

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2018, 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:

Removal of Item 3 under Regular Agenda:

Thiokol Memorial Project - Jannie Everette

3. Resolution supporting the dedication of the Exit 7 Interchange at Interstate 95 and Harriett's Bluff Road to those who lost their lives at the Thiokol Chemical Plant.

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 Casey to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the June 12, 2018 Public Hearing minutes and June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Linda Victory, Kingsland

Ms. Victory gave a handout to the Board regarding the newly formed Board of Elections and Registration. She expressed her concerns with the make-up of the board and she urged the Board of Commissioners to consider her suggestions.

Tanya Glazebrook, St. Marys

Ms. Glazebrook stated that she also has suggestions as to the make-up of the newly formed Board of Elections and Registration. She urged the Board to consider her suggestions.

Rachel Baldwin, Kingsland

Ms. Baldwin stated that she agrees with the previous statements and the members should have technological skills and the board should reflect fair representation. She also stated that term limits should be in place and applicants vetted through an interview process.

Tom Canning, St. Marys

Mr. Canning stated that the consolidated Board of Elections and Registration sets the right tone moving forward for future generations. He expressed his concerns and suggestions to the Board.

Jeffrey Tebo, St. Marys

Mr. Tebo stated urged the Board to recruit board members who have an understanding of the job and tasks. He stated that this is the first ever board like this in Camden County. He urged the board to vet applicants through a screening process.

James Corbett, St. Marys, Democrats of Camden County, Chair

Mr. Corbett stated that he has a background of twenty-two (22) years as an Election Manager. He stated that a five (5) member board was a good goal. He urged the Board of Commissioners to be careful with qualifications and the work load will require it.

Robert Cummings, Woodbine

Mr. Cummings stated that there is already an existing Board already trained and doing this work, why reinvent the wheel.

Shawna Spann, Woodbine

Ms. Spann stated that she has heard a lot of comments tonight regarding the newly formed Board of Elections and Registration. She stated that she supports representation from each districts to be fair. She explained that as Ms. Victory stated everything is in the code book. She urged the Board of Commissioners to make the right decisions without influence from individuals.

Jeremy Spencer, St. Marys

Mr. Spencer stated that he agrees with Ms. Spann and Ms. Baldwin's comments. He stated that he would like to see fair representation, a streamlined process, a new board and a one stop shop.

Chairman Starline adjourned the Regular Meeting and convened the Public Hearing at 6:38 PM.

Convene Public Hearing

To receive comments from the public regarding the following items:

- Consideration of request for a special use to allow a petting zoo on 50.18 acres zoned A-F, Tax Parcel 062 001Q. **District 1 – Commissioner Brant**
- Consideration of request to rezone 3.66 acres from Industrial restricted (I-R) to Industrial General (I-G), Tax Parcel 108 002B. **District 2 – Vice-Chairman Clark**

Darren Harper, Joint Development Authority

Mr. Harper stated that on behalf of the authority, he was here tonight to speak in favor of the request, and to express their support for this marine industry business.

Chairman Starline adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:46 PM.

Regular Meeting

1. Consideration of request for a special use to allow a petting zoo on 50.18 acres zoned A-F, Tax Parcel 062 001Q. **District 1 – Commissioner Brant**

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the request for a special use to allow a petting zoo on 50.18 acres zoned A-F, Tax Parcel 062 001Q.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of request to rezone 3.66 acres from Industrial restricted (I-R) to Industrial General (I-G), Tax Parcel 108 002B. **District 2 – Vice-Chairman Clark**

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the request to rezone 3.66 acres from Industrial restricted (I-R) to Industrial General (I-G), Tax Parcel 108 002B.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution supporting the dedication of the Exit 7 Interchange at Interstate 95 and Harriett's Bluff Road to those who lost their lives at the Thiokol Chemical Plant.

This item was removed during agenda amendments.

4. Approval of initial appointments to the Spaceport Camden Education and Workforce Subcommittee.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to appoint the following to the Spaceport Camden Education and Workforce Subcommittee:

- i. Chairperson, Laura Forczyk, Scientist, Founder and Executive Director—Georgia Space Alliance
- ii. Paige Coker, Ed.S, Director of Public Relations and Special Projects—Ware County School District
- iii. Shawn T. Cruzen, Ph.D., Executive Director—Coca-Cola Space Science Center, Columbus State University
- iv. Glenn Deibert, Ed.D., President—Coastal Pines Technical College
- v. Bill Garlen, Interim Director of Camden Center and Director of Administrative Operations—College of Coastal Georgia
- vi. Lisa Gleason, Director of Technical/Career Education—Camden County High School
- vii. Millie Price, Ed.S, STEM K-12 Instructional Coach—Ware County School District
- viii. Lonnie Roberts, Provost—Coastal Pines Technical College
- ix. Pete Snell, Vice President for Economic Development—Coastal Pines Technical College
- x. James R. Wilburn, Ed.D., Academic Program Director, Military, Professional Education—Georgia Institute of Technology
- xi. Adon Clark, Dean of the School of Aviation, Middle Georgia State University
- xii. Jessica Warren, UGA County Extension Coordinator, Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent
- xiii. Leo C. Melody, M.Ed., Director, Valdosta State University, Camden Center

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Elections and Registration Board Appointments.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to appoint five (5) members to the Board of Elections and Registration.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to assign term limits to the Board of Elections and Registration members as follows: District 1 and District 3 – 2 year appointment; District 2, District 4, and District 5 – 4 year appointment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to set the compensation amount for the Board of Elections and Registration at fifty dollars (\$50.00) a meeting, and standard per diem for travel.

So voted:

Chairman Starline – Yes

Vice-Chairman Clark – No

Commissioner Blount – Yes

Commissioner Brant – Yes

Commissioner Casey - Yes

The motion carried 4 - 1. Vice-Chairman Clark voted against the motion.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to appoint the Board of Elections and Registration by District.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Intergovernmental Agreement for Information Technology services with Camden County Public Service Authority Leisure Services.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Information Technology services with Camden County Public Service Authority Leisure Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar – July & August 2018**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

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 to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 7:16 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Executive Session for the purpose of litigation at 7:16 PM.

**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 17th day of July, 2018, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman James H. Starline; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; and Commissioner Gary Blount the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation. 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, based upon the advice of the County Attorney, who was present during 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, 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 July, 2018.
- (2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing litigation 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 July, 2018

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 17th day of July, 2018.

Notary Public

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:28 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:28 PM.

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the County Attorney to move forward with collection of the Fire Rescue Reimbursement Policy from former employee Richard Parker.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to adjourn the July 17, 2018 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.