

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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

Attended via WebEx: Commissioner Trevor Readdick

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

Commissioner Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Blount led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

No amendments were offered during this time.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

- March 4, 2022 Special Called Meeting; March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the March 4, 2022 Special Called Meeting; March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Recognition of retirement of EMS Assistant Chief Charles Lowther.

Senior Director of HR & Risk Management Mike Spiers presented Chief Charles Lowther with a plaque for his recent retirement.

- Presentation of Governors Office of Planning and Budget State ARPA funds to provide a \$1,000 supplement to 185 employees from Camden County Fire Rescue, Camden County Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office.

ARPA Manage Eric Landon announced the recent distribution of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget State ARPA funds to provide a \$1,000 supplement to 185 employees from Camden County Fire Rescue, Camden County Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office.

Public Comments

Benn Goff, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Goff read the following statement:

Proposed agenda item is to purchase a \$38,000 black Tahoe so that the Deputy Administrator can have one like the county administrator does, or so that each of them can have one ... ? Nothing stated that may be construed to be logical ... as to why the Deputy needs a black Tahoe same as his boss? Instead I propose that the \$38,000 SPLOST VIII revenue be used to purchase 6 aluminum picnic tables for each of the 4 county park pavilions at \$1015 each totaling \$24,360. Use the remaining \$14,000 to purchase a Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle for the Deputy County administrator, which has a 60 mile range between charges. Either that or just return the 6 aluminum picnic tables to Harriett's bluff park.

What are the benefits of an aluminum picnic table?

Our aluminum picnic tables are light weight yet heavy-duty with strong aluminum planks and a sturdy galvanized frame. These aluminum picnic tables have attached benches making it perfect for schools, stadiums, and recreational parks where a table may need to be moved. The light weight anodized aluminum planks combined with our galvanized steel walk- thru frame are resistant to vandalism and last for years. Aluminum picnic tables have cheaper shipping cost since they are so light weight!

William Buck, Woodbine

Mr. Buck stated that he agrees with Mr. Goff's comments regarding the vehicle purchase being extreme for this position. He suggested vehicles that get better gas mileage and are less expensive such as the Mitsubishi Mirage or Dodge Dot. He stated that this type of vehicle makes sense for a Fire Chief but not for and Administrator.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene a Public Hearing at 6:11 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- Request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Forestry (A-F) zoning. Property is located on Kings Bay Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 022B 041, Errol & Learrm Perkins, owners. Errol Perkins applicant.

No comments were offered neither in favor, nor 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.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval to submit the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for generator at the Camden County Public Service Authority.
2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Interim Police Chief with the City of Kingsland.
3. Approval of purchase of two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for Administration and Camden County Fire Rescue.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

4. Consideration of Request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Forestry (A-F) zoning. Property is located on Kings Bay Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 022B 041, Errol & Learrm Perkins, owners. Errol Perkins applicant.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Forestry (A-F) zoning. Property is located on Kings Bay Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 022B 041, Errol & Learrm Perkins, owners. Errol Perkins applicant.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration to award contract to Williams Communication for Construction Services and completion of VHF system upgrade for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation grant award.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to award contract to Williams Communication for Construction Services and completion of VHF system upgrade for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation grant award.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Appointment and Swearing In of Code Enforcement Officers for Camden County Animal Control.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the Appointment and Swearing In of Code Enforcement Officers for Camden County Animal Control Katherine Marshall and Jamie England.

The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Senior Director of HR & Risk Management Mike Spiers administered the oath to Animal Control Supervisor Katherine Marshall and Animal Control Officer Jamie England.

Reports

- **Calendar** - April & May 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

Ricky Manning, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Manning expressed his concerns regarding an item approved at the last meeting regarding dredge material from Glynn County used for roads in Camden County. He stated that the material has not been tested by the Army Corp of Engineers and he would not allow his children to be on a road that used this material.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Chairman Blount to adjourn the April 5, 2022 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.