

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008 6:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX, 107 GROSS ROAD
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A special called meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 15, 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; County Attorney Brent Green; and County Clerk Jodi Gregory.

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 amendment was offered for consideration before Item Number 6:

Add Consideration of the adoption of the Capital Improvements Element.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Zell made motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to amend the agenda to close this special called meeting and reopen the public hearing regarding impact fees.

The motion carried unanimously.

The special called meeting was closed at 6:03 p.m., and the public hearing reopened.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING IMPACT FEES

Discussion continued from the earlier public hearing regarding a graduated scale for commercial property. Mr. Ross stated that could not be done because all land uses must be treated equally.

Chief Gailey advised the Board that if the fees were lowered, the budgeted amount for the projects and services would be lowered as well.

Mr. Gross stated that a graduation would allow for acclamation as well as providing options. Mr. Gross agreed that impact fees are needed so that taxpayers are not burdened.

Commissioner Sears was in favor of a graduated scale and suggested starting with 50% for the first year beginning July, 2008, 75% for 2009 and 100% for 2010.

Mrs. Riggins advised it would be better begin implementation in July and run with the fiscal year.

Commissioner Berry offered to set the max at 60% of the current fees, implement January 1, and re-evaluate in two years.

Carrie Gay stated she was glad to know the ordinance was amendable, and she liked Commissioner Berry proposal.

Mrs. Riggins advised that impact fees would not be collected until a building permit was pulled.

Chairman Rhodes called for further comments. There being none, Chairman Rhodes called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to reconvene the special called meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None were offered.

Added Agenda Item: Consideration of the adoption of the Capital Improvements Element.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to adopt the Capital Improvements Element.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of the adoption of an ordinance to implement impact fees.

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to adopt the Development Impact Fee Ordinance with the proposed impact fees schedule cut by 40% and implement the ordinance January 1, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Memorandum of Understanding – Life Trac Network

Staci Bowick, Director of Support Services, advised the Board there is an employee in need of a heart transplant, and the employee may be a likely recipient. By entering the MOU with Life Trac Network, the County can take a 25% discount on this cost.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Life Trac Network.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No additional public comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the May 15, 2008 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, County Clerk