

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007 - 6:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.

Present: Chair Preston Rhodes; Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi-Zell; Commissioner David Rainer; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; Commissioner Charlene Sears; County Administrator Steve L. Howard and County Attorney Brent Green.

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

Chairman Rhodes delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated that all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adopt the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 4, 2007.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation in Honor of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) presented by Commissioner Sears.**

Commissioner Sears read and presented the Proclamation in Honor of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

➤ **DNR Captain Adams to present the Board with No Wake Designations.**

Captain Steven Adams of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Sector presented the Board of Commissioners with an overview of No Wake Zones. He stated that Road Superintendent Scott Brazell had contacted him approximately two (2) months ago in reference to putting up a no wake zone in one of Camden County's water ways and asked him to give the Board of Commissioners some insight on litigating boating use as the population of boaters' increases in this area. He explained that the DNR Commissioner can designate a no wake zone at a marina, bridge, public access ramp or a blind point. He stated that there is a Law that was enacted in 1998 that states that a no wake zone must be enforced within one hundred (100) feet around any pier, marina, anchored vessel, person, public use area, shorelines adjacent to a residence or public access ramp. He state that there is only one (1) official no wake zone under the uniform system of waterway markings in Camden County and it is located at the Cumberland Harbor marina. He explained that while there are many private docks that would like to have official no wake zones posted the Law that was enacted in 1998 provides a one hundred (100) foot buffer to protect them. He asked the Board of Commissioners if anyone had any questions.

Commissioner Rainer asked Captain Adams if there was only one (1) official no wake zone in Camden County.

Captain Adams stated that there was only one (1) official designated by the Department of Natural Resources no wake zone in Camden County and it is located in the St. Marys River in Pumpkin Creek at Cumberland Harbor. He explained that every dock, bridge and shoreline adjacent to a residence in Camden County has a one hundred (100) foot no wake zone around it.

Commissioner Rainer asked if there were signs posted for the one hundred (100) foot Law.

Captain Adams explained that this law is considered to be automatic and a sign is not required. He explained that any Peace Officer in the State of Georgia can enforce the one hundred (100) foot Law.

➤ **Project Manager Harvey Amerson to present update on the status of current County projects.**

Project Manager Harvey Amerson stated that the Central Offices Building is seventy-five percent (75%) complete and painting will begin downstairs next week. He stated that due to some issues with the return on the air conditioning system a few extra days were needed to correct the situation. He stated that the tentative date for moving into the Central Offices Building is the second or third week in January. He stated that the Ralph Bunche Complex is sixty percent (60%) complete and both of these projects are still on schedule. He stated that the roof on the Ralph Bunche Complex is ninety percent (90 %) complete and there is a slight delay on the windows for this project. He explained that he met with the Engineer for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and there is extensive work needed on this building. He stated that the walls on the EOC building are only built to withstand winds of up to one hundred and thirty-one

miles per hour (131 mph). Mr. Amerson stated that designs and cost effect are being looked at to have this building able to withstand winds of one hundred and fifty miles per hour (150 mph).

Chairman Rhodes asked what the completion date is for the Ralph Bunche Complex.

Project Manger Harvey Amerson stated that the completion date for Ralph Bunche Complex is set for March 1, 2008.

Commissioner Rainer asked if the Ralph Bunche Complex is on schedule.

Project Manager Harvey Amerson stated that the contract specifies three hundred (300) calendar days for completion of this project and it is on schedule for that time frame. He explained that the Training Center project in the gymnasium at the Ralph Bunche Complex was awarded a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) Community Development Block Grant for renovations to that building. He stated that the plans have been approved and have been turned over to engineering. He stated that he is looking for a three (3) week turn around and opening bids to begin in January 2008.

Commissioner Sears stated that she hopes the Central Office Building will be complete by the projected date so the Board of Commissioners meetings can resume in Woodbine. She stated that she toured the Central Offices and the new building will be very spacious.

➤ **Planning & Development Director Loretta Hylton to present update on the status of the Comprehensive Plan, Impact Fee Study and Land Development Code.**

Planning and Development Director Loretta Hylton stated that the first meeting of the Impact Advisory Committee was held last month and they are now prepared for the Methodology Report. She stated that the Methodology Report should have been completed already, but as soon as it is another Impact Advisory Committee meeting will be held. She explained that when that phase is completed the Capital Improvement portion will begin. She stated that the Joint Comprehensive Plan vision phase has been completed. She explained that there was not a lot of public participation involved and the Regional Development Center (RDC) will be meeting with staff to go over some issues that need to be addressed further. She stated that the first assessment is being reviewed and the RDC plans to hold two (2) more public hearings to refine all the issues. She explained that once those hearings are held, work can begin on the Public Development Map for the Future Land Use and, once it is adopted, it will be submitted in February 2008 with publication in April 2008 and approved by the RDC and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) by July 2008. She stated that the RDC has informed her that a part of the Comprehensive Plan will require the County to address maintaining water and sewer. She stated that she met with County Administrator Steve Howard, Commissioner Sears and Engineer Robbie Cheek to discuss the water and sewer issues more in depth. Mrs. Hylton stated that her department is working with the RDC concerning this matter. She stated that one issue she is most concerned with is the E-911 addressing and getting it to where it needs to be as far as the Comprehensive Plan and Census. She stated that they are working to establish a better system to keep up to date addressing for the E-911 Center. She stated that the Unified Development Code deals with aspects such as subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances, landscape and sign

ordinances. She stated that drafts are currently being reviewed by department heads. She stated that three (3) different departments will be meeting with Bill Ross this week and once the review has been complete and requested changes are made, the Unified Development Code will be presented to the Planning Commission and then to the Board of Commissioners. She stated that it is very important to have an updated address system in order to be ready for an accurate census in 2010.

Commissioner Sears asked when the ordinances are expected to be ready.

Planning Director Loretta Hylton stated that she was hoping for the ordinances to be ready by the end of the year, but the expected completion date is sometime in January or February. She explained that it all depends on the changes that will need to be made once the final public hearings are held.

Chairman Rhodes stated that the addressing issue was discussed briefly at a prior meeting and he asked if the discussions before had prompted any changes to be implemented to that system.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he is researching that issue right now and it appears that there was some discussion of changes to the system, but the money to fund that project is not available at this time.

➤ **GIS Planner Angie Eaton to present update on FEMA Flood Mapping and Wayfinding project.**

GIS Planner Angie Eaton stated that the FEMA maps for Camden County have not been updated since 1988 and since Hurricane Katrina, the Planning and Development Department has had numerous of calls regarding flood rates for particular areas. She explained that FEMA is working with Camden County to update their Flood Rate Insurance maps. She stated that FEMA has submitted the maps to the Planning and Development Department for review and there are many new subdivisions with street names that need to be added to these maps. She explained that there is a thirty (30) day review period after which changes will be made to the maps and then a ninety (90) day review period by the County to ensure accuracy in the maps. She stated that in November FEMA will hold a series of public hearings for anyone who wishes to make appeals regarding the Flood Insurance Maps. She stated that after the public hearings are held and the changes are made to the maps, there is a six (6) month period to allow the County to make changes to the ordinances and adopt those changes. She stated that she hopes to have further information to share with the Board of Commissioners in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Sears asked if Ms. Eaton could get that information to the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible so they may share it with their constituents.

Mrs. Eaton stated that the digitally submitted information can be shared easily with engineering firms and other agencies wishing to obtain information on elevation and flood rates. She stated that another advantage of having the FEMA Flood maps corrected is that the County will be eligible for credits for a Community Rating System if the County implements the activities and uses the data digitally. Mrs. Eaton stated that the Wayfinding Project was started a few years

ago when Camden County and the Cities applied for and received a designation as a Signature Community. She explained that one of the items detailed for was to change the signage throughout the County where tourists frequent. She stated that Broughtington Consultants was awarded the project. She stated that the design phase has been completed and the cities requested thirty (30) days to present the signage maps and the designs of the signs to the public. She stated that she is in the process of completing maps for Kingsland, St. Marys and Woodbine to show the cities the recommended placement of the signs.

Chairman Rhodes asked who is coordinating Camden County's role in this project.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he will ensure that the residents have an opportunity to comment on this project.

➤ **Public Works Director Scott Brazell to present update on current road projects.**

Public Works Director Scott Brazell stated that the road paving project which include the Bass Bream, Bluegill and Shellcracker Streets has gone to the Purchasing Department for bidding. He stated that after this project was on the 2005 Paving List. He stated that after this project is complete Old Red Bluff Road will be the next project in line. He stated that the 2007 LARP list is complete and most of the roads included in this list are in the west and north end of Camden County. He stated that the 2008 list was submitted in August and we are awaiting word from the DOT on roads that are accepted. He stated that one of the three bridges in the County has shown up on the bridge registry as being deficient. Mr. Brazell stated that that Road Department has a consultant who is in the process of compiling all the environmental documents needed to seek access to work in the restricted wetland areas. He explained the DOT contracts are ready and as soon as the environmental aspect is completed that project will commence. He stated that Ella Park Church Road engineering is in progress and Right-of-Way plans are expected to be delivered by the end of next week. He stated that he expects the contract to be finalized in early 2008. He explained that the Horsestamp Church Road Interchange project will be removed from the GDOT delay list as soon as the County goes to contract with the Ella Park Church Road project. He stated that the Final Concept meeting was held regarding the Kingsland Bypass and DOT will begin the engineering phase of that project. He stated that the Kingsland Bypass project currently has a 2011 construction date scheduled.

Chairman Rhodes commended Mr. Brazell regarding all of the projects that were presented.

➤ **County Clerk/General Government Coordinator Diana Smith to present update regarding proposed House Bill 900.**

General Government Coordinator Diana Smith stated that House Bill 900 is House of Representative Richardson's proposal to eliminate all Property Taxes in the State of Georgia. She explained that while this may sound like a great plan on the surface there are some things that cause concern. She stated that one item of concern is that a completed proposal has not been presented yet and has been altered numerous times. She stated that Camden County along with the cities of St. Marys, Kingsland and Woodbine has had discussions regarding the proposed House Bill 900. Mrs. Smith informed the Board of Commissioners that representatives from the

County will attend a meeting held by ACCG to discuss this further. She stated that at this time the County along with the three cities is working jointly on a Resolution opposing House Bill 900. She explained that another concern is that this reform would be more costly to the residents who could least afford additional taxes placed upon them. She stated that House Bill 900 is considered a shift of taxes and not an elimination of taxes. She stated that as the proposal manifest into its final state their plan is to educate all of those it will impact.

Commissioner Rainer asked if the school system would be involved in this process.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that the school system would be involved since this proposed Bill would affect them too.

Chairman Rhodes stated that it is his understanding that the loss of local control would be part of what is happening surrounding the proposed House Bill 900.

Mrs. Smith stated that there would be a loss of local control and the feeling is that local decisions should not be made out of Atlanta. She explained that it best for the citizens and the elected officials to make those decisions.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that the impact on the bonding capability would be lost.

Chairman Rhodes stated that any future project proposed would be affected.

County Administrator Steve Howard explained that there would be restrictions on the bonding capabilities and it would be detrimental to the citizens of this County because they would not have the ability to do certain things at the local level. He stated that they would be keeping a close eye on House Bill 900 and they will keep the Board of Commissioners and the public informed of any new updates.

General Government Coordinator Diana Smith stated that as soon as the final draft of House Bill 900 is completed she will make sure it is available for each Commissioner to review.

Commissioner Berry stated that House Bill 900 is a horrible idea and it would be like everyone working and all of the money earned goes into one pot. He explained that then at the end of the year someone else decides how much money you get.

Mrs. Smith stated that it is a shift in taxes and there would be many services taxed that were not before and higher sales tax.

Commissioner Rainer stated that House Bill 900 would kill local enrichment. He stated that the concept to do away with taxes sounds good but you have to consider the consequences if you do.

➤ **IT Director Cindy Daniels to present update regarding County website project.**

IT Director Cindy Daniels stated that reconstruction of the County website began in July and currently all of the content is up to date. She stated that the go-live date is anticipated for the middle of December. Mrs. Daniels gave each of the Board of Commissioners a hand out which outlined the design of the new website.

Commissioner Sears asked if drop downs would display as you scroll across the top of the page where the headlines are located.

Mrs. Daniels stated that the drop downs would be displayed as you scrolled across the top of the page.

Chairman Rhodes stated that he liked the photographs that were chosen.

Mrs. Daniels stated that the photographs were chosen to emphasize the coastal areas and Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base.

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The October/November calendar was read.

B. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that Tyler Horne who is the son of Don Horne of the Camden County Road Department, Kim Horne of the Tax Commissioners office and brother of Brandon Horne of Camden County Fire Rescue was severely injured in a car accident. He asked that everyone please keep these individuals in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Howard stated that he has prepared a Reorganization Chart that shows the current twelve (12) departments that report directly to the County Administrator consolidated into six (6) departments. He stated that the consolidation would allow for more streamline process and a better utilization of resources. He stated that his highest priority is to deliver efficient and effective resources to the citizens of this Camden County.

Commissioner Sears stated that she likes the Reorganization Chart and it seems streamlined and everyone knows to whom they report.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that there will be no additional allocations in salaries with regard to this reorganization.

Commissioner Sears stated to clarify for the public the positions that were advertised in the paper were part of the Reorganization and were classified under a new job title and not new positions.

Chairman Rhodes stated that he is very pleased by the progress that has been made by County Administrator Steve Howard and helping this County get back on track. He stated that for a long time Camden County was lacking some representation in various functions and that representation is quickly elevating making a difference for all the citizens of Camden County.

B. Quarterly Financial Report FY 07/08 – Finance Director Mike Fender

Finance Director Mike Fender presented the Board of Commissioners with a brief overview of the Quarterly Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vernon Copeland

Mr. Copeland stated that he is concerned with the proposed development Lampadoshia, LLC. He stated that he owns property next to the proposed development and it is over ten thousand (10,000) acres. He explained that developments always have costs and they put the burden on the taxpayer. He stated that these developments bring wear and tear of roads, increase in crime, need for more law enforcement, fire protection, traffic and unsafe conditions for the residents already here. He stated that the developers destroys and pollutes our environment and also destroys our culture. He stated that the development make money and leave problems with no respect or consideration for residents in the area. He explained that the citizens are in their way and he is concerned with the layout being mixed-use. He stated that one of the roads in this development interferes with an existing county road. He stated that private land is noted as proposed entrance and another private land noted as Village A. He asked the Board of Commissioners to take responsibility in protecting the tax paying citizens of this area. He asked that if the development is approved to require buffers to separate current residents from this development. He stated that the developer will do what they are required to do but noting more.

Sanford Feller

Mr. Feller stated that he vaguely recalls reading in the newspaper that Steve Howard planned to hit the floor running when he came on board as the County Administrator, but he did not know he would be sprinting. He stated that he commends Mr. Howard and asked him to keep up the speed. He stated that House Bill 900 will hurt competitiveness of businesses because Camden County is a border county. He stated that what they are trying to do is remove resale exceptions from business to business and add sales tax, ultimately increasing costs of products. He stated that this proposed bill sounds good, but the Devil is in the details. He added that he commends Commissioner Rainer and Chairman Rhodes for seeking to protect the interests of the City of St. Marys regarding the bond proposal.

Chairman Rhodes adjourned the meeting for a five (5) minute recess at 6:55pm.

Chairman Rhodes reconvened the meeting at 7:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Tax Release Applications.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Tax Release Applications.

Frankie G. Barnett, Digest Year 2001, Bill No. 001050, \$79.66;
Frankie G. Barnett, Digest Year 2002, Bill No. 001052, \$78.96;
Stacy Belden, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 1458, \$95.61;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2000, Bill No. 2109, \$317.56;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2001, Bill No. 2219, \$304.88;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2002, Bill No. 1823, \$341.18;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2003, Bill No.1720, \$390.71;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2004, Bill No. 1703, \$352.95;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 1684, \$322.03;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 1684, \$322.03;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 1692, \$308.36;
Tanya Neely Odom, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 1724, \$295.47;
Robert V. Smiley, Digest Year 2004, Bill No. 2405, \$46.31;
Robert V. Smiley, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 2372, \$43.19;
Robert V. Smiley, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 2391, \$42.82;
Robert V. Smiley, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 2427, \$42.67;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2001, Bill No. 3688, \$149.07;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2002, Bill No. 304, \$79.60;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2003, Bill No. 279, \$77.28;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2004, Bill No. 255, \$69.78;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 239, \$63.21;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 234, \$61.22;
Samuel & Phyllis Brown, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 236, \$59.55;
Marcus Agrinzones, Digest Year 2004, Bill No.14, \$261.24;
Marcus Agrinzones, Digest Year 2005, Bill No.8, \$265.79;
Marcus Agrinzones, Digest Year 2006, Bill No.8, \$220.30;
John Pounds, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 1854, \$40.46;
John Pounds, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 1889, \$40.32;
Charles D. McNeil, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 1586, \$396.50;
Debra Sigmon, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 2405, \$21.37;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2000, Bill No. 3718, \$140.77;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2001, Bill No. 3704, \$137.72;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2002, Bill No. 3257, \$149.13;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2003, Bill No. 54, \$146.80;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2004, Bill No. 2886, \$134.78;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 2857, \$123.11;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 2900, \$121.88;
Harold Wilson, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 2940, \$121.35;

Ola Mae Smith Estate c/o Olden & Jeanette Jones, Digest Year 2001, Bill No. 1220, \$322.47;
Ola Mae Smith Estate c/o Olden & Jeanette Jones, Digest Year 2005, Bill No. 2398, \$10.00;
Ola Mae Smith Estate c/o Olden & Jeanette Jones, Digest Year 2006, Bill No. 2418, \$244.29;
Ola Mae Smith Estate c/o Olden & Jeanette Jones, Digest Year 2007, Bill No. 2454, \$243.88.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve and authorize a Change in the Status Change Form.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to approve and authorize a change in the Status Change Form.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Appoint Chairman Preston Rhodes as County Co-Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to appoint Chairman Preston Rhodes as County Co-Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve and Authorize the County Administrator to Partner with the Chamber of Commerce to Establish a Camden County Slogan/Motto.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve and authorize the County Administrator to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to establish a Camden County Slogan/Motto.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve and authorize Fiscal Operating Policy for Sheriff's Office operations. (Steve Howard)

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rhodes to approve and authorize the Fiscal Operating Policy for the Sheriff's Office operations with the exception of long term contracts must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion:

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he met with Captain Wesley Walker regarding this policy and it is simply an efficiency method. He explained that he has an issue with authorizing purchases for the Sheriff's Office for which he has no control. He stated that he calls this a process improvement and put that ability back with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Rainer asked if payroll would remain the same.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that payroll would remain the same process.

Commissioner Rainer asked County Attorney Brent Green if there was anything in the law that would prohibit the County from implementing this policy.

County Attorney Brent Green stated that he has researched and there is nothing prohibiting this policy.

Captain Wesley Walker stated that they feel that this policy will help streamline the process and make it more efficient in getting the Sheriff's Office bills paid on time.

County Attorney Brent Green stated that long term written contracts must remain with the governmental authority.

Captain Walker stated that he is in the process of implementing a policy at the Sheriff's Office that will outline this Fiscal Operating Policy.

So Voted:

Chairman Rhodes- Aye

Vice-Chair Zell- Aye

Commissioner Rainer-Aye

Commissioner Berry-Aye

Commissioner Sears-Abstain

The motion carried.

6. Approve and authorize Quit Claim Deed between Camden County and Varn Turpentine & Cattle Co. for C.R. 52 (a/k/a Varn's Road).

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve and authorize the Quit Claim Deed between Camden County and Varn Turpentine & Cattle Company.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Review and Consideration of Bids for Woodbine Community Center.

Project Manager Harvey Amerson stated that the low bid for the construction of the Woodbine Community Center was one million one hundred and seventy-two thousand five hundred and six dollars (\$1,172,506.00). He explained that the low bid is still four hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars (\$456,000.00) over budget and he is requesting that the Board of Commissioners reject the bids and allow him time to revisit the project.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to reject the bids for the Woodbine Community Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Transit Operating Assistance Agreement between the Department of Transportation and Camden County regarding the 5311 program.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Transit Operating Assistance Agreement between the Department of Transportation and Camden County regarding 5311 program.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 9A. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Requests for the fiscal year 2006-2007.**

Finance director Mike Fender stated that this Resolution is for last fiscal year and basically this Resolution is just a clean up item. He explained that some departments were over budget in areas that could not be helped and health care was under budget. He stated that the overtures in the budget for the Jail is a separate Resolution and will needed to be voted on separately.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution for Item A implementing Budget Amendment Requests for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 9B. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing the Budget Amendment Request for the fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Jail.**

Commissioner Rainer asked Finance Director Mike Fender to explain the Resolution for the Jail.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that a majority of the overages for the Jail budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 were due to food, medical and inmate housing outside of Camden County.

Chairman Rhodes asked Finance Director Mike Fender if he recommended the Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that he recommended approval of the Resolution.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rhodes to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Request for the fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Jail.

Discussion:

Commissioner Berry stated that from day one he has strongly opposed the eight hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars (834,000.00) the Sheriff's Office has gone over budget. He stated that at the time this was discussed earlier in the year he was opposed to it and he is voting no now as well.

So Voted:

Chairman Rhodes- Aye

Vice-Chair Zell- Nay

Commissioner Rainer- Aye

Commissioner Berry- Nay

Commissioner Sears- Abstain

The motion failed 2-2.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that this Resolution is just a clean up item and is a part of the Continuing Resolution that was previously approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Berry stated that he did not endorse that Resolution then and he does not endorse it now.

County Attorney Brent Green asked Finance Director Mike Fender what happens to the bookkeeping if the Resolution is not approved.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that if the Resolution is not approved the County will be written up in the audit for being over budget.

Commissioner Berry stated that the Sheriff's Office was eight hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars (\$834,000.00) over budget in the Jail and he will not endorse this overture when it came off the backs of the taxpayers. Commissioner Berry asked Finance Director Mike Fender what happens if the County is written up in the audit for being over budget.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that it will affect the County's rating and ability to borrow money.

Chairman Rhodes adjourned the meeting for a recess at 7:12pm.

Chairman Rhodes reconvened the meeting at 7:16pm.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rhodes to reconsider the vote to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Request for the fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Jail.

So Voted:

Chairman Rhodes- Aye

Vice-Chair Zell- Aye

Commissioner Rainer- Aye

Commissioner Berry- Nay

Commissioner Sears- Abstain

The motion carried 3-1.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rhodes to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Request for the fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Jail.

So Voted:

Chairman Rhodes- Aye

Vice-Chair Zell- Aye

Commissioner Rainer- Aye

Commissioner Berry- Nay

Commissioner Sears- Abstain

The motion carried 3-1.

10. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Requests for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Requests for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Discussion:

Chairman Rhodes asked Finance Director Mike Fender if this changes the bottom line and if this Resolution is for auditing purposes only.

Finance Director Mike Fender stated that this Resolution does not change the bottom line and it is simply to get in line with requests by the State Auditor. He explained that the State wants everything related to the E-911 fund in a separate account and not in the general fund.

So Voted:

Chairman Rhodes- Aye

Vice-Chair Zell- Aye

Commissioner Rainer- Aye

Commissioner Berry- Aye

Commissioner Sears- Abstain

The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Fire Services Agreement between Camden County and the City of Kingsland.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Fire Services Agreement between Camden County and the City of Kingsland.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Approve the Request by Scott Chaloult for Retail Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine License for the Tarboro County Store located at 4730 Burnt Fort Road in White Oak.**
- 13. Approve the Letter of Credit (\$300,000.00) for Sanctuary Village.**
- 14. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Final Plat and Letter of Credit (\$581,762.50) for Synergy Holdings, Inc. (#S-036-06(F), Timberland Estates, Phase VII of 15 single-family lots located off of Hwy 110 approximately 5 miles North of Waverly. This property is identified on Tax Map 34, Parcel 24C.**
- 15. Approve an authorize Chairman to execute the Final Plat for Andrew Zuckerman (#S-013-07) of Egrets Landing, Phase I for 123 single-family lots located at the southwest intersection of Horse Stamp Church Road and Interstate 95. This property is identified on Tax Map 112, Parcel 001.**
- 16. Approve the Rezoning request by Lampadoshia, LLC (#R-008-07) of approximately 10,779 acres from Agricultural Forestry (A-F) to Planned Development (P-D). This property is bounded by Ella Park Church Road, Lampadoshia Road and Dover Bluff Road. This property is identified on Tax Map 113, Parcel 037/08.**
- 17. Approve the Rezoning Request by Palmetto Woods, LLC (#R-009-07) of approximately 338.9 acres from Agricultural Forestry (A-F) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) to allow a single-family development with a minimum of 2 acre lots. This property is identified on Tax Map 073/72, Parcel 037/08.**

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to approve Items 12 – 17 on the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to adjourn the October 16, 2007 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk