

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2016, 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; Commissioner Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Tony Sheppard; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers and Administrative Assistant Renee ' Crews.

**Absent:** County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop

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.

### **Agenda Amendments:**

#### **Addition under Presentations:**

- Fiscal Year 2017 Quarterly Report presented by Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender

#### **Addition of item under Regular Agenda:**

3. Professional Services Agreement with the three (3) Municipalities and the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Addition of an Executive Session - Real Estate**

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the agenda amendments as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously .**

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

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

**The motion carried unanimously .**

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

- September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously .**

#### **Presentations**

- Proclamation recognizing Friday, October 14, 2016 as “Pink Out Friday”

## *“Pink Out Friday” Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, nationally, over 246,000 women and men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year; and in 2016 breast cancer continues to be a common cause of cancer in the Southeast Georgia region; and

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with the aim of increasing awareness of the disease and facilitating research into its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of our community are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness and education regarding breast cancer, and from encouraging our citizens to take actions to lower their risk of developing the disease; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we are joining Southeast Georgia Health System, the Susan G. Komen Coastal Georgia Affiliate, the American Cancer Society and communities across Southeast Georgia in proclaiming Friday, October 14, 2016 as

### **“Pink Out Friday!”**

And by encouraging our citizens to wear pink on this day to increase awareness of this disease, to show support and recognition of our neighbors, family and friends who have been impacted by breast cancer and to take an active role in helping to make breast cancer a part of our past and not our community’s future.

- Proclamation recognizing the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month

Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for over 30 years;

Whereas, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;

Whereas, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country;

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Camden County Georgia-improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism and exerting a profound influence on the education of our children;

Whereas, the arts and humanities play a key role in driving economic prosperity and community vitality; activate our public places and collective efficacy;

Whereas, it is historically documented that a diverse arts and humanities culture lays the foundation for a strong economic future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Commissioners do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in Camden County, Georgia and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in Camden County, Georgia.

Administrative Assistant Renee' Crews presented the proclamations to the Board and announced that both will be recorded in the official minutes of this meeting.

- Recognition of Service for Solid Waste Lannie Brant.

County Administrator Steve Howard presented Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant with a plaque in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to Camden County in honor of his upcoming retirement.

- Fiscal Year 2017 Quarterly Report presented by Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2017 Quarterly Report to the Board.

## **Public Comments**

No comments were offered from the public during this time.

## **Regular Agenda**

1. Consideration of grant submittal for the Emergency Management Performance Grant to Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the grant submittal for the Emergency Management Performance Grant to Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approval of the Surplus Item List.

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Professional Services Agreement with the three (3) Municipalities and the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Professional Services Agreement with the three (3) Municipalities and the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **Reports**

- **Calendar - October & November 2016**

Administrative Assistant Renee' Crews stated there were no changes to the calendar at this time.

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that staff worked around the clock during Hurricane Matthew. He stated that he appreciated everyone's efforts, coming together, and we were very fortunate that more damage was no incurred due to the hurricane. He stated that in the coming weeks, we will come together, to learn how we can increase process improvements in the future. He announced the eighteen (18) citizens graduated from the Citizen's Academy last week. He announced that the Senate Study Committee on Spaceport Camden will be meeting here, in this room, on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. He encouraged the audience to participate in that meeting where the committee will be talking about Spaceport Camden.

## **Executive Session - Real Estate**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting & convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate at 6:17 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

### **AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Camden County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on October 18, 2016.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

\_\_\_\_\_ Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. R. 50-14-2(1);

X Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 111, 50-14-3(4);

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided by O.C.G.A. 11L 50-14-3(6);

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

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James H. Starline, Chairman

<p><b>Sworn to and subscribed before me this</b> <b>_____ day of _____, 201 6.</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Notary Public</b></p> <p><b>My commission expires:</b></p>
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Vice Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:45 PM.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 6:45 PM.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve funds, not to exceed \$15,000.00, for environmental wetland delineation on three (3) parcels of property.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Additional Public Comments**

No additional public comments were offered during this time.

### **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to adjourn the October 18, 2016 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM.