

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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 20, 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.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chair Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair David L. Rainer; 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. Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi Zell was absent.

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of Item 4:

Request by Charles Rowland for refund of Ad Valorem Taxes paid on a motor vehicle.

Addition under Presentations:

Proclamation recognizing Golden Isles Children's Advocacy and Connie Smith Rape Crisis Center

Addition under Regular Agenda:

Item 9 - Authorization for Chairman to execute Letter of Support for Camden County to partner with the City of Kingsland to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; for energy and conservation funding with no matching funds required.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- October 6, 2009 Work Session minutes & Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the October 6, 2009 Work Session minutes & Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

- Proclamation recognizing Employee of the Quarter

Director of Support Services Staci Bowick introduced the Employee of the Quarter, Daniel Richards of Camden County Fire & Rescue. Immediately following the introduction the Proclamation recognizing Employee of the Quarter was read by Commissioner Sears.

- Proclamation recognizing Careers in Construction Week as the week of October 12th - October 16th.

The Proclamation recognizing Careers in Construction Week as the week of October 12th - October 16th was read by Interim County Clerk Katie Bishop and presented by Chair Rainer to educator, Carlos Jones of Camden County High School.

- Proclamation recognizing Golden Isles Children’s Advocacy and Connie Smith Rape Crisis Center

The Proclamation recognizing Golden Isles Children’s Advocacy and Connie Smith Rape Crisis Center was read by Chair Rainer & presented to Doreen Myers.

- Presentation of Showcase Camden County Photo Contest Winners & Citizen’s Choice”

The Presentation of Showcase Camden County Photo Contest Winners & Citizen’s Choice” was presented by Katie Bishop on behalf of the communications Committee.

The winners are as follows:

First Place - June Pounds, Sunset over Crooked River

Second Place - Greg Brenner, Satilla River Sunrise

Third Place - Cheryl Conner, Future Georgia Peach

Citizen’s Choice - Bryant Agulla, View of Borrell Creek

- 1st Quarter Financial Report (***Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender***)

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation of the 1st Quarter Financial Report to the Board of County Commissioners.

- Proclamation recognizing Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Red Ribbon Week, as the week of October - October.

The Proclamation recognizing Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Red Ribbon Week, as the week of October 26th - October 30th was read by Commissioner Sears and presented to a group of students from Camden County High School representing Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Public Comments:

Jay Moreno, St. Marys

Mr. Moreno stated that his comments are related to the County Employee Health Insurance Premiums and he explained that it is the employee’s time to come to grips with the fact that an increase in premiums is coming in the future. He reminded the Board that previous discussions regarding this matter had confirmed that the increase would be implemented or not implemented in January 2010 & he urged the Board to entertain this issue at one of the scheduled meetings in November to discuss this matter further.

Regular Agenda

1. Appoint Manuel V. Lastra to the Camden County Board of Assessors.

Chair Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to Appoint Manuel V.

Lastra to the Camden County Board of Assessors.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Superior Courts of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit to utilize a corporation, enterprise, or agency for the provision of probation services for persons placed upon probation by the Superior Court in Camden County, Georgia & Authorize Chairman to execute contract.

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Superior Courts of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit to utilize a corporation, enterprise, or agency for the provision of probation services for persons placed upon probation by the Superior Court in Camden County, Georgia & Authorize Chairman to execute contract with the agreement that the contract would be amended (Exhibit A) to read that no person would be held in the jail solely for non-payment of fees.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion & Possible Action regarding Proposal by Citizen to purchase real property from Camden County, Lot 44 - Woodland Trails Subdivision, Tax Map #082, Map # 056.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to authorize to move forward with the appraisal and sale of Lot 44 - Woodland Trails Subdivision, Tax Map #082, Map # 056.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request by Charles Rowland for refund of Ad Valorem Taxes paid on a motor vehicle.

This item was removed during agenda amendments.

Public Hearing

Convene the Public Hearing portion of the Agenda.

Planning & Development - John Peterson

5. Request by Neal Marshall Gillis (#R-007-09) to rezone 4.87 acres of Commercial General (C-G) to Restricted Industrial (I-R) to build a new facility for the sales and storage of metal roofing supplies located on Hwy 17 North, Waverly, Tax ap Map #073, Parcel #005D & #005E. ***(District 1 - Commissioner Keene)***

Planning & Development Director John Peterson presented the board with an overview of the request by the applicant and reported staff recommendations, as well as recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Jonathan Roberts, representing Neal Marshall Gillis

Mr. Roberts stated that he had provided a copy of the proposed building that Mr. Marshall wishes to construct on this property. He gave the Board an overview of the type of business Mr. Gillis wishes to conduct from the subject property and assured the Board that the scope of work is producing light metal roofing materials.

Attorney Kevin S. Yackel, representing Neal Marshall Gillis

Attorney Yackel stated that he wished to clarify a statement made by Planning Director John Peterson that the property in question is not currently zoned Agricultural Forestry, he clarified that the property is currently zoned Commercial General.

Commissioner Berry asked if a Special Use Permit could be issued for this use.

Planning Director John Peterson stated that the Unified Development Code does not allow that option.

Commissioner Keene asked that if the Board approves the rezoning tonight could it be amended in the future.

County Attorney Brent Green stated that could not be done unless the owner of the property requests to change the zoning.

Commissioner Berry explained to Mr. Gillis that the Board is currently underway with amendments to the Unified Development Code which would allow for the type of business he is requesting to place on this property to operate with a Special Use Permit.

Mr. Gillis stated that he is pushing a year into the completion of this project.

Commissioner Berry stated that Mr. Gillis could begin the construction of the building and buffers now and the amendments should be approved early December allowing for the request to carry forward.

Attorney Yackel asked if the fees already applied to the rezoning request would be carried over for his client so as not to have to go through the process with the Planning Commission again.

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to table this item until the amendments to the Unified Development Code are finalized and at that time bringing this item back to the Board of County Commissioners for action.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request by Ronald E.J. Hillard (#SU-007-09) for Special Use Permit to obtain a Major Home Occupational Tax Certificate to allow the operation of a business from his home located at 53 Wren Road, Kingsland, Tax Map #071A, Parcel #042.

Planning & Development Director John Peterson presented the board with an overview of the request by the applicant and reported staff recommendations, as well as recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Ronald E.J. Hillard, Applicant

Mr. Hillard stated that he does woodworking as a hobby and friends have recently told him he should sell his woodworking. He wishes to do his work in a closed garage area and sell his woodwork at festivals and events.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Chair Rainer to approve the Request by Ronald E.J. Hillard (#SU-007-09) for Special Use Permit to obtain a Major Home Occupational Tax Certificate to allow the operation of a business from his home located at 53 Wren Road, Kingsland, Tax Map #071A, Parcel #042.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request by Malissa Chance (#V-005-09) for a Variance to reduce the required width of a manufactured home from 16' to 14' to place a 14' wide manufactured home on the property located at 190 Frazier Road, Waverly, Tax Map #085, Parcel #029.

Planning & Development Director John Peterson presented the board with an overview of the request by the applicant and reported staff recommendations, as well as recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Malissa Chance, Applicant

Ms. Chance urged the Board to approve her request and also to change the code to reflect that 14' manufactured homes be allowed without having to go through this process.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Request by Malissa Chance (#V-005-09) for a Variance to reduce the required width of a manufactured home from 16' to 14' to place a 14' wide manufactured home on the

property located at 190 Frazier Road, Waverly, Tax Map #085, Parcel #029.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request by Glenn D. Vincent (#V-006-09) for a Variance to reduce the required width of a manufactured home from 16' to 14' to place a 14' wide manufactured home on the property located on Hwy 110, Folkston.

Planning & Development Director John Peterson presented the board with an overview of the request by the applicant and reported staff recommendations, as well as recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Glenn D. Vincent, Applicant

Mr. Vincent urged the Board to approve his request and explained that he is single, living alone and a 14' manufactured home is all he needs.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to approve the Request by Glenn D. Vincent (#V-006-09) for a Variance to reduce the required width of a manufactured home from 16' to 14' to place a 14' wide manufactured home on the property located on Hwy 110, Folkston.

The motion carried unanimously.

Conclusion of Public Hearing portion of the agenda.

Regular Agenda

9. Authorization for the Chairman to execute Letter of Support for Camden County to partner with the City of Kingsland to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; for energy and conservation funding with no matching funds required.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to Authorize for the Chairman to execute Letter of Support for Camden County to partner with the City of Kingsland to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; for energy and conservation funding with no matching funds required.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar -October / **November**

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

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard reported the following:

- Planning Director John Peterson gave the Board an update on the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code as well as the Master Land Use Plan.
- Mr. Howard announced that the Ribbon Cutting for the Dover Bluff Fire Station will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- Mr. Howard announced that Grant Hilton, Georgia Department of Revenue, Local Government Services Coordinator will be here on November 3rd, 4th & 5th and interviews with the Board of County Commissioners, himself, and the Board of Assessors will take place.

Additional Public Comments:

No comments were offered.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the October 6, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer

David L. Rainer, Chair

Kathryn A. Bishop

Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk