

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2000, 6:00 P.M.  
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 5, 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 Lemon Dawson; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee.

Chairman Becker called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consolidation Commission:

Dr. James Burnham was present on behalf of the Blue Ribbon Consolidation Study Committee to discuss a Resolution to form a Consolidation Commission. The Committee would like to establish a Consolidation Commission in order to continue the consolidation study, and they are asking that the Board of Commissioners approve and provide funding. After the general discussion, the Commissioners agreed to add the resolution to the agenda as amended by amending the third paragraph to read "pre-approved" rather than "approved" in reference to funding by the Board of Commissioners.

Mission Trace Subdivision:

Larry Lampe, Road Department Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the quitclaim deed for the streets in Mission Trace Subdivision. Mr. Lampe stated that the Subdivision was annexed in to the City of St. Marys some time ago, but the streets were not deeded over to St. Marys.

Satilla Probation Management Corporation:

Harvey Fry, Magistrate Judge, requested that the Board of Commissioners renew the contract with Satilla Probation Management Corporation. Judge Fry stated that the program has worked very well and there is no cost to the County. The cost is paid by the offenders.

Task Order for Harrietts Bluff water system:

Mike Fender stated that the task order with Jordan, Jones, and Goulding is for surveying, engineering, design, and bidding and construction administration. Commissioner Hase asked why the County is installing water lines in an area where Kingsland water lines exist. Mr. Fender stated that the County water system would not be running from I-95, but would be located in the Harrietts Bluff area where it is needed for new development and fire suppression. Commissioner Herrin stated that he is in favor of the Harrietts Bluff water system, and would like the feasibility study for Mush Bluff to be done as soon as possible.

Contract with Handex of Georgia for SR 110 Landfill Phase 2, Stage 2:

Lannie Brant, Landfill Director, stated that Attorney Green had reviewed the contract and everything is in order. The Commissioners approved the bid from Handex on November 7, 2000.

Resolution to establish November 15<sup>th</sup> each year for taxes due date:

Brenda Wainright, Tax Commissioner, stated that if the tax bills were sent out in September with a November 15<sup>th</sup> due date, it would benefit the citizens, and the County would get the tax money sooner.

Travel and purchasing policies:

Mike Fender, Finance Director, presented recommendations for updating the existing travel and purchasing policies. The Commissioners agreed to table both policies in order to review the changes.

Chairman Becker requested, and the Commissioners agreed, to add to the agenda the acceptance of the contract with Satilla Construction for renovations to the Kingsland office of the Health Department.

Chairman Becker called the meeting to order at 6:50 o'clock p.m.

Nancy Weisensee delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present. (Attorney Green and County Administrator Barry King were absent.)

**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended by adding Item 3A. Resolution to Form a Consolidation Commission, and Item 10A. Contract with Satilla Construction for Health Department Renovations.

**2. Approval of minutes for November 21, 2000:**

Motion by Commissioner Dawson, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November 21, 2000.

**3. Adoption of Resolution re: decals on County vehicles:**

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to adopt the following Resolution regarding decals on County vehicles:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners believes that motor vehicles owned or leased by Camden County should be clearly identified with markings, decals and or seals so that those county services that often go unnoticed are more visible.

WHEREAS, making county vehicles easily recognizable allows citizens to see that their tax dollars are appropriately used to provide public services;

WHEREAS, in certain situations, however, a clearly marked county vehicle may compromise undercover activities such as law enforcement and code enforcement, as well as skew findings of traffic studies; in other situations, a vehicle may be part of the compensation package for certain county employees;

WHEREAS, requiring taxpayers to pay for the application of special decals on all county owned or leased vehicles may be too costly; if the decal damages the paint of a leased vehicle, the county may be subject to a monetary penalty upon the termination of the lease; the placement of decals may lower the fair market value of vehicles that the county will ultimately resell; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 21, 2000, to consider which vehicles should not be marked with a seal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-80-20, the following motor vehicles owned or leased by Camden County shall not be marked with a decal or seal:

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.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000

**3A. Resolution to Form a Consolidation Commission for Camden County:**

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the following resolution as amended by changing “approved” to “pre-approved” in reference to funding by the Board of Commissioners:

A RESOLUTION TO FORM A CONSOLIDATION COMMISSION  
FOR CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Camden County favor the creation of a Commission for studying and proposing a consolidation of the governmental units and/or services of Camden County.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Commission, all of whom shall be citizens of Camden County, be appointed in the following manner:

- One elected official appointed by each of the participating municipal and county governments;
- Three members appointed by the Chamber of Commerce;
- Six members appointed by the Citizens Consolidation Study Committee;
- Four interested and concerned Camden County Citizens appointed by a majority vote of the other members of the Commission;
- Any unfilled appointment shall be appointed by the Grand Jury to create a Commission of seventeen members;

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the Consolidation Commission be pre-approved and provided by the Camden County Board of Commissioners;

FURTHER RESOLVED that all governments choosing to participate shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Legislators representing Camden County in the Georgia General Assembly no later than the opening session on January 7, 2001.

ADOPTED in legal assembly this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000.

**4. Mission Trace Subdivision – quit claim deed to St. Marys for street rights-of-way:**

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the quitclaim deed to the City of St. Marys for the street rights-of-way in the Mission Trace Subdivision.

(A copy of the quitclaim deed is attached to these minutes and will be on file in the County Clerk’s Office.)

**5. Agreement with Satilla Probation Management Corporation for misdemeanor probation services:**

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Satilla Probation Management Corporation for misdemeanor probation services for the Magistrate Court.

(A copy of the agreement is on file in the County Clerk’s Office.)

**6. Acceptance of Jordan, Jones, and Goulding Task Order for Harrietts Bluff water system:**

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to accept the Task Order from Jordan, Jones, and Goulding for the Harrietts Bluff water system survey, engineering, design, and bidding and construction administration, in the amount of \$78,600.00.

(A copy of the Task Order is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

**7. Acceptance of contract with Handex of Georgia for SR 110 Landfill Phase 2, Stage 2:**

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to accept the contract with Handex of Florida, d.b.a. Handex of Georgia, for the construction of the SR 110 Landfill Phase 2, Stage 2, in the amount of \$1,043,247.49.

(A copy of the contract is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

**8. Authorization to renew all valid, existing liquor, malt beverage, and wine licenses for the year 2001:**

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to authorize the renewal of all valid, existing liquor, malt beverage, and wine licenses for the year 2001.

**9. Resolution to establish November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as the date all county taxes are due:**

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

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE DUE DATE FOR TAXES OWED  
TO CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Camden County, Georgia, is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia authorizes in O.C.G.A. Sec. 48-5-150 that the governing authority of any county, with the approval of the tax commissioner, may provide by resolution that all taxes due the state or the county remaining unpaid either on November 15 or December 1 in such resolution shall bear interest at the rate specified in O.C.G.A. Sec. 48-2-40 from the date specified in the resolution. The tax commissioner shall collect the interest on the unpaid taxes and account for such interest in his or her final settlement; and

WHEREAS, the tax commissioner of Camden County, Georgia, has requested and approves of a due date of November 15 as the annual date for taxes due to the county beginning in 2001 and for years thereafter; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the annual date all taxes shall be due to the county shall be changed to November 15 effective in 2001 and for each year thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax commissioner is authorized and requested to communicate said tax deadline and to establish procedures necessary to accomplish those duties of tax collection required by Georgia Statute.

Resolved in open meeting this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000.

**10. Travel and purchasing policies:**

This item was tabled.

**10A. Contract with Satilla Construction for Health Department renovations:**

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to accept the contract with Satilla Construction for renovations at the Health Department Office in Kingsland in the amount of \$233,600.00.

(A copy of the contract is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

**11. Recess:**

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to recess the meeting until Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Becker  
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee  
Assistant County Administrator