

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 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 19, 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.

Reverend Robert Dyal of Hidden Treasures Assembly of God 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, and Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop. County Attorney Brent Green was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Addition:

Item 8 - Approval of Resolution to authorize the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a grant for Public Transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

Item 9 - Approval of Letter of Agreement for Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP) for Disease Management Program for County Employees living with diabetes not to exceed the total cost of \$1,870.00.

Item 10 - Approval of Letter of Permission to Authorize the Woodbine Women's Club use of the Satilla Riverfront Park and the Riverwalk Park near the gazebo for a community 4th of July celebration.

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:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Rainer stated that at this time he would like to address the audience regarding the previous decision to cut the Bryan Lang Library budget to \$10,365.00. He explained that since that time a decision has been made to allow the Coastal Regional Development Center (CGRDC) to administer the 5311 Program for transportation in Camden County saving the county a significant amount of money. He further stated that this decision will allow the allocation of \$55,000 to the Bryan Lang Library budget, an additional \$50,000.00 to the Sheriff's Office budget for the purchase of vehicles, and an additional \$25,000.00 to the County Library Budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the April 28, 2009 Special Called Meeting, April 28, 2009 Work Session, May 5, 2009 Work Session, May 5, 2009 Public Hearing & May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Ryan, St. Marys

Ms. Ryan expressed her concerns over the recent budget cut of the Bryan Lang Library. She urged the Commissioners to reconsider their previous decision to cut the budget for the library. She expressed her concerns for the importance of the collection the library contains and the outcome if the collection is taken back from the library.

Attorney Jim Stein, St. Marys

Attorney Jim Stein expressed concerns regarding the budget cut for the Bryan Lang Library. He urged the Commissioners to reconsider funding the library back to the original budget requested.

Artie Jones, Jr., St. Marys

Mr. Jones stated that he has been involved with the library for some time and expressed his concern for cutting the budget of the Bryan Lang Library. He urged the Board to reconsider restoring the original budget requested.

Rodney Sheffield, Kingsland

Mr. Sheffield stated that the Bryan Lang Library holds a collection of artifacts pertaining to Camden County history and explained that should the library close or be staffed with untrained volunteers the collection could be taken back by the original donors. He urged the Board to reconsider the previous decision to cut the library budget and restore the budget to the original requested amount. He stated that the Director of the Library and staff does an exceptional job at the library and the Director runs a tight shift.

Patricia Stahle, Kingsland

Mrs. Stahle stated that she is an educator at Coastal Georgia College and an avid history lover. She stated that the collection the Bryan Lang Library holds is one of a kind. She urged the Board to restore the budget for the Bryan Lang Library.

Vernon Copeland, Waverly

Mr. Copeland urged the Board to restore the funding for the Bryan Lang Library. He stated that staffing the library with volunteers means exactly what it says - they come & go. He stated that when he needed historical information he used the library's resources and obtained the information he needed. He stated that there are other budgets that can be cut like the Tax Assessor, Planning & Development and the Joint Development Authority (JDA).

Reverend John Pearce

Rev. Pearce stated that he has been here for a little over a year and he fell in love with St. Marys & Woodbine. He explained that he would not want to be in the position the Board is in with making these tough decisions. He explained that he wrote a 900 page book on the Pine Barrens of Georgia and did a lot of historical research through various libraries while writing his book. He stated that this County has a wonderful historical library and he urged the Board as a priority to restore funding to the library.

Lucinda Stevens, St. Marys

Ms. Stevens stated that she would like help for securing jobs for the youth this summer and securing information through local agencies regarding weatherization.

Chair Rainer stated that the Coastal Area Action Authority would be the one to contact regarding the summer jobs for youth, and he could help Ms. Stevens get in contact with the right agencies regarding her questions.

Winston Barlow, St. Marys

Mr. Barlow stated that he would like to give the Board of County Commissioners an update on the Camden County Watchdog group. Mr. Barlow read the mission statement for the Camden County Watchdog group and explained the plans the group

has for the future. He stated that the group wants to be involved with local government and develop a fellowship with County Local officials. He stated that there will be a representative from the group at every meeting and in the future will be identified by a t-shirt or badge. He stated that the group meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM and the focus of the group is to brainstorm on ways to cut government spending. He stated that the group believes the biggest problem is overlapping services and now is the time to entertain consolidation. He further stated that the group is investigating the pros & cons of consolidation.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Letter of Support for NAACP Re-Entry Services Program.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Letter of Support for NAACP Re-Entry Service Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Surplus List.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Surplus List.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request by Solid Waste for Approval to Arm the Solid Waste P.O.S.T. Certified Code Enforcement Officer.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the decision to arm the Solid Waste P.O.S.T. Certified Code Enforcement Officer.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of request by Karen Kirkland (#SU-001-09) for a Special Use Permit to allow placement of a travel trailer and a storage building on the subject property for a temporary period of time, not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date of approval, Tax Map #061, Parcel #071.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the request by Karen Kirkland (#SU-001-09) for a Special Use Permit to allow placement of a travel trailer and a storage building on the subject property for a temporary period of time, not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date of approval, Tax Map #061, Parcel #071.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of request by Gary Morrison (#SU-002-09) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a travel trailer (camper) to be permanently located on the property at 201 Kayla Street, Tax Map #083, Parcel #052A.

Gary Morrison

Mr. Morrison stated that the Planning Commissioner and the Board of County Commissioners may have a problem with the word permanent regarding his request. He explained that he does not feel he can complete the work to the property in the one (1) year time frame allowed by the Special Use Permit. He stated that his intentions are to build a home on this property and he has a permit to install a fifteen (15) gallon septic tank for the dwelling.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to deny the request by Gary Morrison (#SU-002-09) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a travel trailer (camper) to be permanently located on the property at 201 Kayla Street, Tax Map #083, Parcel #052A.

So-Voted:

Chair Rainer - Abstain

Vice-Chair Zell - Yes , to deny the request

Commissioner Keene - Yes , to deny the request

Commissioner Sears - Yes , to deny the request

Commissioner Berry - Yes, to deny the request

The motion carried.

6. Approval and waive reading of Resolution declaring the Fixed Asset #1886 - Seized Asset Boston Whaler Boat & Outboard Motor unserviceable and to donate the boat & motor to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at Crooked River State Park.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve and waive the reading of Resolution declaring the Fixed Asset #1886 - Seized Asset Boston Whaler Boat & Outboard Motor unserviceable and to donate the boat & motor to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at Crooked River State Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Grantee - Sub grantee Agreement.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Grantee - Sub grantee Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Resolution to authorize the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a grant for Public Transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Resolution to authorize the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a grant for Public Transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of Letter of Agreement for Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP) for Disease Management Program for County Employees living with diabetes not to exceed the total cost of \$1,870.00.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Letter of Agreement for Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP) for Disease Management Program for County Employees living with diabetes not to exceed the total cost of \$1,870.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Letter of Permission to Authorize the Woodbine Women's Club use of the Satilla Riverfront Park and the Riverwalk Park near the gazebo for a community 4th of July celebration.

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to authorize the Woodbine Women's Club use of the Satilla Riverfront Park and the Riverwalk Park near the gazebo for a community 4th of July celebration.

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 was held on May 7, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner's Meeting Chambers and was very successful.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the May 19, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer
David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop
Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk