

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2019, 6:00 PM**

**Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Commissioner Chuck Clark; County Administrator Steve Howard; Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright; County Attorney John S. Myers; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop.**

**Absent: Commissioner Lannie Brant**

Chairman Starline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Chuck Clark delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Amendments:**

No agenda amendments were offered during this time.

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda:**

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to adopt the agenda as presented.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

**Approval of the Minutes**

- September 17, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the September 17, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

**Presentations**

- Proclamation recognizing Friday, October 11, 2019 as "Pink Out Friday"

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing Friday, October 11, 2019 as "Pink Out Friday". Chairman Starline presented the Proclamation to a representative of South East Georgia Health System.

- Proclamation recognizing the week of October 6 - 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week.

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing the week of October 6 - 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week. Chairman Starline presented the Proclamation to a representatives of the Camden County Fire Rescue department.

- Employee of the Quarter presented by the Employee Recognition Committee.

Human Resources Director Mike Spiers presented the Employee of the Quarter to Sgt. Thames of the Camden County Sheriff's Office. In his nominations Sgt. Thames' co-workers highlighted his leadership abilities, community interaction, and work as a K-9 Handler as reasons for his recognition. Deputy Brad Marat shared, "He leads by example. Because of him, we have an entire shift of leaders and not just a supervisor and employees under him." Sgt. Thames has worked for the Camden County Sheriff's Office for over ten years and currently serves as a sergeant in the Patrol Division. Additionally, he acts as part of the Camden County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit alongside K-9 Hannah, a six year-old bloodhound.

- Camden County Government Guide presented by former Public Affairs Intern Madison Cameron.

Former Public Affairs Intern Madison Cameron presented the Camden County Government Guide to the Board and audience. She navigated the document on the County Website showing users the location, an overview of content and the various features the guide offers to both our citizens and visitors to the area.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments were offered during this time.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene a Public Hearing at 6:14 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Public Hearing**

To receive comments from the public regarding the following items:

- Consider a request for an alcohol license to Daniel Wheeler and The Brown Bag for Retail Dealers of Malt Beverages, Beer, Wine and/or Spirituous Liquors, located at 1608 Boone St, Kingsland, Ga. 31548, Tax Map & Parcel 108 052B.

**There were no comments offered in favor or opposition of this item.**

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:15 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Consent Agenda**

1. Appointment(s) to the Bryan Lang Archives
2. Consideration of Approval of Greenline Rates Agreement to provide for electricity savings.
3. Amendment to the Board of County Commissioner Meeting Calendar for the month of December.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Regular Agenda**

4. Consideration of approval of the de-annexation for Robert D. and Donna R. Dinkins located on Tax Map 095, Parcel 025D from the corporate boundaries of the City of Kingsland.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the de-annexation for Robert D. and Donna R. Dinkins located on Tax Map 095, Parcel 025D from the corporate boundaries of the City of Kingsland.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline – Abstain**

**Vice-Chairman Blount – Yes**

**Commissioner Clark – Yes**

**Commissioner Casey – Yes**

***The motion carried 3 - 1. Chairman Starline abstained from the vote.***

5. Consideration of approval of the de-annexation for Danny R. and Sheryl R. Brown, Sr. located on Tax Map 095, Parcel 025E from the corporate boundaries of the City of Kingsland.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the de-annexation for Danny R. and Sheryl R. Brown, Sr. located on Tax Map 095, Parcel 025E from the corporate boundaries of the City of Kingsland.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Starline – Abstain**

**Vice-Chairman Blount – Yes**

**Commissioner Clark – Yes**

**Commissioner Casey – Yes**

***The motion carried 3 - 1. Chairman Starline abstained from the vote.***

6. Consideration of request for an alcohol license to Daniel Wheeler and The Brown Bag for Retail Dealers of Malt Beverages, Beer, Wine and/or Spirituous Liquors, located at 1608 Boone St, Kingsland, Ga. 31548, Tax Map & Parcel 108 052B.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the request for an alcohol license to Daniel Wheeler and The Brown Bag for Retail Dealers of Malt Beverages, Beer, Wine and/or Spirituous Liquors, located at 1608 Boone St, Kingsland, Ga. 31548, Tax Map & Parcel 108 052B.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

7. Consideration of approval of a Recruitment Incentive for Camden County Sheriff's Office, Camden County Jail and E-911 in order to attract already certified personnel for long-term employment.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Recruitment Incentive, subject to County Attorney approval of the

drafted employment contract, for Camden County Sheriff's Office, Camden County Jail and E-911 in order to attract already certified personnel for long-term employment.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

8. Bid Award for the purchase of a Dump Truck for the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Casey made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Blount to approve the Bid Award for the purchase one (1) 2019 International 16 yard dump truck VIN #3HTDSTZT8KN042388 to Rusk Truck Center, Blackshear, GA.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

9. Approval of Bill of Sale for a 2000 Ford F-350 Dual Wheel Ambulance from the City of Kingsland.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Bill of Sale for a 2000 Ford F-350 Dual Wheel Ambulance from the City of Kingsland.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Reports**

- **Calendar – October & November 2019**

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 Emergency Operations Center Open House was well received with over one hundred (100) citizens in attendance. He stated that the response to the event was very successful and informative to the citizens.

## **Additional Public Comments**

Shawn Allred, Woodbine

Mr. Allred stated that he is speaking before the Board this evening on behalf of the Runnymede Homeowners Association. He requested the Board add the paving of Satilla Bluff Road West to the paving list for Camden County. He explained that this issue has been talked about for some time and the road continues to diminish, getting smaller and smaller. He stated that during severe rain events it takes a 4 x 4 vehicle to travel down this portion of roadway. He stated that he is making an official request and asked what it will take to be added to the paving list.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to adjourn the Regular Meeting to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) and Litigation at 6:50 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Starline convened the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) and Litigation at 6:50 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 1st day of October, 2019, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman James H. Starline; 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 items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) and 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:

Also present were County Attorney John Myers; County Clerk Katie Bishop; County Administrator Steve Howard; Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright; Human Resources Director Mike Spiers; Chief Financial Officer Nancy Gonzalez; Sheriff Jim Proctor; Jail Administrator Major Rob Mastroianni; Chief Deputy Major Chuck Byerly; Sheriff's Office Finance Director Debbie Gordon; and Sheriff's Office Information Technology Director Bryan Fewox.

(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 1st day of October, 2019.

(2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) and Litigation, and 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019

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Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 2019.

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Notary Public

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:50 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Starline reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:50 PM.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the settlement claim regarding a Worker's Compensation litigation matter.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve contract as discussed in Executive Session, exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-13 (b)(4) and O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a)(25)(a).

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to remain in negotiating class regarding pending litigation matter.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

### **Adjournment:**

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the October 1, 2019 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***