect January 1, 2016.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline - No**

**Vice-Chairman Clark - Yes**

**Mr. Keene - Yes**

**Mr. Blount - No**

**Mr. Sheppard - Yes**

**The motion carried 3-2. Chairman Starline and Mr. Blount voted against the motion.**

2. Approval of purchase of two (2) D6N Caterpillar Dozers.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keene to approve the purchase of two (2) D6N Caterpillar Dozers.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **Additional SWA Public Comments**

Janet Heath, Plantation Point Road, Woodbine

Mrs. Heath stated that when they moved to Camden County in 1996 one of the most environmentally innovative things going on in Camden County was the recycling of the yard waste. She explained that it is providing top notch soil for the reconditioning of our land because we are in an area where we lose soil, as well as the soil is sandy. She stated that it also deters people from burning these materials and it seems to have reverted to the practice now. She stated that repairing the equipment at Old Still Road is imperative for dealing with the potential threat of hurricanes. She stated that being able to get good top soil without having to buy it in little bags makes a big difference.

Vice-Chairman Clark stated that both he and the Chairman serve on the PSA Board. He thanked Virgil and Lannie by saving the County thousands of dollars by being able to reclaim top soil from one of our fields. He stated that he personally can see what Mrs. Heath previously stated in her public comment.

Councilman Jim McClain, Kingsland City Council

Mr. McClain thanked the Board for giving them access to a fine solid waste facility. He stated that they just found out about this increase recently, and in June the County Landfill budget was passed where the discussion of an increase really started. He explained that if they did not find out about it at that time in order to adjust their budgets, and this put them in a great bind. He stated that he understands as a business you don't get notification, you just get increases but cities and counties have to plan how they are going to spend their money. He stated that they must take money from other areas of their budget in order to fund the increase. He stated that with a simple delay of this item it would give both the City of St. Marys and Kingsland the opportunity to manage this increase. He further stated that he agrees it is warranted, but let us manage those things. He stated that they have cooperated with the County as much as they can to save taxpayer dollars. He stated that he hopes the Board will consider amending the vote tonight to give the Cities more time.

Mr. Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the SWA meeting at 7:02 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 7:02 PM.

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant**

8. Consideration of overall increase in MSW and C & D tipping fees.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the overall increase in MSW and C & D tipping fees effective January 1, 2016.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline - No**

**Vice-Chairman Clark - Yes**

**Commissioner Keene - Yes**

**Commissioner Blount - No**

**Commissioner Sheppard - Yes**

**The motion carried 3 - 2. Chairman Starline and Commissioner Blount voted against the motion.**

9. Approval of purchase of two (2) D6N Caterpillar Dozers.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the purchase of two (2) D6N Caterpillar Dozers.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **Reports**

- Calendar - October / November

County Clerk Kathryn Bishop announced there are no amendments to the calendar at this time.

- County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Steve Howard announced there are no comments at this time.

## **Additional Public Comments**

James Rice, 332 Mason Court, Kingsland

Mr. Rice stated that his concerns are regarding Sheffield Cemetery Road not being on placed on the paving list. He explained that the group of people against the road being paved are not as many as those who wish for it to be paved. He urged the board to look into this matter again.

Janet Health, Plantation Point Road, Woodbine

Mrs. Heath stated that she would like to understand the tap fee from the City of Woodbine and the cooperation between the City and our County seat. She stated that it really will make us work more as a cohesive unit. She stated that it may be how the City of Woodbine's ordinance is written. She stated that one thing to consider is the City of Woodbine has a population of 450 - 500 households on their water and sewer. She explained that the plant was built to accommodate a larger population and the City is operating on a small consumer population to cover those costs. She stated that it may be the wording, and with the expansion of the jail will the County be paying an increase. She stated that her thoughts are the City and the County working well together.

Chairman James H. Starline, St. Marys

Chairman Starline stated that he would like to give a quotation by Daniel Patrick Manahan, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but they are not entitled to their own facts." He stated that is a quotation that he liked when he first saw it. He explained that since he has become a Commissioner he is rather fond of it. He stated that in a recent opinion in a local paper there was something that comes under the category of their own facts. He stated that he took offense to it.

At this time, Chairman Starline read the paragraph in which he referenced from a local paper.

Chairman Starline stated that the title of this opinion is "Tripping over each other's feet", and it is discussing the JDA, as well as the funding issue that was addressed tonight. He explained that the sentence he takes exception to is "But somewhere along the way the County Commissioners decided that the JDA should not take the lead role in the development of a proposed Spaceport." He stated that it is simply untrue, and that is your own facts. He stated that he doesn't mind your opinion, but you can't have your own facts. He stated that if you were to fact check it all you had to do was go back to the May 22, 2013 Tribune which had a front page article that clearly states that JDA determined that they could no longer handle this project, and they asked the County to take it over. He stated that he knows that happened because he was there, Commissioner Clark and himself were involved in this from the beginning and they did not take this project over they were asked to assume this project. He stated that everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but they are not entitled to their own facts.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn regular meeting at 7:13 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **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.