

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2017, 6:00 PM**

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

Absent: Commissioner Lannie E. Brant

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

Commissioner Chuck Clark delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of item 18 and 20; renumber the agenda accordingly:

- 18. Memorandum of Understanding with Wildlife Defense Systems
- 20. Discussion and update of Financial Policies.

Removal of Item 9 under the consent agenda, and item 18 under regular agenda:

- 9. Memorandum of Understanding with the Camden County Sheriff's Department for utilizing data storage and server space.
- 18. Consideration of participation in the Tax Allocation District for Epic Adventures.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- June 13, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the June 13, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- **Proclamation recognizing the Camden County Wrestling Team 2017 Classification 5A State Duals Champions and Traditional State Champions**

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing the Camden County Wrestling Team 2017 Classification 5A State Duals Champions and Traditional State Champions. Chairman Starline presented the Proclamation to Coach Jess Wilder, A.J. Woodard, and Raydan Wilder.

- **Update regarding Camden County 2017 Action Agenda Items for the Strategic Plan 2017~2022~2032 presented by Management Analyst Shannon Nettles**

Management Analyst Shannon Nettles presented an update to the Board regarding the Camden County 2017 Action Agenda Items for the Strategic Plan 2017~2022~2032.

- **2017 Legislative Update presented by Management Analyst Shannon Nettles**

Management Analyst Shannon Nettles presented a brief overview of the 2017 Legislative Update.

- **St. Marys River Management Committee Annual Report presented by John S. Myers**

John S. Myers presented and overview of the St. Marys River Management Committee Annual Report.

- **Presentation by Salvation Army Charlene Sears / Toys for Tots – John Gates**

Salvation Army Director Charlene Sears announced a collaborative effort with the Toys for Tots program for the upcoming holiday season. She introduced the new Toys for Tots Program Director John Gates for our area.

Mr., Gates gave a brief background on himself and the mission of Toys for Tots. He explained that he is excited to get to work and help those less fortunate in our area during the holiday season.

Public Comments

Kimberly Ehret, Kingsland

Mrs. Ehret expressed her concerns regarding the Camden County Fire Rescue Department.

Dennis Gailey, Waverly

Mr. Gailey stated that he has concerns regarding Item 11, the Outside Employment Policy, featured on tonight's agenda. He stated that he is aware it has been changed since the original. He stated that he feels this is a government over reach into our personal lives. He stated that while he appreciates adjustments he asked the board to look into this item further.

Steve Davis, Dover Bluff

Mr. Davis expressed his concerns regarding the Camden County Fire Rescue Department.

Keith Tippins, Folkston

Mr. Tippins stated that he would like to speak about a situation that took place last year involving his wife. He explained that on or about February 20, 2016 his wife and children were traveling on Highway 252 to their home in Charlton County. He explained that his wife stated that a Camden County Fire Chief vehicle ran her vehicle, along with two other motorists off the road. He stated that his wife believed it was Chief Crew's vehicle that ran her off the road because it was in the vicinity of his home. He stated that on February 25, 2016 a County Commissioner was called and alerted of this incident. He stated that on February 26, 2016 County Administrator Steve Howard was called and alerted to the incident. He stated that Mr. Howard told his wife he was leaving to go on vacation but would look into the incident upon his return. He stated that was over a year ago and has not happened.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that was not accurate and was not true.

Mr. Tippins asked County Administrator Steve Howard if he was calling his wife a liar.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that was not the way he operated and she would have been contacted.

Chairman Starline ended the exchange and asked Mr. Tippins to leave.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene a Public Hearing at 6:28 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at 6:28 PM.

Convene Public Hearing

To receive comments from the public regarding the following proposed amendments to the Official Code of Camden County:

- To consider and receive public comment on amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 54 Taxation, addition of Article V – Timber Harvesting.
- To consider and receive public comment on amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 20 and Section 30.
- To consider and receive public comment on amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Board of Commissioners.

Public Hearing Comments:

No comments were offered from the public regarding these items during this time.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the Public Hearing, and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:44 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 6:44 PM.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Cooperative Partnership with Camden County Public Service Authority for providing Onsite Clinical Medical Services.
2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Cooperative Partnership with the City of Kingsland for providing Onsite Clinical Medical Services.
3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Cooperative Partnership with the City of St. Marys for providing Onsite Clinical Medical Services.
4. Approval of a Temporary Contract with Mary T. Smith and Associates.
5. Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Earl T. Martin, M.D.

6. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for the retaining Legal Services (County Attorney John S. Myers)
7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Indigent Defense Contract.
8. Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging Contract.
- ~~9. Memorandum of Understanding with the Camden County Sheriff's Department for utilizing data storage and server space.~~

This item was removed during agenda amendments.

10. Memorandum of Understanding with the Rescue Training, Inc.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

11. Consideration of approval of the Outside Employment Policy.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Outside Employment Policy with the removal of the details related to hours worked on the attached form.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration of proposal to Internalize Benefits Department.

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded Commissioner Casey to approve the proposal to Internalize Benefits Department.

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Acceptance of grant award to the Georgia Firefighter Burn Foundation.

Commissioner Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to accept the grant award from the Georgia Firefighter Burn Foundation.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Approval of Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the City of Kingsland for Grants Management.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the City of Kingsland for Grants Management.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Approval of Surplus Item list

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the surplus item list as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 16. Consideration of Awarding the Contract for Dover Bluff & Old Jefferson Hwy Road Resurfacing Project

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the award of Contract for Dover Bluff & Old Jefferson Hwy Road Resurfacing Project to Kudzu Trucking, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 17. Approval to purchase Metal Storage Building for Substation

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the purchase of a Metal Storage Building for Camden County Sheriff's Office Substation.

The motion carried unanimously.

~~**Joint Development Authority Director James Coughlin**~~

- ~~18. Consideration of participation in the Tax Allocation District for Epic Adventures~~

~~**This item was removed during agenda amendments.**~~

- 19. Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendments.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

20. Discussion and possible action regarding Hotel/Motel Tax

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by commissioner Blount to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax split between the three (3) cities based on populated and submittal of quarterly reports from each entity regarding the allocation of the Hotel/Motel Tax. This item will be revisited for possible action tentatively in April – May 2018.

The motion carried unanimously.

21. Second Reading and Adoption of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 54 Taxation, addition of Article V – Timber Harvesting.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to waive the second reading and adopt the amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 54 Taxation, addition of Article V – Timber Harvesting.

The motion carried unanimously.

22. First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 20 and Section 30.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to waive the first reading of the amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 20 and Section 30.

The motion carried unanimously.

23. First Reading of amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to waive the first reading of the amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Board of Commissioners.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar – July & August 2017**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard asked Chief Mark Crews to provide an update to the Board regarding Camden County Fire Rescue.

Chief Crews presented a brief update in a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding recent activity in the Fire Rescue department.

Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender briefed the Board on the upcoming Curbside Collection fee increase.

Additional Public Comments

County Attorney John Myers announced the passing of Judge George Turner. He stated that funeral arrangements are Thursday, July 20th with visitation at 3:00 PM followed by a memorial service at United Methodist Church Chapel at 4:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the July 18, 2017 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.