

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION – FY 2008/2009 BUDGET
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008, 5:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX, 107 GROSS ROAD
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A Work Session of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Annex, Kingsland, Georgia.

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

Chairman Rhodes called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m., and he delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Howard stated that no action would be taken during the work session, that this was just and informal presentation of some key elements he wanted to bring to the Board's attention. Mr. Howard presented a power point presentation regarding budget development priorities, revenue comparison, expenditure plan and challenges. Mr. Howard proposed some dates for advertisement, public hearings and adoption of the budget.

Chairman Rhodes stated the presentation was a great overview and a beginning point for the budget process.

Mr. Howard stated in the planning, five million dollars has been cut from the budget.

Commissioner Rainer stated he would like the millage reduced in some way without harming the Fund Balance tremendously. He likes that the budget is linked to the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Berry stated he would like another work session scheduled after the budget is made public.

Board consensus was given to move forward with advertisement.

Chairman Rhodes asked for comments from the audience. Sheriff Bill Smith stated his department would like to wait until the public is involved. He does not know a lot about budget other than the final lines and that seized assets funds are gone. Most of the seized assets funds have been used to pay for fuel for deputies patrolling the county protecting the citizens. Sheriff Smith asked Jim Proctor and Chuck Byerly if they had any comments. They did not.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed salary adjustment for employees. Mr. Howard stated the raise would be for all employees, including employees of constitutional officers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rhodes adjourned the work session at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, County Clerk