

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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, October 6, 2009, in the Board of County 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; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney Brent Green, and Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

Agenda Amendments:

Addition under Regular Agenda:

Item 9 - Approval of Budget Amendments

Item 10 - Approval of Contract between Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging for Senior Congregate Meals Services.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-chair Zell to adopt the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- September 15, 2009 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the September 15, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes.

So voted:

Chair Rainer - yes

Vice-Chair Zell - yes

Commissioner Keene - yes

Commissioner Sears - yes

Commissioner Berry - abstain

The motion carried 4-1.

Presentation:

- Proclamation recognizing Customer Service Week

Vice-Chair Zell read the Proclamation recognizing Customer Service Week and presented the Proclamation to Support Services Director Staci Bowick.

Public Comments:

No comments were offered.

Consent Agenda

1. Acceptance of Warranty Deed for Baker Avenue.
2. Intergovernmental Fire Protection Agreement.
3. Surplus Item List.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

4. Resolution in support of the reopening Cisco Truck Stop & Convenience Store properties.

Vice Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Resolution in support of the reopening Cisco Truck Stop & Convenience Store properties.

Discussion:

Commissioner Keene stated that he has concerns with sending a resolution regarding this matter. He explained that this is a fairly complex issue and should be left up to the judge and/or the receiver.

Commissioner Sears agreed with Commissioner Keene's comments and asked if a Letter of Support would suffice.

Commissioner Berry asked if the word "instruct" could be changed to "encourage".

Chair Rainer stated that County Administrator Steve Howard could have a letter of support drafted regarding this issue.

Vice-Chair Zell withdrew the previous motion; Commissioner Berry withdrew the second to the previous motion.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve a Letter of Support to be drafted by the County Administrator in support of the reopening Cisco Truck Stop & Convenience Store properties.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Information Technology Policies & Procedures Manual.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Information Technology Policies & Procedures Manual.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Safety Radio Tower Acquisition.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Bill of Sale for Public Safety Radio Tower Acquisition.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Authorization to proceed with amendments to Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to Authorize to proceed with amendments to Animal Control Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. GEMA Performance Partnership Award.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the GEMA Performance Partnership Award.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Contract between Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging for Senior Congregate Meals Services.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Contract between Camden County Board of County Commissioners & Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging for Senior Congregate Meals Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar - September/October

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

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard reported the following:

- He announced that nominees were needed for the Sex Education Instructional Materials Review Committee.
- He announced that Camden County is now a Certified Literate Community and an event was held recently in honor of this achievement.
- He announced that John Peterson is the new Director of Planning & Development and he welcomed Mr. Peterson.

Additional Public Comments:

Support Services Director Staci Bowick thanked the Board for acknowledging "Customer Service Week" and explained that exceptional customer service is addressed in the County's Strategic Plan. She stated that all Board of County Commissioner employees are required to attend Customer Service training and some Constitutional Officer's employees have attended as well.

Janet Heath

Mrs. Heath stated that she has attended all the meetings held regarding the Jail

Discussions and appreciated the opportunities to speak regarding this issue. She explained that lots of ideas can be derived from these meetings and used to find a solution. She stated that the property where the jail sits today was once a park and it is rumored that it also served as a slave cemetery. Mrs. Heath read a passage from a book and then presented the Sheriff with green ribbons to place on the trees surrounding the jail.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender

Mr. Fender discussed briefly the changes in reassessments and explained the way the millage rate has to be advertised.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to adjourn the October 6, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer

David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop

Kathryn A. Bishop, Interim County Clerk