

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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

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:

Addition to Regular Agenda of item 10 and renumber the agenda accordingly:

10. Discussion regarding the Camden County Public Service Authority.

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adopt the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- May 17, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the May 17, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Proclamation recognizing the week of June 12 -18, 2022 as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week.

County Clerk Katie Bishop read the Proclamation recognizing the week of June 12 -18, 2022 as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week.

WHEREAS, the nation celebrates the week of June 12 -18, 2022 as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week; and

WHEREAS, the men and women employed by the Camden County Solid Waste Authority make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens by processing thousands of tons of garbage, recycling and composting annually; and

WHEREAS, the nation celebrates the week of June 12 -18, 2022 as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week; and

WHEREAS, the men and women employed by the Camden County Solid Waste Authority make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens by processing thousands of tons of garbage, recycling and composting annually; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Workers provide an essential service to enable the proper collection, processing, and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, waste disposal is vital for maintaining a healthy community, by preventing the spread of disease, keeping our communities clean and beautiful, and providing an environmentally safe disposal for our residents, business and industries; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Workers complete their daily routine through difficult conditions like odors, weather, mud, dust and extreme heat with little recognition for their dedication; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Workers continued to work nonstop through COVID-19 pandemic without closing the landfills; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Workers provide proper disposal of solid waste in a engineered sustainable location for the benefit of Camden County and its Cities; and

WHEREAS, Camden County values and celebrates all of the Solid Waste Workers employed to serve our residents, business and industry; and

WHEREAS, The Camden County Board of Commissioners values and celebrates our local sanitation/solid waste industry employees for the commitment to our residents, businesses and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Camden County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of June 12-18, 2022 as

Solid Waste & Recycling Workers Week

and encourage all citizens to join me in thanking the hardworking men and women who ensure our communities are kept safe, clean and healthy.

- Presentation of Hanson Airport Financial Analysis presented by Blake Swafford.

Blake Swafford presented a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of the Hanson Airport Financial Analysis.

Insert PowerPoint here.

- Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget by Chief Financial Officer Nancy Gonzalez.

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Gonzalez presented a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget.

Insert PowerPoint here.

Public Comments

Timothy Bessent, Woodbine, NAACP Camden Branch

Mr. Bessent expressed his concerns with the allocation of ARPA monies within the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget. He urged the Board to allocate funding to programs that directly benefit the community such as youth outreach programs, assistance for those directly affected by COVID who could not pay their rent or mortgage, and programs to help those who are homeless.

Ray Meaux, St. Marys

Mr. Meaux expressed his concerns and unanswered questions regarding the item on the agenda to rezone 1 acre from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoning; along with this will be a Future Land Use FLU2022-02 from "Rural Residential" to "Residential for Bruce Kahler, applicant.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Convene a Public Hearing at 6:58 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- To consider and receive public comment on
 - Request to rezone 1 acre from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoning. Along with this will be a Future Land Use FLU2022-02 from "Rural Residential" to "Residential". Property is located at 922 Mush Bluff Rd., St. Marys. Tax Map 132A 067A, Bruce Kahler, applicant. Bruce & Barbara Kahler, owners.

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

- Request to rezone from Agricultural Forestry (A-F) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2) zoning. Property is located at 429 Gowen Circle,

Woodbine. Tax Map 131C 014, Cumberland Land Surveyors, applicant.
Ashley Silva, owner.

In favor:

Rhonda Gowen, Hilliard, FL

Ms. Gowen explained that the request to rezone this property was by her daughter, and the property would be used to build a vacation house. She encouraged the Board to approve this item.

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

- Request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning. Property is located at 221 Haynor Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 061 043A, Robert & Shawna Williams, Owners. Robert Williams, applicant.

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

- Receive comments from the Public regarding the announcement of the update to the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

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

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Public Hearing and Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:07 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of Request to rezone 1 acre from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoning. Along with this will be a Future Land Use FLU2022-02 from "Rural Residential" to "Residential". Property is located at 922 Mush Bluff Rd., St. Marys. Tax Map 132A 067A, Bruce Kahler, applicant. Bruce & Barbara Kahler, owners.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the request to rezone 1 acre from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoning. Along with this will be a Future Land Use FLU2022-02 from "Rural Residential" to "Residential". Property is located at 922 Mush Bluff Rd., St. Marys. Tax Map 132A 067A, Bruce Kahler, applicant. Bruce & Barbara Kahler, owners.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Request to rezone from Agricultural Forestry (A-F) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2) zoning. Property is located at 429 Gowen Circle, Woodbine. Tax Map 131C 014, Cumberland Land Surveyors, applicant. Ashley Silva, owner.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the request to rezone from Agricultural Forestry (A-F) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2) zoning. Property is located at 429 Gowen Circle, Woodbine. Tax Map 131C 014, Cumberland Land Surveyors, applicant. Ashley Silva, owner.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning. Property is located at 221 Haynor Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 061 043A, Robert & Shawna Williams, Owners. Robert Williams, applicant.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning. Property is located at 221 Haynor Rd., Waverly. Tax Map 061 043A, Robert & Shawna Williams, Owners. Robert Williams, applicant.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Amendment to the 2022 Regular Meeting Calendar for the month of July.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to amend the 2022 Regular Meeting Calendar for the month of July to reflect the regular meeting date of Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Authorize staff to use ARPA funds for a one-time payment to Camden House in partnership with the City of St. Marys due to the direct impacts of Covid-19.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Casey to use ARPA funds for a one-time payment to Camden House in the amount of \$10,000 in partnership with the City of St. Marys due to the direct impacts of Covid-19.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request approval to award the Public Defender Foundation repair to Low Country Foundation Repair.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the award the Public Defender Foundation repair to Low Country Foundation Repair.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Surplus of Brass and Steel Casing from Two Rivers Gun Range.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the surplus of Brass and Steel Casing from Two Rivers Gun Range.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of purchase of Hurst Hydraulic Extrication Equipment.

Commissioner Clark made motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to approve the purchase of Hurst Hydraulic Extrication Equipment (Jaws of Life).

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Appointment of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Negotiation Committee for the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Clark made motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to appoint Chairman Gary A. Blount and Vice-Chairman Ben Casey to the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Negotiation Committee for the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion regarding Camden County Public Service Authority

Vice-Chairman Casey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to prepay the funding for July and August to the Camden County Public Service Authority while their audit is being completed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Readdick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene the Solid Waste Authority Meeting 7:18 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of SWA Agenda

Chuck Clark made a motion, seconded by Trevor Readdick to adopt the Solid Waste Authority Agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

SWA Approval of Minutes

- May 17, 2022 SWA meeting minutes

Chuck Clark made a motion, seconded by Trevor Readdick to approve the May 17, 2022 SWA minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

SWA Public Comments

No comments were offered during this time.

SWA Agenda

1. Consideration of Proposed Landfill Rate Increase.

Lannie Brant made a motion, seconded by Chuck Clark to approve the tipping fee increase of 10% for all of out of County waste disposal.

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional SWA Public Comments

No comments were offered during this time.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to adjourn the SWA meeting and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:19 PM

Regular Agenda

11. Consideration of Proposed Landfill Rate Increase.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the tipping fee increase of 10% for all of out of County waste disposal.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - June & July 2022**

County Clerk Katie Bishop noted that there are no changes to the calendar at this time.

- **County Administrator Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

Additional Public Comments

No comments were offered during this time.

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, Litigation and Personnel at 7:20 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount convened the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel at 7:20 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 7th day of June, 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; County Attorney John S. Myers; and Senior Director of HR & Risk Management Mike Spiers.

(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 7th day of June, 2022.

(2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel, 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 7th day of June, 2022

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of June, 2022.

Notary Public

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:19 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blount reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:20 PM.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to motion to intervene in litigation involving the FAA.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Readdick to adjourn the June 7, 2022 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.