

**CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 5:00 PM
200 EAST FOURTH STREET, WOODBINE, GEORGIA 31569**

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners held a Work Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.

Chair Rainer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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; County Attorney Brent Green, Finance & Budget Director Michael J. Fender and Interim County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

- Work Session - Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Discussion**

County Administrator Steve Howard gave the Board a brief introduction regarding the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation regarding the recent budget projections for fiscal year 2010. He explained the various causes in the budget shortfall and increases in line items such as employee health insurance and the Board of Equalization.

County Administrator Steve Howard went in depth regarding the recent bankruptcies that have been brought to staff's attention and assured the Board that they are monitoring the situation. He stated that there are several areas where money can be saved such as a position within the Fire Rescue Department is retiring and not filling this position at this time will save significant dollars, as well as revenues increasing, adjustments within long term disability, reducing County operational hours from 5 days to 3 days, rain being minimal and being on target with worker's comp projections. He explained that a furlough of County employees under the Board of County Commissioners control would only save \$14, 000, but with Constitutional Officer & Independent Boards included that amount would increase to \$42, 000. Lastly, he stated that an across the Board budget cut of 1% was also an option being weighed.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender stated that in January he will present the mid-year financial report and tax bills will also be in.

A consensus of the Board was taken to accept the \$582,000.00 Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2010, as well as for staff to bring this item back to the Board for official approval at the next regular meeting, and for staff to prepare a summary report regarding these issues within the budget so that the Board can monitor the situation.

Chair Rainer adjourned the Work Session at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


David L. Rainer, Chair


Kathryn A. Bishop, Acting County Clerk