

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022, 6:00 PM**

Present: Chairman Gary Blount; Vice-Chairman Ben L. Casey; Commissioner Clark; Commissioner Readdick; County Clerk Katie Bishop and Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright.

Absent: Commissioner Lannie Brant

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

Mr. Martin Turner delivered the invocation.

Chairman Blount led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

Added item to Regular Agenda and renumber accordingly:

6. Approval to award resurfacing contract for the resurface & repair of 3.57 miles of Harriett's Bluff Rd.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- March 1, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the March 1, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Joe Kaminski, Woodbine

Mr. Kaminski expressed his concerns reading Spaceport and yielded his remaining time to Steve Weinkle.

William Buck, Woodbine

Mr. Buck yielded his time to Steve Weinkle.

Steve Weinkle, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Weinkle expressed his concerns regarding the Executive Session for litigation on the agenda and his concerns regarding monies allocated to legal expenses for litigation concerning the recent special election that was held.

Timothy Bessent, Woodbine

Mr. Bessent expressed his concerns regarding item 7 on the agenda, Consider electing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund's standard allowance of up to \$10 million in revenue loss. He explained the importance of spending these monies will best benefit the community. He urged the Board to vote against this item.

Ricky Manning, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Manning expressed his concerns regarding item 12, Consideration of Curbside Collection rate adjustment. He stated that services are going down and you now must pay for bulk pickups, as well as when you take it to the landfill yourself you are required to pay a fee again. He asked the Board how they can increase rates but the services stay the same.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Surplus Item List.
2. Approval of Easement for Utility Right-of-Way with Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation.
3. Approval to purchase fifteen (15) sets of Bunker gear from TEN-8 Fire & Safety.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

4. Approval to award contract for professional planning consultant services to develop and update multiple emergency management-related plans.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to award contract for professional planning consultant services to develop and update multiple emergency management-related plans to Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Wood)

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Kingsland.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Kingsland.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval to award resurfacing contract for the resurface & repair of 3.57 miles of Harriett's Bluff Rd.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to award the resurfacing contract for the resurface & repair of 3.57 miles of Harriett's Bluff Rd. to Asphalt Paving Systems.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider electing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund's standard allowance of up to \$10 million in revenue loss.

Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the election of the SLFRF's standard allowance of up to \$10 million in revenue loss.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration of service agreements with the St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, Kingsland Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority and the Camden County Chamber of Commerce for the County's Hotel/Motel tax collection and distribution of the funds collected.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the service agreements with the St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, Kingsland Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority and the Camden County Chamber of Commerce for the County's Hotel/Motel tax collection and distribution of the funds collected.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of the Camden County Public Safety Complex public bathroom renovations.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Camden County Public Safety Complex public bathroom renovations to Gordian Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval to award the bid for the Camden County AC Replacement project for DFACS, McKinley Center, Mainpoint, and Kingsland Gateway.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to award the Camden County AC Replacement project to Comfort Systems USA (Southeast), Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Roof replacements for Camden County Fire/Rescue Headquarters, Camden County Fire Station 10, and the Camden County Sheriff's Office Training Building.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to award the Camden County Roof Replacement project to A & M Builders and Erectors Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration of Curbside Collection rate adjustment.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Curbside Rate Adjustment, Scenario 1, and subsidize the Curbside Fund by \$150,000.00 this Fiscal Year at the current rate.

So Voted:

Chairman Blount – Yes
 Vice-Chairman Casey – Yes
 Commissioner Clark – Yes
 Commissioner Readdick – No
 Commissioner Brant - Absent

The motion carried 3 – 1, Commissioner Readdick voted against the motion.

	Current FY 2022	Scenario 1 With Subsidy FY 2023
	WM	Meridian
Annual Customer Fees	\$187.80	\$220.00
Quarterly Fees	\$46.95	\$55.00
Monthly Fees	\$15.65	\$18.33
Weekly Fees	\$3.61	\$4.23
Weekly Increase	-	\$0.62
County subsidy - IPT	\$149,000	\$275,000
County subsidy -ARPA	-	-
Ending Fund Balance	\$45,351	\$36,810

Reports

- **Calendar** - March & April 2022

County Clerk Katie Bishop noted that there were no changes to the calendar.

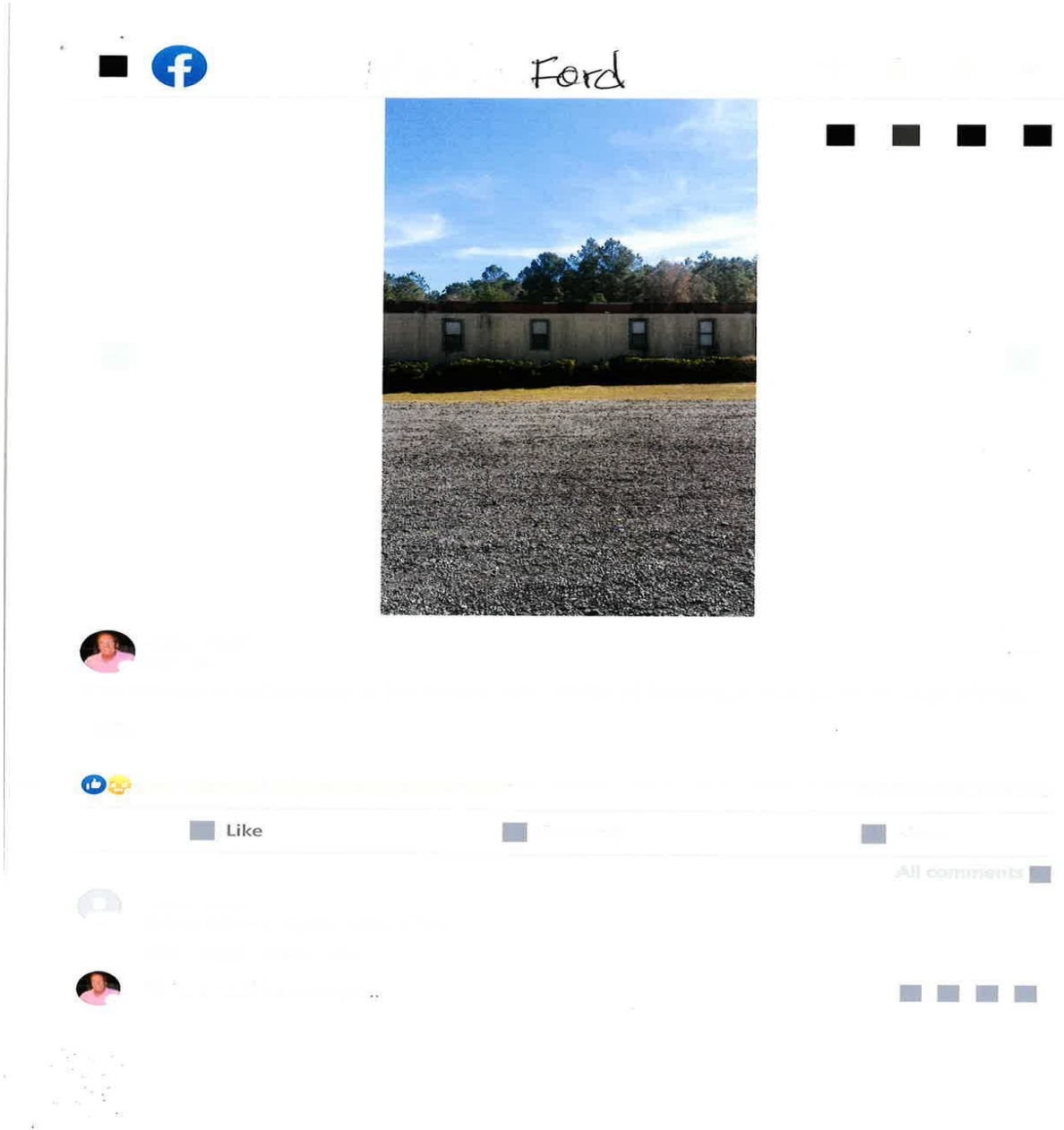
- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

Additional Public Comments

Ben Goff, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Goff submitted a handout to the Board consisting of 3 pictures and stated that equal 3000 words.







Letts Bluff



Executive Session

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the regular meeting and convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate and Litigation at 7:25 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount convened the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate and Litigation 7:25 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 22nd day of March, 2022, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman Gary Blount; Vice-Chairman Ben Casey; Commissioner Trevor Readdick; and Commissioner Chuck Clark, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate 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; and Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright.

(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 22nd day of March, 2022.

(2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing Real Estate 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 22nd day of March, 2022

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March, 2022.

Notary Public

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:34 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:34 PM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Chairman Blount to adjourn the March 22, 2022 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.