

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 6:00 PM  
COUNTY ANNEX  
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

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

**Present: 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 Deputy Clerk Kathryn Bishop. County Clerk Jodi Gregory was not present.**

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

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

**The roll call indicated that all Commissioners were present.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

**None.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION:**

- **Relay for Life Award Presentation – Margaret Tatum**

Ms. Tatum was not present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Hoyt Drury**

Mr. Drury stated that several months ago someone complained of dumping along the abandoned rail road bed at White Oak Creek and Providence Church Road. He explained that shortly after that a gate was placed at that entry way to detour dumping in this area. Mr. Drury stated that his son is mentally handicapped and cannot drive a car. He stated that his son is able to drive an ATV and has used this path to get to White Oak for a long time.

Chairman Rhodes asked Mr. Drury what exactly he was asking of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Drury stated that he was asking the Board of Commissioners to either take down the gate or give him a key to allow his son to continue to ride his ATV along this path. He explained that there are no gates on the other side of the path.

**Martin Turner**

Mr. Turner stated that outsourcing jobs in Camden County is becoming more prevalent and people fail to realize that in doing that it is taking money out of the local economy. He explained that for everyone (1) dollar spent in the local economy that one (1) dollar generates two (2) dollars and he referred to this as the Multiplier Effect. Mr. Turner stated that value engineering saves money and local contractors bring many advantages. He stated that local contractors live and have reputations locally; they take pride in local work, pay taxes locally, purchase products locally, and support local churches, schools and activities. He urged the Board of Commissioners to do everything in their power to keep local contractors locally.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Tax Release Applications.**
- 2. Joint Resolution with the City of Kingsland for the widening of Colerain Road between Highway 40 and I-95.**
- 3. Approve funding for the Camden County Extension VISTA Project.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Consent Agenda items.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**4. Final Plat approval for Maiden Creek Landing Phase III, Sections A, B and C.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Final Plat for Maiden Creek Landing Phase III, Section A, B and C.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Special Permit approval for E. B. Herrin, Jr., for mobile home placement on Herrin Road.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to approve the Special Permit for E.B. Herrin, Jr., for mobile home placement on Herrin Road.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**6. First Reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to waive the first reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Woodbine Community Center Bid Award.**

Discussion:

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that this is the second time this project has gone out for bids and both times the project was over bid. He explained that he would like more time to allow staff the opportunity to look for the additional funds needed to complete this project.

Capital Improvement Director Harvey Amerson stated that value engineering may be better utilized in bidding this project and he requested more time to review the numbers with Mr. Howard.

Commissioner Berry stated that changing the specs and value engineer the project may be more successful in the bidding process to stay on budget.

Commissioner Rainer stated that local contractors should be given consideration in this process too.

Commissioner Berry asked County Administrator Steve Howard how much over budget the project is after the current bidding process.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that the project is approximately one hundred and ninety seven thousand dollars (\$197,000.00) over budget.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berry to reject the bids and authorize Capital Improvement Director Harvey Amerson to begin the bidding process again.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Accept and Approve bid for the construction of two (2) new cells at the Construction and Demolition Landfill.**

Discussion:

Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant stated that this project is approximately one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) under budget from what was initially expected.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to accept and approve the bid from Cooper, Barnett & Page for \$1, 694, 982.04.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant stated that the money used to fund this project is solely from the Enterprise fund and is not taxpayer money.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adjourn the meeting for Executive Session.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to reconvene the meeting.

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to authorize the purchase of 16.859 acres of needed Right-of-Way from the Ethel Copeland Hasle Estate and allow County Administrator Steve Howard to go forward with the negotiated price of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) per acre.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS:**

- **Calendar**

The February/ March calendar was read.

- **County Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that the Strategic Plan is on track for presentation at the March 4, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting.

- **Commissioners' District Reports**

Chairman Rhodes stated that at this time he would like to address the request Mr. Hoyt Drury made previously during public comments. He asked Public Works Director Scott Brazell if it is feasible to replace the existing locked gates at White Oak Creek with posts allowing just enough room for an ATV to enter.

Solid Waste Director Lannie Brant asked Chairman Rhodes if it would be possible to leave one (1) gate up allowing the Road Department access to that area.

Public Works Director Scott Brazell stated that he would look into the matter further.

Mr. Hoyt Drury stated that he would accept the solution of placing posts allowing room for his son's ATV to enter and leaving one (1) gate up for entry by the County to maintain that area.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adjourn the February 19, 2008 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Preston Rhodes, Chairman

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Kathryn Bishop, Deputy Clerk