

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008 6:00 PM
COUNTY ANNEX, 107 GROSS ROAD
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.

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 that Chair Preston Rhodes, Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi Zell, Commissioner David Rainer, Commissioner Stephen L. Berry, Commissioner Charlene Sears, County Administrator Steve L. Howard, County Attorney Brent Green and County Clerk Jodi Gregory were present.

EMA Director Mark Crews provided an update on Tropical Storm Fay.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None were offered.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008, work session and regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None were offered.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approve and authorize the execution of the Tax Release Applications.**
2. **Acceptance of a drainage easement from John A. Jastram, Mallard Pointe subdivision. *District 2 – Vice-Chair Zell***

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve and authorize Consent Agenda Items Number 1 and 2.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

3. **Discussion on Homestead Tax Relief Grants.**

Mr. Howard advised the latest from ACCG on the Homestead Tax Relief Grants is to delay reimbursement only. The legislature does not intend to reduce the grant funds. However, if the State's financial situation continues to deteriorate, and it is not funded, the County would have to absorb the \$600,000.00 cost.

It was the Board's consensus to follow ACCG recommendation to allow the credit on the tax bill, and not to attach a flyer to the tax bills.

Tax Commissioner Beth Soles agrees that ACCG's recommendation should be followed, and if the County intends to absorb the cost, the a flyer should not be included with the tax bill.

No action taken.

4. **#SU-004-08, Thomas C. Gowen, Special Use Request to allow a pole barn (accessory structure) to be built on the property prior to principal structure development. *District 2 – Vice Chair Zell***

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to approve Special Use Permit number SU-004-08 for Thomas C. Gowen.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **#SU-003-08, Scherie Field, Special Use Request to allow used automobile sales. *District 5 – Commissioner David Rainer***

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve Special Use Permit number SU-003-08 for Scherie Field.

Commissioner Berry stated that this is the perfect reason why a zoning map is needed. The surrounding property is zoned A-R and A-F and this request is completely out of place in this area.

Planning and Development Director Loretta Hylton advised that staff is currently working on the map.

So voted:

Chair Rhodes	-	yea
Vice-Chair Zell	-	yea
Commissioner Sears	-	yea
Commissioner Berry	-	nay
Commissioner Rainer	-	yea

The motion carried.

6. #S-003-08 (R), Sanctuary River Club at St. Andrews Sound, Phase 10 Re-plat of Subdivision. District 1 – Chairman Rhodes

Mrs. Hylton advised this re-plat is for a name change only.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve S-003-08 for the re-plat of Sanctuary River Club at St. Andrews Sound, Phase 10 Re-plat of Subdivision.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. #S-002-08 (R), Sanctuary River Club at St. Andrews Sound, Phase 11, Re-plat of Subdivision. District 1 – Chairman Rhodes

Mrs. Hylton advised the applicant has withdrawn the application due to roads being moved and that the matter needs to be returned to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to table S-002-08 for the replat of Sanctuary River Club at St. Andrews Sound, Phase 11, and the matter to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. 2009 Local Assistance Road Program (L.A.R.P.) list.

At the request of the Board, Public Works Director Scott Brazell recommended the priorities for the 2009 Local Assistance Road Program (L.A.R.P.) list be set as follows: 1 – Clarks Bluff Road; 2 – Cypress Lakes Subdivision; 3 – Kinlaw Road; and 4 – Harrietts Bluff Road.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to accept the recommendation of staff and prioritize the 2009 L.A.R.P. list as follows: 1 – Clarks Bluff Road; 2 – Cypress Lakes Subdivision; 3 – Kinlaw Road; and 4 – Harrietts Bluff Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. *Camden County v. The Estate of Johnny H. Murray, dba, Integrated Systems Technology, Inc., execution of Release of All Claims.*

Mr. Lannie Brant, Solid Waste Director, provided the background on matter of *Camden County v. The Estate of Johnny H. Murray, dba, Integrated Systems Technology, Inc.* The County's insurer paid the County for the loss and then sued the defendants in this matter. The case was settled in mediation and the release now requires approval and execution.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve the Release and authorize the County Administrator to execute the documents related thereto, including checks.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. *Second reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, by adding Chapter 27, Sections 1 – 35 Camden County Fire Rescue Fire Prevention & Services Ordinance.*

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to waive the Second reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, by adding Chapter 27, Sections 1 – 35 Camden County Fire Rescue Fire Prevention & Services Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- ***Calendar – August/September***

The August and September calendars were read by County Clerk Jodi Gregory.

- ***County Administrator's Report***

Mr. Howard reported the following:

- The Charity Committee and CCFR has raised \$4,769.00 for MDA .
- He attended the ACCG General County Government Policy Committee meeting Friday, August 15th.

- He will attend the ACCG Economic and Transportation Committee meeting next week regarding establishing priorities for 2009.

Chairman Rhodes requested a letter of support be draft for Coastal Georgia Community College regarding the four year program and the need for keeping the technical certificate programs.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears, to adjourn the August 19, 2008 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, Clerk