

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018, 6:00 PM**

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Commissioner Gary Blount; 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 Lannie Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of the following item under the Regular Agenda:

Purchasing Officer Alethea Harris

5. Approval of Surplus Item List

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

- January 9, 2017 Special Called Meeting minutes; January 9, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the January 9, 2017 Special Called Meeting minutes; January 9, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Mid-Year Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2018 presented by Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender

Chief Financial Officer Mike Fender presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing an overview of the Mid-Year Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Camden County Fire Rescue Quarter I Analysis Update presented by Chief Mark Crews

Chief Mark Crews presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing an overview of the Quarter I Analysis Update.

Public Comments

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Regular Agenda

1. Approval of Budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2018.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the first Fiscal Year 2017 -2018 Budget Amendment as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the second Fiscal Year 2017 -2018 Budget Amendment as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval to submit the Assistance to Firefighter's grant.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the submittal of the Assistance to Firefighter's grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Benefits Department Reorganization

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the reorganization of the Benefits Department and said contract with USI Broker as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of approval of the First Capital Consulting Contract.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the First Capital Consulting Contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

~~5. Approval of Surplus Item List~~

The item above was removed under Agenda Amendments

Reports

- **Calendar – January & February 2018**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that the FAA EIS should be released the end of February 2018.

Additional Public Comments

Jeremy Wright, Kingsland

Mr. Wright stated that he is aware of things that took place during the meeting held in June of 2017. He stated that Chief Mark Crews reported that several of the Fire Rescue trucks did not meet State standards to pump, and the National Standard had not been adopted. He explained that he had spoken with Georgia Fire Fighter Standards, Mike Handcock, regarding the tests. He stated that also you don't put two brand new employees together, you put experienced employees with them. He explained this is still happening today with employees with basic, limited to no experience. He explained that the Organizational Analysis confirms all of this, he asked the Board to pull the roster and they will see it. He stated that you move people around to better the curve, and that is he were a Commissioner he would be very concerned by all of this.

Chairman James H. Starline

Chairman Starline stated that Mrs. Haigler is trying to get a grant to fund training and certification courses for Fire Rescue employees. He stated that if she is unsuccessful he asks that the Chief bring this item back to the Board to fund with some assurances.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to adjourn the January 23, 2018 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.