

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017, 6:00 PM**

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; County Administrator Steve Howard ; County Attorney John S. Myers; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop

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

Commissioner Lannie Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

No agenda amendments were offered during this time.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously .

Approval of the Minutes

- March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously .

Presentation

- Joint Proclamation recognizing March 25, 2017, beginning at 8:30 p.m., for one hour, Earth Hour 2017.

County Clerk Katie Bishop announced the Joint Proclamation recognizing March 25, 2017, beginning at 8:30 p.m., for one hour, Earth Hour 2017. She stated that the Joint Proclamation would be sent to the cities for signature.

- Joint Development Authority Quarterly Report presented by Project Manager Darren Harper

Joint Development Authority Project Manager Darren Harper presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the quarterly overview of activity of the Joint Development Authority for fiscal year 2017.

- Presentation of the Occupant Protection (Seatbelt) Grant by Sgt. Christopher Fedd

Camden County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Christopher Fedd gave the board an overview of the trailer that was constructed as a result of the Occupant Protection (Seatbelt) Grant. He showed a video that is used inside the trailer, and pictures of the trailer at the Kingsland "Run about in the Royal District" event this past weekend. He invited anyone wishing to see the trailer to come to the Sheriff's Office after the meeting.

Public Comments

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene a Public Hearing at 6:24 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at 6:24 PM.

Convene Public Hearing

- To receive public comments regarding the consideration of a resolution transmitting a draft Capital Improvements Element Annual Update to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for regional review pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

No comments were offered neither in favor nor in opposition of this item.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Public Hearing, and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:26 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:26 PM.

Regular Agenda

1. Approval of the draft 2017 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by resolution.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the draft 2017 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of approval of a resolution approving a de-annexation of Tax Map 056 001H, shown as 5.87 acres from the City of Kingsland for James Purdee.

Commissioner Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the resolution approving a de-annexation of Tax Map 056 001H, shown as 5.87 acres from the City of Kingsland for James Purdee.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2017.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2017.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - March & April 2017**

County Clerk Katie Bishop stated there were no changes to the calendar at this time.

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he would like to use this time to gather a consensus of the Board regarding a potential grant. He introduced Grants Manager Julie Haigler to give the board an overview of the potential grant funding available for the Camden County Public Service Authority.

Grants Manager Julie Haigler explained that there is potential grant funding available through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Georgia Solar Program, for the installation of Solar Panels on the Public Service Authority building. She explained that this potential grant could save the Public Service Authority a significant amount of money on their heating and cooling costs. She asked the Board for a consensus to submit the grant application and stated that this item would come back to the Board for consideration of acceptance if awarded.

The Board was unanimous in allowing the application to be submitted.

Additional Public Comments

Rachel Baldwin, Kingsland

Ms. Baldwin announced that the 22nd Youth Job Fair will be held tomorrow, March 22nd from 3:30 - 5:00 PM located at the Camden County High School. She stated that they have twenty-five (25) employers including Camden County Government present at the event. She encouraged anyone wishing to learn more about job opportunities for our youth to attend this event.

Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark stated that he received a call from a citizen, Mr. Walker, regarding the overpasses and installation of concrete medians associated with the Kingsland by-pass project. He stated that Mr. Walker suggested placing hedges or some other plants in the medians and along the overpass to make it seem more inviting. He explained that he agreed, and thought this went along with previous talks during strategic planning sessions regarding beautification. He asked that we have staff reach out to the Georgia Department of Transportation to see if this is feasible.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the March 21, 2017 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.