

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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, December 1, 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.

Director of Solid Waste Lannie Brant 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.

Agenda Amendments:

Addition under Regular Agenda -

Item 4 - Approval of a Joint Resolution supporting the establishment of a permanent facility to house Altamaha Technical College in Camden County.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- November 3, 2009 Work Session minutes & November 3, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the November 3, 2009 Work Session minutes & November 3, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

- Citizen's Academy Graduation

County Administrator Steve Howard gave a brief introduction regarding the Citizen's Academy and welcomed all the participants here tonight to receive certificates.

Support Services Director Staci Bowick presented to participants of the 2009 Citizen's Academy with certificates.

Chair Rainer congratulated all the participants for taking part in this worthy program.

Public Comments:

Royal Weaver

Mr. Weaver stated that he is a recent graduate of the Citizen's Academy and he expressed his thanks to all who supported the class over the duration of the program. He stated that the program provides a good look at things happening in Camden County. He explained that he believes in this program as well as the St. Marys 101 program. He urged all municipalities to have a program such as these for citizens to take part in and see what goes on within our government. He stated that he learned a lot and even our elected officials should go through these programs.

Matt Jordan, Woodbine

Mr. Jordan stated that recently several trees were removed from the Sheriff's Office property and his wife, Libby, called County Administrator Steve Howard to see why and he was not aware trees were being removed. He explained that later he was told this was to make room for more parking at the Sheriff's Office. He stated that he thought the County just completed a new parking lot and he asked if the green fence surrounding the Sheriff's parking will be expanded. He stated that the County says it has no money but yet it continues to spend.

Libby Jordan, Woodbine

Mrs. Jordan stated that she was very impressed with the poster in the lobby area that talks about the County's Vision. She stated that the jail should be built at a different location in respect for the residential community surrounding it. She explained that she saw that there is a "For Sale" sign on the Industrial Park Site and suggested that the jail could be moved there and still be easily accessible to the courthouse.

Commissioner Berry asked why the trees were cut down at the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Gregory responded that the trees were removed due to a safety issue and they have had an issue with a forty (40) year old pine tree falling and damaging a patrol car. He explained that he did consult Mayor Clark before removing the trees and he has also informed County Administrator Steve Howard, as well as Facility Maintenance Supervisor Rock Harrelson. He stated that because it was a safety issue there were no objections to removing the trees from any parties.

Regular Agenda

1. Waive the 2009 County tax bill for the St. Marys Machinist Club.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to waive the Waive the 2009 County tax bill for the St. Marys Machinist Club.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2010.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2010.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Second Reading & Adoption of Amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC).

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to waive the second reading and adopt the amendments to the Unified Development Code to be effective at midnight December 1, 2009.

So voted:

Chair Rainer - Aye

Vice-Chair Zell - Aye

Commissioner Keene - Aye

Commissioner Sears - Aye
Commissioner Berry - Nay

The motion carried 4-1.

4. Approval of a Joint Resolution supporting the establishment of a permanent facility to house Altamaha Technical College in Camden County.

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the Joint Resolution supporting the establishment of a permanent facility to house Altamaha Technical College in Camden County.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Calendar -October / November

Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop read the calendars for November & December.

- County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Steve Howard reported the following:

- He announced that the Gateway Behavioral Health Services Grand Opening of the Woodbine Developmental Disabilities Center for Excellence will be held Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11:00 AM at 210 East 15th Street, Woodbine.

Additional Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chair Zell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to adjourn the November 17, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,


David L. Rainer, Chair


Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk