

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008 6:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX, 107 GROSS ROAD
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.

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

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

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

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

The following agenda amendments were offered:

Add to Presentations the Proclamation recognizing Animal Control Appreciation Week

Add to the Regular Agenda, Item 5, Approval of Vendor Evaluation Chart and Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility to aide in rendering decision in Request for Proposals.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- *Proclamation recognizing Animal Control Appreciation Week.*

Commissioner Sears read the following into the record:

Proclamation of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners recognizing Animal Control Appreciation Week.

WHEREAS, the National Animal Control Association has designated the second full week of May as Animal Control Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, the various federal, state, and local government officials throughout the Country take this time to recognize, thank and commend all Animal Control Officers for the dedicated service they provide to citizens, various public safety, public service agencies and departments throughout the Country; and

WHEREAS, the shocking and dramatic turn of events of one single day – September 11, 2001 – caught everyone by surprise and struck the very heart of our society with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the dedication, honor and respect for those individuals serving on the front lines as fire fighters, rescue personnel, police officers and emergency animal control officers was never greater or more strikingly illustrated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding service the Camden County Animal Control Department provides on a daily basis to the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes and commends the Animal Control Officers for the many dedicated and long hours of service they perform in serving this community, and for fulfilling the Animal Control Officers Department's commitment to providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to commend each and every Animal Control Officer for their service, which is in keeping with the long and distinguished tradition of the Animal Control Profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that this body does hereby officially recognize the week of May 12 – 19, 2008, as Animal Control Officers Week, and respectfully asks all citizens and agencies alike to join in expressing their sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation for the many long hours of outstanding service and quality performance these outstanding individuals provided throughout the year to assure the safety and welfare of all.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of May, 2008.

The proclamation was presented to and accepted by Animal Control Officer Jean Manning.

- ***Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007, presented by Kathy Todd of Karp, Ronning & Tindol, Certified Public Accountants.***

Kathy Todd of Karp, Ronning and Tindol spoke on the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Audit. She explained the differences between this audit and the previous year's audit are the reporting on internal control deficiencies, the more stringent standards and terminology.

Chairman Rhodes inquired about the deficiency in connection with the seized assets reporting. Ms. Todd advised that the governing authority's failure to sign the federal seized assets report was a reportable condition.

Chairman Rhodes he wanted to point this out due to the fact that the Board of Commissioners does not have access to these funds and an accounting of those funds has not been provided to the Board. He stated the information has been requested from the Sheriff's Office, but has not been received.

Ms. Todd stated the federal government has the option to take, or not to take, action on this matter. If the federal government does not respond to this matter in 2008, it will appear in next year's audit as well.

- ***Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan Community Agenda, presented by Tricia Reynolds, AICP, Director of Planning & Government Services, Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center.***

Tricia Reynolds presented the Joint Comprehensive Plan Community Agenda to the Commissioners. She gave a brief overview of the Agenda and the next steps that need to be taken. Ms. Reynolds advised the agenda provides the public with plan of action. The next step is to hold a public hearing, which has been scheduled for June 17th, and to pass the Resolution to Transmit on July 1st.

- ***FY 08/09 Indigent Defense Contract with the Brunswick Judicial Circuit Defender, presented by Attorney Grayson Lane***

Mr. Grayson Lane addressed the Board on the FY 08/09 Indigent Defense Contract. Mr. Lane stated the increase in the contract amount was due to personnel expenses such as the Governor's COLA raise of 3%, health insurance costs, and utilities. He advised the increase is approximately \$7,600, but that would be off-set by a credit on rent for the Camden office. Therefore the net increase is approximately \$4,500 to \$4,700.

Commissioner Rainer asked County Administrator Steve Howard if this contract is in the proposed budget. Mr. Howard affirmed that it is.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Edwards

Ms. Edwards spoke against the application for spirituous liquors at Black Jack's Billiards. Ms. Edwards lives on Highway 17, across from this establishment. She requested the application be denied for a number of reasons, such as, she was under the impression this was to be a game room. Also, trash and bottles are littering the road, and she has had to make several loud noise

complaints. She stated loud music and noise comes from Black Jack's at all hours of the night. The music is too loud, the plate rattle on her walls. Ms. Edwards also stated that cars are parked everywhere, and if public safety vehicles needed to get through, they would not be able to.

Ms. Edwards also said that she received an advertisement for this establishment, under the name of "Club Black Jack", for live entertainment.

Larry Cummings

Mr. Cummings spoke against Black Jack's Billiards. Mr. Cummings stated that there is excessive traffic and loud music during all hours of the night. He requested the Commissioners deny the application.

Gary Hutchinson, Sr.

Mr. Hutchinson advised he has called the owner numerous times, at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, to turn the music down. Additionally, every weekend, he has to pick up trash from Black Jack's.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Consideration of the FY 08/09 Indigent Defense Contract with the Brunswick Judicial Circuit Defender.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adopt the FY 08/09 Indigent Defense Contract with the Brunswick Judicial Circuit Defender.

The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2. Adopt the Resolution to amend the Joint Resolution between Camden County and the City of Kingsland agreeing to participate in the engineering and pre-construction for the widening of Colerain Road.**
- 3. Award Local Area Repair Project (L.A.R.P.) contract to Folsom Construction Co., Cordele, Georgia, in the amount of \$474,257.75 for the resurfacing of 5.2 miles of L.A.R.P. Priority #2, Elliott's Plantation; and Priority #3, Dover Bluff Road.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adopt and approve Consent Agenda items 2 and 3. The above stated Resolution is by this reference incorporated into these minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Approval of Consumption of Spirituous Liquors License for Kimmery Renee Bossier at Black Jack’s Billiard located at 13265 Old Granger Circle, Woodbine (District 1 – Chairman Rhodes)

Commissioner Berry stated he would like to see this license denied and Planning and Development take the necessary steps to begin the revocation process for the beer and wine license. Commissioner Berry said that the activities being conducted at this establishment are beyond what the Board was originally led to believe.

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to deny the application of Kimmery Renee Bossier for Consumption of Spirituous Liquors License at Black Jack’s Billiard located at 13265 Old Granger Circle, and authorize Planning and Development staff to begin the process for the revocation of the beer and wine license for Black Jack’s Billiard.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Vendor Evaluation Chart and Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility to aide in rendering decision in Request for Proposals.

Mr. Howard advised the Commissioner that the current purchasing procedures do not allow preference of any kind for local vendors in its evaluation process. The county would very much like to keep as much business in Camden County as possible. The attached Vendor Evaluation Chart has been designed to allow 5 extra points for local preference. In order for a vendor to be considered for the 5 point preference, the Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility form must be included with each proposal submitted for consideration. This chart also allows up to 15 points for Innovative Cost Saving ideas for the county.

Commissioner Berry stated he would like to see the Affidavit of Eligibility tightened by adding the following language: “...Any business or company having its principle office within Camden County, or primarily doing business solely within Camden County, or is owned wholly by a Camden County resident, and can provide a current Camden County business license...”

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to approve the Vendor Evaluation Chart and Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility with the following language added to the Affidavit of Eligibility: “...Any business or company having its principle office within Camden County, or primarily doing business solely within Camden County, or is owned wholly by a Camden County resident, and can provide a current Camden County business license...”

On discussion, Commissioner Sears stated she would like the bidding process protected.

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Calendar**

The May/June calendar was read by County Clerk Jodi Gregory.

- **County Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Steve Howard thanked all who helped with the Ralph J. Bunche Complex reopening. In connection with comments made on the Citizen's Survey, he requested the Board's consensus on establishing an Affordable Housing Committee, which the Board gave. Mr. Howard advised the Board that the Coastal Workforce Investment Board has requested the appointment of two members from private industry.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No additional public comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to adjourn the May 6, 2008 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, County Clerk