

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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 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:

Addition under Presentation:

- Proclamation recognizing the week of October 23 - 31 as “Red Ribbon Week”
- Quarterly Report presented by Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender
- Hurricane Irma Recovery presented by EMA Specialist Chuck White and Program Director Shannon Nettles

Addition of Executive Session - Personnel

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

- October 3, 2017 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes; October 5, 2017 10:00 AM Public Hearing minutes; October 5, 2017 5:30 PM Public Hearing minutes

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the October 3, 2017 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes; October

5, 2017 10:00 AM Public Hearing minutes; October 5, 2017 5:30 PM Public Hearing minutes

The motion carried unanimously .

Presentation

- Proclamation recognizing Sunday, November 5, 2017 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia.

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing Sunday, November 5, 2017 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia. Chairman Starline presented the Proclamation to several Retired Educators there to accept the document.

- Proclamation recognizing the week of October 23 - 31 as “Red Ribbon Week”

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing. Chairman Starline presented the Proclamation to several Retired Educators there to accept the document.

- Joint Development Authority Quarterly Report presented by Director James Coughlin

Joint Development Authority (JDA) Director James Coughlin presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the JDA Quarterly Report.

- Quarterly Report presented by Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender

Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Finance Department Quarterly Report.

- Hurricane Irma Recovery presented by EMA Specialist Chuck White and Program Director Shannon Nettles

EMA Specialist Chuck White and Program Director Shannon Nettles gave the Board an update of Hurricane Irma Recovery efforts, as well as FEMA progress.

Public Comments

Kevin Wilburn, Lang Lane, Woodbine

Mr. Wilburn stated that he is a resident of Lang Lane in Woodbine where the Lang Bridge was washed out during Hurricane Irma. He asked the Board for an update of the status of rebuilding the bridge and repairs to the road so residents can have access to their property. He explained that the access road they have to their property is virtually impossible for emergency personnel to utilize. He stated that getting the kids to school, the postal services delivering mail, as well as trash service has had to be completely rearranged due to the road being washed out.

Commissioner Blount made a motion seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:50 PM for a five (5) minute recess.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened a Public Hearing at 6:55 PM.

Convene Public Hearing (3 items)

To consider and receive comments from the public regarding the following items:

- Consideration of request for a Special Exception Variance (**ZV2014-07**) for an extension of the approval granted in February of 2015 to allow two (2) billboards adjacent to I-95. **District 1 - Commissioner Brant**

In favor:

Rusty Simmons, applicant, Waverly

Mr. Simmons stated that he is the applicant and they would like to continue to allow the placement of two billboards at the same location under the Special Exception Variance. He urged the board to approve this request.

No other comments were offered in favor nor against this item during this time.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:57 PM.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of request by South Georgia Land Partners, LLC for a Special Exception Variance (**ZV2014-07**) for an extension of the approval granted in February of 2015 to allow two (2) billboards adjacent to I-95. **District 1 - Commissioner Brant**

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the request by South Georgia Land Partners, LLC for a Special Exception Variance (**ZV2014-07**) for an extension of the approval granted in February of 2015 to allow two (2) billboards adjacent to I-95.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Approval to set the annual 2017 Millage Rate (general and unincorporated).

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the annual 2017 Millage Rate (general and unincorporated):

General Fund Countywide millage rate.

1. 13.94 mils for the general operating budget for the County.

Tax Service District millage rate.

1. 1.40 mils for the Incorporated Service District.
2. .67 mils for the Unincorporated Service District.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Acceptance of the annual 2017 School Board Millage Rate.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the annual 2017 School Board Millage Rate:

In accordance with the Camden County School Board, the following millage was adopted at their October 10, 2017, meeting.

1. 16.00 mils for the maintenance and operations budget

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Contract Amendment for 2018 Coastal Regional Commission, Area Agency on Aging, Congregate Meals Contract.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Contract Amendment for 2018 Coastal Regional Commission, Area Agency on Aging, Congregate Meals Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Advance Disposal, LLC contract amendment.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the Advance Disposal, LLC contract amendment for discussion only.

So voted:

Chairman Starline - No

Vice-Chairman Clark - No

Commissioner Brant - No

Commissioner Casey - No

Commissioner Blount - No

The motion failed .

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to table this item until the November 7, 2017 regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Grant Award from FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grants Program.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to accept the Grant Award from FEMA for the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer (Animal Control).

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to appoint Tracey Marie Webb to be sworn in as a Code Enforcement Officer.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Surplus Item List.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Safety VHF Radio Communication Expansion Contract Award.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Public Safety VHF Radio Communication Expansion Contract Award to William's Communication, Inc.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to rescind the previous motion.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve William's communication, Inc. as the vendor of record with the proceeding to negotiate a contract which will be approved by the Board at a later date.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Clay Montague.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Clay Montague.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Appointment of Major General Robert S. Dickman, USAF (Retired) to the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to appoint Major General Robert S. Dickman, USAF (Retired) to the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Appointment to the Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB).

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to appoint Steven Sainz to the Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB).

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Approval of Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli and Associates, Inc. for the purpose of revising the road construction plans for the Kingsland Bypass, Phase I.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli and Associates, Inc. for the purpose of revising the road construction plans for the Kingsland Bypass, Phase I.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - September & October 2017**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he would like to applaud Scott Brazell for his efforts on the beautification of areas located on the Kingsland Bypass Project. He explained that behind the scenes Mr. Brazell did a great job working with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Additional 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 an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel at 7:51 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session - Personnel

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session it was noted that all matters discussed were related to **Personnel** at the Camden County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:51 PM.

No was taken upon the reconvening of the regular meeting, as a result of the Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing **Personnel**.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the Executive Session Resolution and Affidavit regarding the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing **Personnel** in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).

The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners as follows: At the meeting held on the this 17th day of October, 2017, with the following members: Chairman James H. Starline, Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark, Commissioner Gary Blount,

Commissioner Lannie E. Brant, Commissioner Ben L. Casey, and the following non-members: County Administrator Steve Howard, County Attorney John S. Myers, County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop, and Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender; the Camden County Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing **Personnel**. At the close of the discussions on this subject, the Board did agree to reconvene into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the Board and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm to the best of their knowledge that said closed session portion was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and the specific relevant exception is the subject matter as set forth above.
- (3) The Chairman of this Board, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed and pursuant to the Resolution shall execute an affidavit, in full support of the members of this Board, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).

- (4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to administer oaths, **Chairman James H. Starline**, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the chairperson/presiding officer of a meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners held on the 17th day of October, 2017.
- (2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing **Personnel** as allowed by the O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 and § 50-14-3 was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.
- (3) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the **mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4-(b) that such an affidavit be** executed.

This 17th day of October, 2017

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October, 2017.

Notary Public

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:23 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Vice-chairman Clark to adjourn the October 17, 2017 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.