

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 3, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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

Attended via WebEx: Commissioner Trevor Readdick; County Attorney John S. Myers

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 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

- April 19, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the April 19, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- 2022 Tax Digest Projections presented by Chief Appraiser Brian Bishop

Chief Appraiser Brian Bishop presented a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of the 2022 Tax Digest during this time.

Public Comments

Jay Moreno, St. Marys

Mr. Moreno stated that he would like to speak regarding the presentation of the 2022 Digest. The Chief Appraiser mentioned apartment complexes and he wanted to quantify the number of bedrooms each one of these complexes provides. He explained that the impact of these complexes on the community and government, as well as the impact to the older complexes when tenants move out to a newer apartment. He asked where the buyers think the people are coming from to fill these complexes and for what jobs. He stated that this bears watching.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene a Public Hearing at 7:03 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- To consider and receive public comment on amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 6-10 Hours of Sale.

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

- Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-2 zoning district. This property is located on Hickory Bluff Dr., Tax Map 125A 022A, Jason C. Carlin, owner & applicant.

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

- Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-1 zoning district. Parcels are located off Wren Rd. in Kingsland. Tax Map 071A 047 & 071A 048, Judith Hodges, owner & 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 7:06 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

1. First Reading of the amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 6-10 Hours of Sale.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to waive the First Reading of the amendments to the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Section 6-10 Hours of Sale.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-2 zoning district. This property is located on Hickory Bluff Dr., Tax Map 125A 022A, Jason C. Carlin, owner & applicant.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-2 zoning district. This property is located on Hickory Bluff Dr., Tax Map 125A 022A, Jason C. Carlin, owner & applicant.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-1 zoning district. Parcels are located off Wren Rd. in Kingsland. Tax Map 071A 047 & 071A 048, Judith Hodges, owner & applicant.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Request for Special Use approval to allow a manufactured home in an R-1 zoning district. Parcels are located off Wren Rd. in Kingsland. Tax Map 071A 047 & 071A 048, Judith Hodges, owner & applicant.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to provide services to develop the 2023 Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to approve the contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to provide services to develop the 2023 Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board of Directors.

Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to table this item until the next regular meeting to be held on May 17, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval to award contract for Dover Bluff Road Culvert Improvements.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to award the contract for the Dover Bluff Road Culvert Improvements to SG Development & Consulting in the amount of \$209,064.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - May & June 2022**

County Clerk Katie Bishop noted that there is an addition to the calendar of a Work Session to be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 prior to the regular meeting.

- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

Additional Public Comments

David Rainer, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Rainer stated that the presentation by the Chief Appraiser was very informative. He stated that according to Mr. Weinkle there will be no new apartments in District 2, and he stated that he is concerned that Mr. Weinkle is against affordable housing within his District. He presented a poster board to the Board and the audience in which he explained the dark money trail of funding to anti-spaceport advocates. He asked who is funding their campaign.

Executive Session

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 items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) at 7:24 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount convened the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4) 6:39 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 3rd day of May, 2022, with the following Commissioners being

present, Chairman Gary Blount; Vice-Chairman Ben Casey; Commissioner Trevor Readdick; and Commissioner Lannie Brant, 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). 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 Administrator Steve Howard; County Clerk Katie Bishop; Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright; Information Technology Director Louis Foltzer and Camden County Sheriff's Office CPAK, Strategic Technology Officer Dane Studstill, Colonel C. Byerly.

(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 3rd day of May, 2022.

(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 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 3rd day of May, 2022

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of May, 2022.

Notary Public

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to allow immediate purchase by Camden County Sheriff's Office of security equipment and related software for the Camden County Jail.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Camden County Sheriff's Office Service Maintenance Contract Renewal.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the hardware refresh for the Camden County Information Technology Department.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the May 3, 2022 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.