

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.

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

Reverend James Ham delivered the invocation and Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair David L. Rainer; Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi Zell; Commissioner Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; Commissioner Charlene Sears; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney Brent Green, County Clerk Jodi Gregory, and Deputy Clerk Katie Bishop.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

The following amendments were offered:

Correction (Item 4 to read): "First reading of an ordinance by Camden County, Georgia, to delete from the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages; and to adopt the Camden County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance in lieu thereof.

Presentation: Joint Proclamation in recognition of the Camden County Wildcat's football team. (Presented by Keith Post)

- 6.** Annexation of property owned by the City of St. Marys. (County Attorney Brent Green)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene, to adopt the agenda with the offered amendments.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008, Regular Meeting.

So voted,

Chairman Rainer - yea
Vice-Chair Zell - yea
Commissioner Keene - abstained
Commissioner Berry - yea
Commissioner Sears - yea

The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- ***Joint Proclamation in recognition of the Camden County Wildcat's football team presented by Mr. Keith Post.***

Mr. Post read the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION
WILDCAT APPRECIATION DAY**

A PROCLAMATION by the cities of Kingsland, St Marys, and Woodbine; and the County of Camden, Georgia designating January 10th 2009 as WILDCAT APPRECIATION Day.

WHEREAS, today, on behalf of all Camden County citizens, we recognize, celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the 2008 Camden County Wildcat Football Team; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Wildcats are the Georgia AAAAA 2008 State Football Champions; and

WHEREAS, with the leadership and guidance of Head Coach Jeff Herron and the entire coaching and support staff, together with the unwavering support and encouragement of the Camden County High School Administration and Faculty, the Camden County Board of Education, the Wildcat Marching Band, the Wildcat Cheerleaders, the entire student body, the Camden County Quarterback Club, the members of our local Chamber of Commerce and Business Community as well as all of our citizens, our team fulfilled their dream and together as one achieved greatness both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the opportunity to honor our 2008 Georgia AAAAA State Football Championship Wildcat Team, we ask and encourage all Camden County residents to join together and show our continued support, appreciation and to honor the accomplishments of our Camden County Wildcats at a Parade in their honor in downtown Kingsland on Saturday, January 10th, 2009 beginning at 10 am; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we do hereby jointly and proudly proclaim **Saturday, the 10th of January 2009** to be:

**WILDCAT APPRECIATION DAY
IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adopt the proclamation as read by Mr. Post.

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Presentation of awards to “Showcase Camden County” photo contest winners.**

Deputy Clerk Katie Bishop presented the following awards in the “Showcase Camden County” photo contest:

First Place, Cheryl Conner for Common Great Egret in flight over Beach Creek.
Second Place, Elaine Powierski for St. Marys Dock at Sunrise.
Third Place, Marci Koll, Sunset over St. Marys.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vernon Copeland

Mr. Copeland stated he was pleased to be meeting in the new building, and now with all the additional room, he would like to see Planning and Development moved back to Woodbine.

Walt Natzic

Mr. Natzic praised Mr. Howard and staff for their hard work on the Annual Report and taking initiatives in the area of “*smart growth*”.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the following tax release applications:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Digest Year</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Relief Granted</u>
Tammy Knight	2008	014602	\$96.12
Darren Williams	2008	029743	\$117.80
Scott Johnson	2008	13455	\$166.18

2. **Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the 2010 5311 Program grant application certifications, resolutions, and exhibits.**
3. **Approve and renew the 2009 Alcohol Beverage Licenses as follows:**

Owner Name	Name of Business	Address	Type of License
Michael & Ann Marie Ott	Crooked River Lounge	6109 Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy. St. Marys	Consumption of Spirituous Liquors, Malt Beverages and Wine
Nicholas Antar	Green Cedar Food Store #1	3380 Hwy 40 E., Kingsland	Retail Sale of Malt beverages
Nicholas Antar	Green Cedar Food Store #6	599 Clarks Bluff Road, Kingsland	Retail Sale of Malt beverages
William G. Bryson	Flash Foods, Inc. #124	5480 Hwy. 17, Kingsland	Retail Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine
Oliver R. Ferguson	Greyfield Inn Corporation	Cumberland Island	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Jay Thomas Hulslander	Waverly Minit Mart	24295 Hwy 17, Waverly	Retail Sale of Malt beverages & wine
Jerry Middleton	The River House @ Cabin Bluff	3852 Union Carbide Road Woodbine	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Jerry Middleton	The Lodge @ Cabin Bluff	3852 Union Carbide Road Woodbine	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Jerry Middleton	The Pub @ Cabin Bluff	3852 Union Carbide Road Woodbine	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Ralph Powers	The Golf Club @ Sanctuary Cove	2050 Sanctuary Waverly	Retail Sale of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Bill F. Raulerson	Friendly Express #78	2052 Dover Bluff, Waverly	Retail Sale of Malt beverages & wine
Gregory Reed	Reed Brothers Package Store	237 Dover Bluff Road Waverly	Retail Sale of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Gregory Reed	Reed Brothers Convenience Store	237A Dover Bluff Rd., Waverly	Retail Sale of Malt Beverages
Barry & Peggy Reed	Reed's Grocery & Ponderosa	4426 Burnt Fort Road White Oak	Retail Sale and consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Vernicea T. Butler	Brown Derby Lounge	13395 Hwy 17 Woodbine	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Ann P. Sweatt	Trolley Package Store	6036 N. Hwy 17 Kingsland	Retail Sale of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Ann P. Sweatt	Whistle Stop Lounge	6036 N. Hwy 17 Kingsland	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine
Ella L. Waye	Club Romero	1606 Colerain Road Kingsland	Consumption on premises of Spirituous Liquors, Malt beverages & wine

Mamie Lou Holzendorf	Venezuela Package Store	5121 Hwy 17, Kingsland	Retail Sale of Spirituous Liquors
Mamie Lou Holzendorf	Venezuela Club	5121 Hwy 17, Kingsland	Consumption on premises of malt beverages

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene, to approve and authorize Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3 as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4. First reading of an ordinance by Camden County, Georgia, to delete from the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia, Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages; and to adopt the Camden County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance in lieu thereof.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to waive the first reading and proceed with the process to adopt the ordinance as proposed.

Commissioner Berry objected to raising the license fees only by 25%, and that the fees should be comparable to those of charged by Kingsland. He further stated that the cost of alcohol related public safety calls, as outlined in the documentation provided by staff, should be born by those who consume or sell alcoholic beverages.

So voted,

- Chairman Rainer - yea
- Vice-Chair Zell - yea
- Commissioner Berry - nay
- Commissioner Keene - yea
- Commissioner Rainer - yea

The motion carried.

- 5. Camden County Planning Commission appointments.**

Planning and Development Director Mike Tuller advised that the appointments to the Planning Commission, which run concurrent with the Board of Commissioners seats, are as follows:

- District 1 - Peter Magoon
- District 3 - Edwin Durr
- District 5 - Artie Jones, Jr.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears, to appoint Mr. Magoon, Mr. Durr, and Mr. Jones, to the Planning Commission, as stated.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Annexation of property owned by the City of St. Marys. (County Attorney Brent Green)

Mr. Green advised this item is a Resolution to approve the annexation of certain property owned by the City of St. Marys into the city.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF ST. MARYS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF ST. MARYS

WHEREAS, the City of St. Marys desires to annex certain property it owns into the City of St. Marys; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 36-36-20(c) requires county approval in order to annex a contiguous area of property into the City in which the City owns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Camden County that the annexation of the property described below is hereby approved.

Property description: Camden county tax parcels 161A-101A, 161A-101C, 161A-101, 161B-107.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of January, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - ***January/February***

County Clerk Jodi Gregory read the January and February calendars

- County Administrator's Report

Mr. Howard reported the following:

- He thanked staff for their hard work with the move into the new building and with the annual report.
- He would like to receive input from the Commissioners on the 2009 Priorities, which will be discussed during the January 20th work session.
- He received a letter commending Fire/Rescue employees Keith Tippins and

Travis Boyd

Mr. Howard asked Public Works Director Scott Brazell to update the Commissioners on the latest Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) developments. Mr. Brazell advised the Commissioners that (GDOT) has withdrawn its state aid contract for the paving of Shirley Lane and Berry Street. However, we will have an opportunity to resubmit the project at a later date. Also, Mr. Brazell advised that the widening of Highway 40 has been removed from the STIP program. He stated that although the Highway 40 project had been removed from the program, it did not mean that the project was being cancelled, but rather that it was being moved off the long term list until funds could be located to complete the project. Mr. Brazell stated that Horse Stamp Church Road is still on the STIP list. He also advised that he and Mr. Howard were working with GDOT on a "swapping of services" program. Mr. Brazell also advised that the Colerain project is moving forward.

Mr. Howard asked Diana Smith, Strategic Planning Director, to address the Commissioners regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. She advised that the program would provide grant funds for home down payments or repairs in the amount \$5,000, and that there will be a public hearing and special called meeting held on this matter on January 13th, beginning at 5:30 P.M.

In closing, Mr. Howard stated due to the recent events of the Land Resources bankruptcy and the uncertainty of the State funding the Homestead Tax Exemption Grants, that this is not the appropriate time to give salary adjustments planned for this month. Mr. Howard stated that although the employees are deserving of the adjustments, the uncertainty of these two matters prevents the County from moving forward at this time with the adjustments.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to bring any final decision regarding the salary adjustments back before the Board.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Reverend James Ham

Reverend Ham reminded the Commissioners to, "keep God in your business." He also encouraged the community to ban together **to keep the community safe.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the January 6, 2009, meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer, Chairman

Jodi Gregory, Clerk

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