

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, 6:00 PM**

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

Absent: County Administrator Steve Howard

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:

Removal of Presentation:

- Cell Tower Solutions, Walt Woodard

Addition of item 4 under Regular Agenda:

Camden County Sheriff's Office

4. Approval of Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- August 15, 2017 Public Hearing (3) and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the August 15, 2017 Public Hearing (3) and Regular Meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Planning & Development Director Eric Landon announced the retirement of John Peterson. He presented Mr. Peterson with a certificate for his many years of service to the citizens of Camden County. The Board thanked Mr. Peterson and congratulated him on his retirement.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of service agreements (3) for the County's Hotel/Motel tax collection and distribution of the funds collected.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the service agreements (3) for the County's Hotel/Motel tax collection and distribution of the funds collected.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of a line of credit in fiscal year 2018 for the General Fund.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the establishment of a line of credit in fiscal year 2018 for the General Fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendments

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

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Federal Equitable sharing Agreement.

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Federal Equitable sharing Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar – September & October 2017**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

Additional Public Comments

Donald Doyle, Jacksonville, FL

Mr. Doyle stated that he is a former employee of Camden County Fire Rescue. He explained to the board that he, along with three (3) other former employees built a hose flag off business hours and with discarded hose. He stated that the hose flag has hung in Camden County Waverly Fire Station since he left his employment with Camden County taking a temporary position out of state. He explained that he left with intentions of returning and retrieving the hose flag. He stated that he is now employed on Kings Bay and he recently picked up the hose flag and moved it to the Fire Station located on base. He stated that it was brought to his attention by the head of CCFR, as well as local law enforcement that the flag was removed and it was to be returned to Camden County Fire Rescue. He said that head of CCFR advised him to return it or it could cause him problems with his clearance at the base. He said that he did not understand how he was being accused of taking County property when he funded it, built it, but he was told that it would not be debated. He said that he asked for a meeting for explanation and to this date he has yet to be given one. He said that at this point he did not want a meeting. He explained that he returned the hose flag the next day and his wife asked him not to pursue it further, not because he was wrong, but because she feared some type of retaliation in the future by the department head. He stated that originally he had intended on asking the Board for the flag back, but instead he would like one of two things to happen. Number one let him have his flag back but allow me to place it on the wall at the Waverly Fire Station, or Number Two let him have his flag back but move it to where those attributes of unity, honor, and tradition of the flag, the fire service, and America can be displayed. He asked to be notified of the outcome of the flag and if the Board has any questions to contact him by phone or email.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the September 5, 2017 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.