

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019, 6:00 PM**

**Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Chuck Clark; 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 under Presentations:**

- Recognition of Years of Service of Chief Appraiser Terry Ross and Board of Assessor member Michael L. Wilson.
- St. Marys River Management Committee Annual Report presented by John Myers.

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

***The motion carried unanimously.***

### **Motion to Adopt the Agenda:**

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

***The motion carried unanimously.***

### **Approval of the Minutes**

- February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes;

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline – Yes**

**Vice-Chairman Blount – Yes**

**Commissioner Brant – Yes**

**Commissioner Casey - Yes**

**Commissioner – Abstain**

***The motion carried 4 – 1. Commissioner Clark abstained from the motion.***

## **Presentation**

- Recognition of Years of Service of Senior Human Resources Director Katie Howard.

County Administrator Steve Howard presented a plaque to Senior Human Resources Director Katie Howard in recognition of her years of service.

- Fiscal Year 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) presented by Certified Public Accountants & Consultants; Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC; Mark Hardison, CPA, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants; Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC

Mark Hardison, CPA, with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC, presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the Board.

- Mid-Year Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2019 presented by Interim Chief Finance Officer Nancy Gonzalez.

Interim Chief Finance Officer Nancy Gonzalez presented the Mid-Year Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2019 to the Board.

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

This presentation was removed during agenda amendments.

## **Public Comments**

## **Regular Agenda**

1. Consideration of reappointment to the Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to reappoint Ceola Foreman to serve a term of four years on the Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging to expire on December 31, 2022.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration of reappointment to the Georgia's Coastal Advisory Council.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to reappoint Clay Montague to the Georgia's Coastal Advisory Council.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

3. Consideration of approval of the formation of an authority for the formation, management, and operation of Spaceport Camden.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve the Resolution for the formation of an authority for the formation, management, and operation of Spaceport Camden.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

4. Approval of Resolution requesting Sales Tax Information from the Georgia Department of Revenue pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15(d.1) and Naming a Designated Officer for all related purposes. *(Senate Bill 371)*

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Resolution requesting Sales Tax Information from the Georgia Department of Revenue pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15(d.1) and Naming a Designated Officer for all related purposes. *(Senate Bill 371)*

***The motion carried unanimously.***

5. Approval of the Letter of Support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 1 (USB1).

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve the Letter of Support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 1 (USB1).

***The motion carried unanimously.***

6. Acceptance of Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Internship Grant Award.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to accept the grant award from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Internship Grant.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

7. Approval to submit to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the submittal of a grant to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

***The motion carried unanimously.***

8. Consideration of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the amendments to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

9. Approval of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendments.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendments.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

10. Approval of 2019 Action Agenda for the Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 - 2034

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the adoption of the 2019 Action Agenda for the Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 - 2034.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

11. Approval to grant Easement to Georgia Power Company for the Waverly Radio Tower Project.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve granting the Easement to Georgia Power Company for the Waverly Radio Tower Project.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Reports**

- **Calendar – January & February 2018**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were received during this time.

## **Additional Public Comments**

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Regular Meeting to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and real estate at 7:16 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Starline convened the Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and real estate 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman James H. Starline; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; and Commissioner Chuck Clark, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation and real estate. 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.
- (2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing litigation and real estate 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019

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Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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Notary Public

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:38 PM.

**Adjournment:**

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the February 5, 2019 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***