

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A Public Meeting and recessed meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman Robert G. Becker; Vice Chairman James H. Foddrell; Commissioner E. B. Herrin, Jr.; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; County Administrator Barrett T. King; and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee.

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S GREENSPACE PROGRAM FOR GEORGIA.

Tiffany Busby, Consultant, gave a presentation regarding the Governor's Greenspace Program.

Chairman Becker concluded the Public Meeting and convened the work session at 6:12 o'clock p.m.

Work Session:

Drainage problem – Elliott's Plantation area:

Mr. Richard Hall presented a petition to the Board with 41 signatures from residents of Elliott's Plantation and the surrounding area regarding drainage problems. Mr. Hall stated that since June 1997 there have been four instances of heavy flooding at his Mush Bluff Trail home, and during the most recent rain he had one foot of water in his garage. The county has done some quick fixes, but the ditch is grown over with trees and does not drain properly. Drainage ditches have been filled and sodded by some of the residents. Mr. Jeffcoat, a resident in the area, asked why the Commissioners allow Mr. Gross to continue building. Chairman Becker and Commissioner Herrin explained that the areas that are causing the most problems are on private property. The developer, Mr. Bill Gross, has not brought the roads up to county specifications so that the county can accept the road and do proper maintenance of the ditches. Mr. Gross was told what he should do to correct the drainage problems. Mr. Gross wants to hire the county to do the work, but the county cannot do any work on private property. Mr. King stated that he is just the Administrator, but he thinks the only option the county would have at this point is to tell Mr. Hall we are going to condemn his property where the flooding is so extensive and turn it into a park, and condemn Mr. Jeffcoat's property and turn it into a lake. The Commissioners agreed to have the Road Department look at the county right-of-way and make sure proper maintenance has been done. Chairman Becker stated that the county would contact Mr. Gross again, and that the residents of the Elliotts Plantation area should also contact Mr. Gross. It was suggested that the residents seek legal counsel.

War Memorial – request to install sidewalks:

Mr. Carlos Jones, Sr., representing the Camden County High School Skills USA/VICA Club presented a proposed plan for the students to install brick pavers around the War Memorial located at the Courthouse. The students plan to sell the pavers to those who would like to honor someone for serving America. The pavers would be sold for \$27.00 each and would be inscribed as requested by the buyer. Mr. Jones stated that the students would also like to plant 33 rose bushes at the site. The trustees at the county jail would maintain the rose bushes.

The Commissioners agreed to add Mr. Jones' request to the agenda.

County Administrator's Contract:

Commissioner Hase asked that the date for the County Administrator's evaluation be changed from August 31st to September 30th of each year.

ACCG/Pension Service Company as Administrator for Deferred Compensation:

The Commissioners agreed to table this matter.

During general discussion concerning insurance benefits, Commissioner Herrin requested that the Board have Mr. King check into the cost of increasing the life insurance benefit for county employees.

Citizens wishing to address the Board:

Mr. Vernon Copeland requested a copy of the County Administrator's contract. Mr. King presented a copy to Mr. Copeland. Mr. Copeland stated that he objected to the action by the Commissioners to get into the water business, which would increase costs to tax payers who do not use county water. The Commissioners assured Mr. Copeland that the water system would be run as an enterprise fund, with user fees paying for the system.

Chairman Becker called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Nancy Weisensee delivered the invocation.

Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call indicated that Commissioner Dawson and Attorney Green were absent.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of Item 3A. Request to install walkways at the War Memorial on Courthouse Square.

2. Approval of minutes for August 30, and September 5, 2000:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for August 30 and September 5, 2000.

3. Planning Commission Business:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

New Business:

Drummond, Gene – rezone A-F to A-R, 14.46 acres on GA. Highway 110, approximately 4 miles west of Woodbine, map 53, parcels 55C and 58. (Approved)

Fisher, Jeffrey J. – Amendment to plat of Record for lot 5 of Harrietts Oaks Subdivision, map 105A, parcel 63. (Approved to allow Mr. Fisher to return to next month's meeting after review by Planning & Building staff.)

Jones, Jr., J.A. – rezone A-F to A-R, 18.5 acres on Temple Landing Road, map 45A, parcel 29. (Approved)

Roberson, James B. – rezone 5.48 acres on Pine Drive in Harrietts Bluff village, map 105A, parcel 46. (Denied)

Roberson, James B. – replat of lots 20 and 21 of Harrietts Bluff Village, map 105A, parcel 20 and 21. (Approved)

Gross, William H. – rezone from Commercial-Interchange (C-I) to Industrial-General, 16 acres in the northeasterly quadrant of I-95 and Harrietts Bluff Road. (Approved to rezone the entire parcel number 16, map 93.)

3A. Request to install walkways at War Memorial on Courthouse Square:

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to give permission for the Camden County High School Skills USA/VICA Club students to install brick walkways and rose bushes at the War Memorial on the Courthouse Square in cooperation with the County's Building and Maintenance Department.

4. Bids for Fire Station in the Crooked River area:

Teresa Smith, Purchasing Officer, stated that two bids were received for Phase I of the Fire Station to be located in the Crooked River area:

A & M Builders
Brunswick, GA \$59,890.00

W. H. Gross Construction
Kingsland, GA \$66,905.00

John Poston, Facilities Management Supervisor, recommended the low bid from A & M Builders.

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to accept the low bid in the amount of \$59,890.00 from A & M Builders for Phase I of the Fire Station in the Crooked River area.

5. Resolution to amend the 2000-2001 fiscal budget resolution:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution to amend the 2000-2001 fiscal budget resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Camden County, Georgia, in regular session lawfully assembled for County purposes:

That it is necessary to reallocate funds due to the audit of local businesses for the recovery of possible back taxes collection;

That the above transactions can be fulfilled by changing the following budget accounts in the Capital Improvements Fund:

Budget Account	Adopted Budget	Net Change	Proposed Budget
-31.1200	(\$ 272,300)	(\$ 80,000)	(\$ 352,300)
1550-52.1254	\$ 0-	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby ordain, resolve, and enact the foregoing budget amendments for Camden County, Georgia.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2000.

6. Amendment to procedures for setting the agenda:

Chairman Becker requested that Rule #1 be amended to state that items desired to be on the agenda will be put on the work session agenda. If action is required, the item could be added to the regular agenda with a majority vote.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, to amend Rule #1 to read, "All items and supporting materials that are desired to be placed on the work session should be communicated to the County Clerk by the close of the fourth business day prior to the meeting date. Items may be placed on the work session by phone, fax, mail, Internet, in person, or other suitable means by any citizen of Camden County or any government agency."

Commissioner Hase voted aye.
Commissioner Foddrell voted aye.
Commissioner Herrin voted no.

7. County Administrator's Contract:

Commissioner Hase requested that the date for the Administrator's annual performance evaluation be changed from August 31st to September 30th.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to amend Section 13 (a) to read, "In order to ensure a continued high standard of performance, and to keep the Administrator informed of what is expected of him in meeting the goals of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, a performance appraisal will be performed on the County Administrator annually, on or before September 30th of each year."

8. Proposal to include tuition benefit in County Personnel Policy:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to table this matter.

9. Resolution to adopt ACCG/Pension Service Company as administrator for Deferred Compensation Program:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to table this matter.

10. Request to declare September 17 – 23, 2000, as Constitution Week:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

**CONSTITUTION WEEK
September 17 – 23, 2000**

WHEREAS September 17, 2000, marks the two hundred thirteenth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and asks our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Camden County to be affixed this 19th day of September 2000.

/s/ Robert G. Becker, Chairman

11. Appointment to the Mayors' Disability Awareness Committee:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Herrin, and voted unanimously to table this matter.

12. Resolutions to reauthorize the E-911 emergency answering charge for telephone lines and for wireless communications connections:

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to reauthorize the E-911 emergency answering charges for telephone lines and for wireless communications connections by adopting the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A
MONTHLY 911 EMERGENCY ANSWERING SERVICE CHARGE**

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the public interest to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, provisions for a 911 emergency number through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained provides a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by making it easier to notify public safety personnel, and such a simplified means of procuring emergency services results in the saving of lives, a reduction in the destruction of property and quicker apprehension of criminals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) 46-5-133 (a) and (b) (1) B, and a public hearing having been held on December 12, 1991, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved and authorized the imposition of a monthly 911 emergency answering charge in the amount of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) upon subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the areas of Camden County served or which would be served by the 911 emergency answering service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subscribers shall be billed for the monthly 911 emergency answering service effective January 1, 1992, and that the Camden County Board of Commissioners, by resolution, reaffirms the necessity for the 911 emergency answering service charge beginning with the thirteenth month following the month in which 911 system service is first provided and during such month annually thereafter.

ADOPTED IN LEGAL ASSEMBLY this 19th day of September, 2000.

**RESOLUTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE A WIRELESS
ENHANCED 911 CHARGE ON WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS WITHIN
CAMDEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Camden County, Georgia presently operates an Emergency 911 System, and

WHEREAS, Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended by Act No. 881, Georgia Laws 1998, authorizes local governments to impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the jurisdiction of the local government, and

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed at a rate of up to \$1.00 per month per wireless connection, and

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed by any local government that operates or contracts for the operation of an emergency 911 system which is capable of providing automatic number identification of wireless telecommunications connections and the location of the base station or cell site, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the question of imposing a wireless enhanced 911 charge in Camden County, Georgia, on July 7, 1998,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Camden County, Georgia, that the necessity for the wireless enhanced 911 service charge be reaffirmed and imposed upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the jurisdiction of Camden County, Georgia, at the rate of \$1.00 per month per wireless connection provided to each telephone subscriber.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to each wireless service supplier providing service in Camden County, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted by the governing authority of Camden County, Georgia, on the 19th day of September, 2000.

13. Local Assistance Road Program (L.A.R.P.) list and Paving and Widening Program for 2000-2003:

Larry Lampe, Road Department Superintendent, presented the L.A.R.P list and the proposed Paving and Widening Program for 2000-2003.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to accept the Local Assistance Road Program (L.A.R.P.) list as presented and to table the Paving and Widening Program for further review.

(A copy of the L.A.R.P. list is attached to these minutes.)

14. Resolution to authorize development of a water system for the unincorporated area:

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEMS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED REGIONS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS Camden County continues to experience dramatic growth in its various unincorporated regions; and

WHEREAS continued planned development and desired growth patterns are dependent upon an adequate and safe supply of fresh drinking water and upon a wastewater treatment program; and

WHEREAS there are no readily available sources for water to serve the various locations or a wastewater plan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners authorizes staff to take every avenue necessary to proceed with the financing and development of water and waste water systems for the unincorporated areas of Camden County.

ADOPTED IN LEGAL ASSEMBLY this 19th day of September 2000.

15. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter, litigation, and land acquisition:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Herrin, and voted unanimously that this Board now enters into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-15-4, for the purpose of discussing personnel matter, litigation, and land acquisition.

That upon the conclusion of the discussion or deliberation in the closed session portion of the meeting that this body enter back into open session, open to the public, at which point an announcement will be made in the Commissioners' Meeting Room that this Board is back in session.

That upon coming back into open session this body ratify the consensus taken in closed session; and

That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the chairman to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4, and that this body confirm that the actions of the Board in closed session were as required by law and approved by the County Attorney.

16. Reconvene: (8:50 o'clock p.m.)

RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners as follows:
At the meeting held on September 19, 2000, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matter, litigation, and land acquisition. At the close of the discussions, the Board did agree to reconvene into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the Board and the discussions of the same regarding the matters set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of their knowledge, based upon the advice of Attorney Steve Berry, who was present during said closed session, that said subject matter of the meeting and the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and the specific relevant exception is the subject matter as set forth above.
- (3) The Chairman of this Board, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed and pursuant to the Resolution shall execute an affidavit, in full support of the members of this Board, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b).
- (4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b)

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Robert G. Becker, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the chairperson/presiding officer of a meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners held on the 19th day of September. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting, which was closed for the purpose of discussing personnel matter, litigation, and land acquisition as allowed by the O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-2 and Sec. 50-14-3, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.
- (2) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 19th day of September 2000.

Those voting in favor of the Resolution:
Commissioners Herrin, Hase, Foddrell

Those voting against the Resolution:
None

(A copy of the official executed affidavit is attached to these minutes.)

Chairman Becker stated that there was no action to be taken by the Board upon reconvening the meeting.

17. Adjournment: (8:53 o'clock p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Becker
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator