

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 2, 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 16, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the February 16, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

### **Public Comments**

Ben Goff, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Goff stated that he was curious why four (4) out of the five (5) Commissioners were not wearing masks. He thanks Commissioner Clark for wearing a mask during the meeting. He stated that he has concerns with the purchase of a new vehicle for the Facilities Maintenance department and asked why a pool vehicle couldn't be utilized. He asked what the need of a four-wheel drive, super cab was for this purpose. He further questioned why a vehicle from the Public Service

Authority could not be used in a pool fashion. He stated that he was aware that the new vehicle was for a new hire and asked what happened to the prior contract with the Public Service Authority for management of this department.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene a Public Hearing at 6:04 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Public Hearing**

To receive public comments regarding the following items:

- Rezoning- RZ2021-01 – Request to rezone 14 acres from Manufactured Home Park (MHP) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Property is located at New Post Rd, White Oak. Parcel ID 037 047. John F Dunlap, owner & applicant.

**No comments were offered neither in favor nor in opposition of this item.**

- Special Use – SU2021-01 – Request for a Special Use approval to allow a Solar Farm Generating Facility in an (A-F) Agricultural Forestry zoning. Property is located on Hiawatha Trail. Tax Map 096 003. William H Gross, owner, RockBridge Energy LLC, applicant.

### **In favor:**

Mark (*last name inaudible*), Project Developer

Mr. stated explained the details surrounding the project to the Board and addressed some of the Boards concerns.

**There were no comments in opposition of this item.**

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the Public Hearing and Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:12 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Blount reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:12 PM.

## **Regular Agenda**

1. Consideration of request to rezone 14 acres from Manufactured Home Park (MHP) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). Property is located at New Post Rd, White Oak. Parcel ID 037 047. John F Dunlap, owner & applicant.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the request to rezone 14 acres from Manufactured Home Park (MHP) to

Agricultural Residential (A-R). Property is located at New Post Rd, White Oak. Parcel ID 037 047. John F Dunlap, owner & applicant.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration of request for a Special Use approval to allow a Solar Farm Generating Facility in an (A-F) Agricultural Forestry zoning. Property is located on Hiawatha Trail. Tax Map 096 003. William H Gross, owner, RockBridge Energy LLC, applicant.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the request for a Special Use approval to allow a Solar Farm Generating Facility in an (A-F) Agricultural Forestry zoning. Property is located on Hiawatha Trail. Tax Map 096 003. William H Gross, owner, RockBridge Energy LLC, applicant.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

3. Consideration of request to purchase vehicle for Facilities Maintenance.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 from Duval Fleet Jacksonville for the Facilities Maintenance department.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

4. Approval of request to become an Affiliate of Keep Georgia Beautiful and authorize Chairman to sign letter requesting to join Keep Georgia Beautiful / Keep America Beautiful.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve request to become an Affiliate of Keep Georgia Beautiful and authorize Chairman to sign letter requesting to join Keep Georgia Beautiful / Keep America Beautiful.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

5. Renewal of Contract with the Georgia Board of Regents of The University of Georgia on behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the renewal of contract with the Georgia Board of Regents of The University of Georgia on behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

6. Approval of Letter of Intent for Lease Agreement with Camden County Department of Family and Children Services.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve Letter of Intent for Lease Agreement with Camden County Department of Family and Children Services.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

## **Reports**

- **Calendar - March & April**

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

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that

## **Additional Public Comments**

Robert Bauer, Harriet's Bluff

Mr. Bauer stated that he has been witness to many parks near his residence that are in desperate need of repairs and have been for some time. He stated that there is sewage along the road in the ditches that can be smelled, as well as pieces of trees and debris littering the ditches. He explained that he was told this would be cleaned up over a year ago and nothing has been done to date. He asked who the Board of Commissioners work for, and then explained that they work for his tax money that is paying their wage.

Commissioner Brant encouraged Mr. Bauer to take his concerns to the next Public Service Authority meeting.

Ben Goff, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Goff stated that the previous gentleman that spoke was misled and the Board of Commissioners maintain a contract with the Public Service Authority for Right-of-Way maintenance.

## **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to adjourn the March 2, 2021 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM.

***The motion carried unanimously.***