

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 6:00 PM**

Present: Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Trevor Readdick; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; County Attorney John S. Myers; County Administrator Steve Howard; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop

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

Commissioner Lannie Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Blount led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

No agenda amendments were offered during this time.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- February 4, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the February 4, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Ben Goff, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Goff stated that he has concerns with the item on the agenda for the approval of Capital Improvement Element Resolution. He stated that he has read the document provided in the Commissioner's packets and a majority of the items are strategic planning items. He explained that there is not a person assigned to these projects and in his experience without a name associated with the project there is no accountability for completion. He stated that while he is

appreciative of the in person meeting this evening others should have a way to virtually attend and speak if not able to attend in person. He asked the Board to make an option available for those who wish to virtually attend to have access.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene a Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- To receive public comments regarding the 2021 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Draft of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by resolution.

Public Hearing Comments:

No comments were offered during this time.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the Public Hearing and Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:07 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from the US Department of Homeland Security/Port Security to fund an armed vehicle carrier for the Emergency Response Team (ERT).
2. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from the Walmart Community Grant for the purchase of a disinfectant sprayer for patrol cars, eliminating the spread of COVID-19 from the transportation of incarcerated, suspected, or charged individuals.
3. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from the St. Mary's Methodist Church Foundation to fund a Child Victim Advocate for the Criminal Investigation Division.
4. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from Firehouse Subs to purchase 35 first aid Jump Bags that include Stop-the Bleed kits.
5. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) for the purchase of Alco

sensors, safety vests, LIDAR's, in-car computers, and limited reimbursement of patrol deputy salaries for use of listed equipment.

6. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) for the purchase of radars, LIDAR's, Alco sensors, safety vests, in-car computers, limited reimbursement of patrol deputy salaries for use of listed equipment.
7. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office request to seek grant funding from Georgia Department of Transportation for funding traffic related safety equipment.
8. Approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office to seek grant funding through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to establish a nine-month long regional training academy for the CCSO and surrounding city, county, state, federal, and private law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

9. Approval of the 2021 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Draft of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by resolution.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the 2021 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Draft of the Comprehensive Plan for Camden County by resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Acceptance of Grant Award for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Civic Affairs Foundation, Inc. - Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant Recipients for summer 2021 Grant Period

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to accept the Grant Award for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Civic Affairs Foundation, Inc. - Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant Recipients for summer 2021 Grant Period.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Appointment to the Camden County Board of Elections and Registration, District 3.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Chairman Blount to appoint Anthony Kicklighter to the Camden County Board of Elections and Registration, District 3 for a term of four (4) years, to expire on December 31, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Reappointment to the Bryan Lang Historical Archives Board of Directors (3).

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to reappoint Artie Jones, Jr., Rosalyn Joseph Clements, and Anna Belle McCaskill Friedman to the Bryan Lang Historical Archives Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years, to expire on June 30, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Kingsland and the Camden County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct a Special Called Election for the City of Kingsland.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Kingsland and the Camden County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct a Special Called Election for the City of Kingsland.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. Consideration of purchase of vehicle for Camden County Public Works.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the purchase of the 2021 Ford F150 from Duval Fleet Jacksonville for Camden County Public Works in the amount of \$26,698.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

15. Approval of Surplus Item List.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Surplus Item List as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

16. Approval of Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Department of Juvenile Justice Lease Agreement.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Department of Juvenile Justice Lease Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - February & March**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that he would like to thank and commend staff for their hard work in making the virtual component to the meeting a success which allows staff to attend the meeting and present items virtually.

Additional Public Comments

Doug Heaton, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Heaton stated that he has numerous code enforcement complaints for the area that he lives. He explained the house across the street has built a pig pen in the front yard amongst other complaints. He explained that he had spoken to the Code Enforcement Officer and was advised this would take some time to rectify.

Commissioner Clark advised Mr. Heaton that he would be out in the area to assess his code enforcement complaints.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate at 6:23 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount convened the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate at 6:23 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 16th day of February, 2021, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman Gary Blount; Vice-Chairman Ben L. Casey; Commissioner Trevor Readdick; Commissioner Lannie Brant and Commissioner Chuck Clark, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing 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:

Also present were County Attorney John Myers; County Clerk Katie Bishop; County Administrator Steve Howard; Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright; and CRS, E & S Coordinator Scott Brazell, CFM.

(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, Gary A. Blount, 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 16th day of February, 2021.

(2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing Real Estate, 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 16th day of February, 2021

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of February, 2021.

Notary Public

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Executive Session and Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:50 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to acquire property for a public boat ramp in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the February 16, 2021 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.