

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

The Camden County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and recessed meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 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 Kenneth G. Hase, County Administrator Barrett T. King, County Attorney O. Brent Green, and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee. (Commissioners Herrin and Dawson were absent.)

Chairman Becker convened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Public Hearing (as published)

The Camden County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia. The public hearing is being held to consider a Resolution for Decals on County Vehicles. Effective January 1, 2001, all county vehicles are required to have a county decal affixed to the front door, except law enforcement vehicles and other vehicles identified by the Board of Commissioners in a resolution.

After general discussion regarding the new legislation, the Commissioners agreed that the following exemptions would be included in the Resolution for the December 5th meeting:

1. Any vehicle used for law enforcement purposes;
2. Any vehicle used for prosecution purposes;
3. County Administrator;
4. Probate Judge;
5. Tax Commissioner;
6. Fire/EMS Director;
7. Vehicles maintained as executive fleet by County Administration.

There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Becker concluded the Public Hearing and called the work session to order at 6:10 p.m.

Planning Commission Business:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, reviewed the Planning Commission minutes and stated that there was a denial of request for a side yard variance from Mr. E. D. Varnadore. Mr. Etheridge stated that he expected Mr. Varnadore to be at tonight's Board of Commissioners' meeting to appeal the decision, but apparently he will not be here.

Resolution to adopt the Greenspace Program:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, addressed the Board regarding the final draft of the Camden County Greenspace Program that was developed by Tiffany Busby, Consultant.

Tiffany Busby reported that the county would receive 42% of the \$147,000. Ms. Busby stated that although this is probably not enough money to buy very much land, it could be used to negotiate with property owners to set aside land. Ms. Busby stated that she is hopeful there will be funding for this program again next year.

Nomination for EMA Director:

Chairman Becker stated that Mike Zielinski has offered to take the part-time position of EMA Director for Camden County, and there is \$4,500 budgeted for the position.

Bids for Pest Control:

Teresa Smith, Purchasing Officer, informed the Board that three bids were received for pest control for county buildings: A-1 Economic Exterminators, Inc.; Peachtree Pest Control Co., Inc.; and Reliant Pest Control Co. Allen Termite & Pest Control, Keene Exterminating Co., Orkin Pest Control, and GA Exterminators did not bid.

Citizens wishing to address the Board:

Several residents were present to protest annexation into the City of St. Marys.

Mr. Kirk Bell stated that he does not want to be annexed because the county has served them very well; but if they are annexed, they should receive the same services as other residents of St. Marys. Mr. Bell stated that he doubts Mr. Mahaney's statement that 50% of emergency calls are for the area to be annexed. There are only 150 families.

Barbara Jean Tyre stated that the annexation is against the resident's wishes. Ms. Tyre said that she likes the service she gets from the county, and she is appealing to the Board's sense of justice.

Sandy Feller stated that Mr. Mahaney runs St. Marys. This is just a land-grabbing situation to get revenue. The City will raise taxes and the water and sewer rates. Please make every effort to help these people who are threatened with annexation.

Bob Emerson stated that Mahaney runs the City of St. Marys, and none of the Council objects. This is just about money, and we need help from the Board of Commissioners.

Judy Welch has drainage problem in her back yard, and she is concerned that the annexation problem will hold up the process of solving her problem. Ms. Welch does not want to be in the City of St. Marys, and she hopes the County will help.

Robert McCollough stated that he has lived in the County for 48 years, 12 of those years in the City of St. Marys because he was forced to live there in order to work at the mill. Mr. McCollough does not want to be annexed into the City. Mr. McCollough stated that he believes communism is coming to the City of St. Marys.

Chairman Becker stated that the County is trying to help. The County will authorize the County Attorney to proceed with necessary legal action to protect the County's interest in the proposed annexation.

Chairman Becker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Nancy Weisensee delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call indicated that all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Herrin and Commissioner Dawson.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended by adding Item 4A. Nomination of Emergency Management Director for Camden County.

2. Approval of minutes for November 7, and November 9, 2000:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November 7 and November 9, 2000, Commissioners' Meetings.

3. Planning Commission Business:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Planning Commission as follows:

Old Business:

Sweeny, Fred – proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance. (Tabled)

Varnadore, E. D. – application for side-yard variance for 12 x 20 building. (Denied)

New Business:

Blue, Kenneth – special use permit for used car dealership in conjunction with Top Quality Paint and Body Shop. (Approved)

Fisher, Jeffery John – variance from stipulation on Plat of Record for Harrietts Oak Subdivision that lots 4 and 5 share a common drive. (Approved)

Cheek, Walter R. – final plat approval for a 2 lot subdivision on Price Road, map 125, portion of parcel 1. (Tabled)

O. P. Middleton Estate – final plat approval for five-acre tract on Ferrow Crossing Road, map 74, parcel 25. (Approved with stipulation that plat is revised to the satisfaction of staff prior to submission to the Board of Commissioners.)

4. Resolution to adopt the Greenspace Program and establish a Community Greenspace Trust Fund:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING A COMMUNITY GREENSPACE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Camden County desires to participate in Georgia’s Greenspace Program; and

WHEREAS, Camden County hereby certifies that the County has adopted the Community Greenspace Program described in the report attached to this resolution and by reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, this report sets forth Camden County’s Greenspace protection goals and the methods and schedule this body intends to use to achieve these Greenspace goals; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners further certifies that it will diligently pursue the implementation of the program as described therein; and

WHEREAS, Camden County hereby establishes a Greenspace Trust Fund for the purpose of receiving and dispersing funds for Greenspace protection.

THEREFORE, by resolution, Camden County hereby adopts the Camden County Greenspace Program.

Adopted in legal assembly this 21st day of November 2000.

(A copy of the 56 page Camden County Community Greenspace Program is on file in the County Clerk’s Office and County Administrator’s Office.)

4A. Nomination of Camden County Emergency Management Director:

Chairman Becker stated that this is a nomination. GEMA does the actual appointments.

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to nominate Mr. Michael J. Zielinski as the Camden County Emergency Management Director.

5. Awarding of bid for pest control:

Teresa Smith, Purchasing Officer, presented the following bids for pest control:

A-1 Economic Exterminators, Inc. Brunswick, GA	\$8,340.57 annually
 Peachtree Pest Control Co., Inc. Brunswick, GA	 \$9,402.00 annually
 Reliant Pest Control Co. Kingsland, GA	 \$5,400.00 annually
Allen Termite & Pest Control	no bid submitted
Keene Exterminating Co.	no bid submitted
Orkin Pest Control	no bid submitted
GA Exterminators	no bid submitted

Mr. John Poston, Facilities Management Supervisor, recommended the low bidder, Reliant Pest Control Co.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to award the pest control bid to Reliant Pest Control Co. in the amount of \$5,400.00 annually.

6. Second reading and approval of Water and Wastewater Standards Ordinance:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to waive the second reading and approve the Camden County Water and Wastewater Standards Ordinance, which includes as an appendix the Ordinance to Amend the Camden County Code by Enacting a Backflow Prevention Program.

(A copy of the 183 page Water and Wastewater Standards document is on file in the County Clerk’s Office and the County Administrator’s Office. A copy of An Ordinance Providing for Backflow Prevention for the Public Water System of Camden County, Georgia, is attached to these minutes.)

Chairman Becker requested the Board to add to the agenda as Item 6A. Authorization for County Attorney to proceed with necessary legal action in regard to the City of St. Marys proposed annexation.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to add Item 6A. Authorization for County Attorney to proceed with necessary legal action in regard to the City of St. Marys proposed annexation.

6A. Authorization for County Attorney to proceed with necessary legal action in regard to the City of St. Marys proposed annexation:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to resolve to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with necessary legal action to protect the County’s interest in the proposed St. Marys annexation.

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. (7:20 o’clock p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Becker
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator