

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, 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, County Administrator Steve L. Howard, County Attorney Brent Green and County Clerk Jodi Gregory were present. Commissioner Charlene Sears was absent.

EMA Director Mark Crews provided an update on the flooding in the Flea Hill area due to Tropical Storm Fay, as well as provided an update on Tropical Storm Hanna.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

The following items were offered as amendments:

6. Approve Modern Business Systems as the apparent low and responsive bidder for the Central Office Furniture Rebid RFP.
7. Approve and accept the real property purchased from Gina L. Harter, known as 306 E 4th Street, Woodbine, Georgia, Map/Parcel No. W09-04-006, for the Central Office and Historic Courthouse parking lot.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to add amendments 6 and 7 to the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting; August 14, 2008 Work Session; and the August 19, 2008 Regular Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation recognizing National Payroll Week**

Vice-Chair Zell read the following proclamation into the record:

**Proclamation of the
Camden County Board of Commissioners**

Recognizing National Payroll Week

WHEREAS, the American Payroll Association joins countless payroll professionals throughout the state of Georgia in observing National Payroll Week, September 1st through 5th, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this nationwide public awareness campaign is designed to help workers in Camden County better understand issues related to our payroll and tax systems, as well as to educate payroll professionals and employers about important payroll related and compliance issues; and

WHEREAS, payroll departments collectively spend more than \$15 billion annually complying with a myriad of federal and state wage and tax laws; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals in Camden County play a key role in maintaining our County's economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement and carrying out tax withholding, reporting, and depositing; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals continually strive to meet the highest standards toward improving compliance with government procedures, reducing costs and improving the overall payroll process in Camden County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the members of this body recognizes the week of September 1st through September 5th as,

National Payroll Week

and, we hereby express our gratitude and recognize the efforts of our payroll professionals.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of September, 2008.

The proclamation was then presented to Teresa Smith, Payroll Officer.

- **Rails to Trails *by Terry Landreth***

Mr. Terry Landreth provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the East Coast Greenway and Rails to Trails. He stated this plan goes along with smart growth, and that such projects provide a connectivity, conservation and recreation element. Mr. Landreth stated that existing pathways, such as old rail corridors, are used to connect majority places within the county.

Mr. Landreth advised that they were seeking the endorsement and support of the Board in this matter.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to endorse the East Coast Greenway/Rails to Trails concept and provide full support and assistance needed to bring this project to fruition.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

William Waters, St. Marys

Mr. Water commented on his support of greenway programs such as Rails to Trails, and he is please that the County is in support of such a program.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve and authorize the execution of the Tax Release Applications.

- Jack Crosby; Tax Year 1995; Total relief granted, \$35.53
- Thomas Thigpen; Tax Year 2005; Total relief granted, \$103.93
- Thomas Thigpen; Tax Year 2006; Total relief granted, \$91.60
- Thomas Thigpen; Tax Year 2007; Total relief granted, \$30.78
- Thomas Thigpen; Tax Year 2007; Total relief granted, \$.48; and,
- Thomas Thigpen; Tax Year 2005; Total relief granted, \$90.45

2. Approve and authorize FY 2008 Budget Amendments.

**Budget Amendments
General Fund**

<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
1400 - 52.3500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
1500 - 51.2100	\$ 6,243	\$ 18,900	\$ 25,143
			\$
1500 - 51.1100	\$ 228,326	\$ 9,700	238,026
1500 - 52.1201	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,300	\$ 32,300
1535 - 51.2100	\$ 3,090	\$ 800	\$ 3,890
1535 - 53.1601	\$ -	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
1540 - 51.2200	\$ 9,527	\$ 4,100	\$ 13,627
1540 - 51.3700	\$ 1,800	\$ 16,150	\$ 17,950
1540 - 52.2202	\$ 250	\$ 800	\$ 1,050
			\$
1555 - 51.2121	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 23,000	2,473,000
			\$
1557 - 52.3101	\$ 169,000	\$ 22,500	191,500
3450 - 53.1230	\$ 2,975	\$ 100	\$ 3,075
3460 - 53.1230	\$ 5,075	\$ 500	\$ 5,575
			\$
3600 - 51.1100	\$ 2,569,148	\$ 34,000	2,603,148
			\$
3600 - 51.2100	\$ 110,205	\$ 39,700	149,905
3600 - 53.1120	\$ 8,463	\$ 11,700	\$ 20,163
3600 - 53.1230	\$ 32,980	\$ 11,200	\$ 44,180
			\$
3600 - 53.1270	\$ 58,928	\$ 85,500	144,428
3910 - 53.1270	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 11,900
3920 - 52.1270	\$ 1,650	\$ 250	\$ 1,900
5144 - 53.1135	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,900	\$ 39,900
6505 - 51.1100	\$ 51,792	\$ 2,450	\$ 54,242
		\$	\$
7000 - 52.1252	\$ 20,000	103,750	123,750
7140 - 51.2100	\$ 1,503	\$ 950	\$ 2,453
		\$	\$
1505 - 57.3000	\$ 525,550	412,000	113,550

Other Sources for Offset :

1500 - 51.2200	\$	17,467	\$	8,000	\$	25,467
1500 - 51.2400	\$	7,539	\$	7,700	\$	15,239
					\$	
1500 - 51.1100	\$	228,326	\$	12,300		240,626
1500 - 52.1254	\$	-	\$	8,800	\$	8,800
1500 - 52.3500	\$	4,500	\$	7,000	\$	11,500
			\$			
1580 - 51.1100	\$	30,555		(28,200)	\$	2,355
			\$		\$	
1580 - 53.1100	\$	634		(15,600)		(14,966)
			\$		\$	
3300 - 51.1100	\$	3,000,000		828,741		3,828,741
			\$		\$	
3400 - 51.1100	\$	3,000,000		(828,741)		2,171,259

Budget Amendments
Hotel /Motel Tax
Fund

<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
0000 - 31.4100	\$ 19,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 21,700
0000 - 57.2003	\$ 19,800	\$ 2,000	\$ 21,800

Budget Amendments
SPLOST # 5

<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
0000 - 39.9999	\$ 6,247,800	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 9,747,800
		\$	\$
0000 - 54.1307	\$ 350,000	2,000,000	2,350,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 54.1329	\$ 850,000	1,500,000	2,350,000

Budget Amendments
SPLOST # 6

<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
		\$	\$
0000 - 31.3200	\$ -	8,250,000	8,250,000
0000 - 36.1000	\$ -	\$ 33,800	\$ 33,800
		\$	\$
0000 - 54.1311	\$ -	300,000	300,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 54.1420	\$ -	533,800	533,800
		\$	\$
0000 - 57.1004	\$ -	2,300,000	2,300,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 57.1005	\$ -	2,300,000	2,300,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 57.1006	\$ -	850,000	850,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 57.1007	\$ -	2,000,000	2,000,000

**Budget Amendments
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<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
		\$	\$
0000 - 33.4120	\$ -	250,000	250,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 52.1254	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
		\$	\$
0000 - 54.1320	\$ -	225,000	225,000

**Budget Amendments
Capital
Improvements**

<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
0000 - 36.1000	\$ 6,400	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,400
			\$
0000 - 39.9999	\$ 350,800	\$ 40,000	390,800
			\$
0000 - 52.1250	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000

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. Resolution to Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner to Enforce State Fire Safety Standards.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to adopt the following Resolution to Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner to Enforce State Fire Safety Standards:

Resolution to Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner to Enforce State Fire Safety Standards

WHEREAS, Camden County believes Camden County Fire Rescue must provide quality services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Camden County has experienced and will continue to experience an increase in commercial, industrial, and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Camden County and elsewhere deserve the utmost degree of safety and security while within Camden County; and

WHEREAS, Camden County Fire Rescue is dedicated to protect the lives and property within Camden County by providing a proactive highly trained professional service; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Fire Rescue Office of the Fire Marshal is willing and readily able to provide services relating to fire prevention through the avenues of education, engineering, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the personnel within Camden County Fire Rescue responsible for these tasks are trained to conduct fire investigations, fire safety inspections, review building plans, and issue applicable certificates and permits; and

WHEREAS, Camden County and its citizens can benefit through the revenue generated by locally enforcing these standards; and

WHEREAS, Camden County will retain the assistance of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner's Office, if deemed necessary, when requested;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of County Commissioners calls upon the Safety Fire Commissioner of the State of Georgia to express their ambition and intention to adopt and enforce the State of Georgia state minimum fire safety standards, including all subsequent revisions thereof as set forth in subsection (a) of the Official Code of Georgia section 25-2-12; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of County Commissioners and Camden County Fire Rescue shall extend this adoption and responsibility to all present and future jurisdictions of Camden County Fire Rescue's fire services.

APPROVED by the Camden County Board of County Commissioners this 2nd day of September, 2008.

4. Fuel rate adjustment for Stateline Disposal.

Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant advised Stateline has requested a fuel rate adjustment of .58 cents per month, per customer. The contract allows Stateline to make such a request in the event of significantly increased fuel prices. Likewise, should fuel prices come back down, the rate would adjust. Mr. Brant stated that Solid Waste has the means to fund this cost for the remainder of the fiscal year without passing it on to the customer. Mr. Brant also advised that the Solid Waste Authority approved the fuel rate increase.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to allow Stateline Disposal a fuel rate increase adjustment of .58 cents per month, per customer, the cost of which will be funded by Solid Waste for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Contract approval for ground water, surface water run-off, and methane monitoring for all three landfills.

Mr. Brant stated the Solid Waste Authority voted unanimously to accept and approve the Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc., contract in the amount of \$61,970.00 for the monitoring of ground water, surface water run-off and methane at all three landfills.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to accept and approve the Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc., contract in the amount of \$61,970.00 for the monitoring of ground water, surface water run-off and methane at all three landfills.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve Modern Business Systems as the apparent low and responsive bidder for the Central Office Furniture Rebid RFP.

Mr. Howard advised bids were previously received for the Central Office furniture and the contract was awarded to Total Office Solutions. He stated that after working with the vendor, it was discovered that the product only came in one stain which would not compliment the woodwork already completed in the Central Offices. Once the vendor substituted items that would work, the price increased by \$50,000. Therefore, to maintain the integrity of the procurement process, it was decided to rescind the contract to Total Office Solutions and to rebid this project. Five vendors returned bids. Mr.

Howard advised that after careful review, Modern Business Solutions not only had the lowest bid of \$301,848.37, but they had one of the shortest delivery time frames of 4 to 6 weeks.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to accept and approve the Modern Business Solutions contract for the Central Office furniture in the amount of \$301,848.37.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Approve and accept the real property purchased from Gina L. Harter, known as 306 E 4th Street, Woodbine, Georgia, Map/Parcel No. W09-04-006, for the Central Office and Historic Courthouse parking lot.**

County Attorney Brent Green advised the Commissioners that Lots numbered 15, 16, 17 and 18, were purchased from Ms. Gina Harter for the Central Office parking lot.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to approve and accept the warranty deed for purchase of Lots numbered 15, 16, 17 and 18, from Ms. Gina Harter for the Central Office parking lot, a copy of which is incorporated into these minutes by reference.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- ***Calendar – September/October***

The September/October calendars were read by County Clerk Jodi Gregory.

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

Public Works Director Scott Brazell asked for clarification from the Board regarding the debris pickup and minor road repair that may be needed as a result of Tropical Storm Fay. It was the Board's consensus that citizens in the unincorporated area should leave the debris in the county right-of-way for pick up and that the law does not allow for repairs to privately owned roads.

Mr. Howard reported the following:

- ACCG advises that there is a 1.6 billion dollar deficit in the FY 09 state budget, and the Governor has asked state departments to reduce their budgets by six to ten percent. As a result, these departments may seek additional funding from the counties.
- He and Scott Brazell attended GDOT's state aid program regarding the new procedures that will be required.
- He attend the Keep America Beautiful and Keep Georgia Beautiful program hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Office of Strategic Planning Director Diana Smith gave an overview of 3 amendments to the State's Constitution that will be subject to voter approval in November. They are SR 309/SB 200 Infrastructure Development Districts; HR1276/HB 1211 Georgia Forestland Protection Act; and SR 996 Tax Allocation Districts. The Commissioners requested they be apprised of developments regarding these bills as they occur.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to adjourn the September 2, 2008 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Rhodes, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, Clerk