

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, 6:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 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 Pettus, Jr., New Life Body of Christ Christian 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 Charlene Sears; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney Brent Green, and Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop. Commissioner Stephen L. Berry was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Addition to Regular Agenda:

Item 5: Appointment of Karen Chisholm to the St. Marys River Management Committee.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Sears read the Proclamation recognizing August 31st through September 4, 2009 as Camden County Firefighter Appreciation Week. Chair Rainer presented the proclamation to representatives of Camden County Fire Rescue.

Fire Marshall Chris Goebel stated that the Fill the Boot Campaign sponsored by Camden County Fire Rescue will be at several locations between Friday, September 4th & Monday, September 7th taking donations to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). He stated that those locations will be Woodbine Grocery, Wal-Mart & Citizen's State Bank. He stated that the goal for 2009 has been set at five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and the campaign is well on the way to reaching that goal. He stated that the partnership with the Camden County H.O.P.E. Committee has helped tremendously in the efforts to meet the goal for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Swan, Seaboard Construction, Brunswick

Mr. Swan stated that Seaboard Construction completed the Ella Park Church Road project and the ribbon cutting took place on May 21, 2009. He explained that there is an outstanding balance that is due to the temporary grassing & mulch being left out of the original contract. He stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation does not allow permanent grassing to take place until April 30th of the year. He stated that because of this a lot of time was missed to stabilize the slopes with grass and he explained the process of permanent grassing. He stated that Seaboard Construction was authorized to final bill on May 29th of this year and he asked the Board if some type of resolution can be found to rectify the outstanding balance. He stated that Seaboard Construction values Camden County and has not only built projects for free but have donated a lot of money to the Camden County school system.

Chair Rainer instructed Mr. Swan that Public Works Director Scott Brazell & County Administrator Steve Howard can meet with him to resolve this issue.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that a meeting can be set up as early as tomorrow to discuss this matter.

Regular Agenda

1. Approval of Tax Release Applications.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Requests for Ad Valorem Tax Refunds. *(presented by Adam Kabasakalian)*

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the request by Robin McCarthy for refund of taxes related to the pool and pool house erroneously assessed on parcel 131B-130 for years 2006, 2007 & 2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to deny the request for refund by Justin Dow for difference in value placed on parcel 004-001, 005-026 & 004-048.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to deny the request by Dustin Battista for refund of eleven (11) years of back taxes including interest & penalties totaling \$2,991.34.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to deny the request by David J. MacMurdo, Senior Property Tax Accountant, Bayer Corporation for change in exemptions on 2006, 2007 & 2008 business personal property tax returns.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Award contract regarding 20.4 miles of Road Safety Project on various roads.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to award Peek Pavement the contract regarding 20.4 miles of Road Safety Project on various roads.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Amend Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli on Horse Stamp Church Road Interchange.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to amend the Work

Authorization with Moreland Altobelli on Horse Stamp Church Road Interchange.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Appointment of Karen Chisholm to the St. Marys River Management Committee.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to appoint Karen Chisholm to the St. Marys River Management Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - July/August

Interim County Clerk Katie Bishop read the calendars for September & October.

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard reported the following:

- He announced that the fourth session of the Citizen's Academy was completed.
- He announced that staff is working diligently on a Tiger Grant. He stated that this grant requires no matching dollars from the County and is a part of stimulus funds allocated to local governments.
- He announced that the Emergency Operations Center is complete and currently a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 25th.
- He announced that he has asked Public Works director Scott Brazell to talk about a grant that Camden County recently received.

Public Works Director Scott Brazell stated that four (4) projects had been turned in for grant funding through Federal stimulus money. He stated that word has been received that Camden County has been granted funding for one (1) of the projects. He explained that the project approved is the resurfacing of almost four miles of road from Deep Creek Bridge to the terminus of it. He stated that the project would total approximately four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$495,000.00) which the Georgia Department of Transportation & Federal Government will essentially complete for Camden County. He stated that this road was included on the LARP list and will be removed in the future.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell, to adjourn the September 1, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer
David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop

Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk