

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2009, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.

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

Pastor Frances Howell of Oakhill United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

Chair 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, and Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Addition to Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes - April 28, 2009 Public Hearing Minutes

Addition to Regular Agenda:

Item 11 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for allocated individual funds under the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation for the Sheriff's Office. *(Presented by Sheriff Tommy Gregory)*

Item 12 - Approval of Letter of Support to Congressman Jack Kingston for Horsestamp Church Road Interchange.

Deletion:

Item 2: Approval of Quitclaim Deed from Camden County to State of Georgia for I-95 Welcome Center Project.

Vice Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Public Hearing, Work Session & Regular Meeting minutes of April 21, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Public Hearing minutes of April 28, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Proclamation recognizing “National County Government Week”.

Vice-Chair Zell read the Proclamation recognizing “National County Government Week” and presented the Proclamation to Support Services Director Staci Bowick.

- Proclamation recognizing “Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Week 2009”.

Commissioner Sears read the Proclamation recognizing “Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Week 2009” and presented the Proclamation to Assistant Chief of Rescue Charles Lowther, Captain Jeremy Wright, Firefighter/EMT Robert Haddock, and Firefighter Justin Lee.

- Third Quarter Budget Presentation

Finance Director Mike Fender presented the Third Quarter Budget Presentation to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Cummings

Mr. Cummings presented to the Board with a program for the NAACP RE-Entry Service Program. He explained that this program could reduce recidivism rates in Camden County. He stated that the problem is that many criminal offenders are unable to abide by the technical terms of their conditional release which leads to re-imprisonment. He explained that the solution is a coordination of services to properly aid ex-offenders with their transition back in to society. He stated that the NAACP Re-Entry Services program can provide the tools and skills to ex-offenders, in turn reducing the recidivism rate in Camden County.

Chair Rainer stated that Mr. Cummings can work with County Administrator Steve Howard to get further information regarding this program.

Lee Bernasek, 306 Carolina Court

Mr. Bernasek stated that he recently had a problem with his property tax bill and the process in which the bills are mailed. He stated that the problem is common and deals with how new property purchases are conducted, as well as how records are updated in Camden County. He stated that he is requesting that his penalties & interest be refunded due to this error that occurred with his tax bill.

Chair Rainer instructed Mr. Bernasek to work with County Administrator Steve Howard to process his request in the proper manner.

Bob Morrison

Mr. Morrison stated that he lives on Bullhead Bluff Road at Settler’s Bluff Subdivision. He inquired if this road will be paved and what is the timeline for the paving. He urged the Board to continue to work to get this road paved and explained that this is an emergency access road for residents who may have to evacuate in an emergency situation. He further stated the damage this road has caused to his vehicle and to other resident’s vehicles. He also stated that school busses and emergency personnel have problems on this road as well.

Jay Moreno, St. Marys

Mr. Moreno addressed the Board with several questions concerning the previous Work Session - Health Plan Analysis.

Chair Rainer stated that Mr. Moreno’s questions can be addressed and answered through County Administrator Steve Howard.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Tax Release Applications.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Tax Release Applications.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Approval of Quitclaim Deed from Camden County to State of Georgia for I-95 Welcome Center Project.**

This item was deleted during Agenda Amendments.

- 3. Approval of Policies Statement and Sub-Recipients Affidavit and Certification for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Policies Statement and Sub-Recipients Affidavit and Certification for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Request by Kirk Croasmun for refund of interest and penalties paid on property tax for parcel #118I - 063.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the request by Kirk Croasmun for refund of interest and penalties paid on property tax for parcel #118I - 063 in the amount of \$275.92.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Request by current owners on record, Anne G. Williams & Lucy Proctor Gay, of map/parcel #065 - 035C, 065 - 035D, 065 - 035E to waive interest and penalties.**

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the request by current owners on record, Anne G. Williams & Lucy Proctor Gay, of map/parcel #065 - 035C, 065 - 035D, 065 - 035E to waive interest and penalties if paid within fifteen (15) days from this approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Second Reading and Adoption of Unified Development Code Amendments (UDC).**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to waive the second reading and adopt the Unified Development Code Amendments (UDC).

The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Planning & Development Department Reorganization.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Planning & Development Reorganization.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Request from Sheriff's Office to relocate Investigations Unit to Old Magistrate Building.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the request from Sheriff's Office to relocate Investigations Unit to Old Magistrate Building.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. **Government Services Complex project update.**

No action taken.

10. **Acceptance of Emergency Management Grant.**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene for the acceptance of Emergency Management Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for allocated individual funds under the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation for the Sheriff's Office.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for allocated individual funds under the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation for the Sheriff's Office.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. **Approval of Letter of Support to Congressman Jack Kingston for Horsestamp Church Road Interchange.**

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Letter of Support to Congressman Jack Kingston for Horsestamp Church Road Interchange.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - April / May

Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the May & June calendars.

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard reported the following:

- Citizens Academy Orientation will be held on May 7, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Chambers. He encouraged everyone to attend.
- Camden County's H.O.P.E. Committee participated in Relay for Life 2009 at the Public Service Authority Track on Friday, May 1, 2009. He stated that the event as well as the H.O.P.E. Committees efforts in raising money was a huge success and the Committee has exceeded their original goal, to date, collecting over \$5,000.00 for this event.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the May 5, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop

Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk