

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

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 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 Lemon Dawson; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; County Administrator Barrett T. King; County Attorney O. Brent Green; and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee.

Chairman Becker convened the work session at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Travel policy and purchasing policy updates. Mike Fender, Finance Director, reviewed the policies, and the Commissioners agreed with the changes.

New Business:

1. Planning Commission Business. Tish Watson stated that all items were passed by the Planning Commission without any controversy.
2. Resolution for amending and restating the County retirement plan. Mike Fender stated that the plan was updated to meet certain state laws and to change the policy about forfeitures. Next year the forfeitures would be returned to the County to reduce the payment to the plan.

Commissioner Herrin asked that staff look into increasing the life insurance for County employees.

3. Temple Creek Bridge. Larry Lampe, Road Superintendent, explained that the condemnation of right-of-way, acceptance of right-of-way and easements, and the approval of the right-of-way agreement with D.O.T. would allow the County to get funds and go out to bid for the Temple Creek Bridge project.
4. Sheriff's Department request to move radio equipment to Woodbine. Charlie Easterling, Chief Deputy, explained that moving the radio equipment from the former E-911 center to EOC in Woodbine would save money and would allow the County to use the remodeled former E-911 Center for training and meetings. The cost would not exceed \$22,875.24.
5. Feasibility study for Mush Bluff water system. Barry King, County Administrator, stated that Jordan, Jones, and Goulding have submitted a proposal to prepare the feasibility study at a cost of \$7,500.00.
6. Bids for parking lot at new location for Tax Assessor's office. Barry King stated that the Tax Assessor's office is moving because their parking lot is needed for the new courthouse construction. The lot will consist of 35 parking spaces at a cost of \$15,300.00.

Commissioner Herrin stated that the parking lot should be constructed with steel reinforced concrete.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Board. Sandy Feller, Chairman of the Camden County Republican Committee, commended Chairman Becker and other Republican members of the Board, as well as Commissioner Dawson, for a job well done. Mr. Feller recommended the selection of Commissioner Becker as Chairman and Commissioner Hase as Vice Chairman when the new Board convenes on

January 2, 2001. Also, Mr. Feller wished to advise the Commissioners of an environmental alert. Privatization of our landfill could be a disaster. Privatization should not take place.

Patricia Varnadore, Hickory Bluff area resident, asked about the status of her variance request. Chairman Becker stated that the Planning Department is considering an overlay of territory to possibly give blanket exemption in that area. Mr. Vernon Copeland and Mr. Andy Evans stated that they have no objection to the overlay.

Chairman Becker concluded the work session at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Weisensee delivered the invocation.

Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call indicated all Commissioners present.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

2. Approval of minutes for December 5, 2000:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for December 5, 2000.

3. Travel policy and purchasing policy update:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Foddrell, and voted unanimously to approve the travel policy and purchasing policy guidelines as presented.

(The revised travel policy and purchasing policy are attached to these minutes.)

4. Planning Commission Business:

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

Old Business:

1. Sweeny, Fred – Proposed amendment concerning the keeping of certain types of livestock on residential property located in a primarily rural area. (Tabled)
2. Bluff Properties, Inc. final plat approval for a 2-lot subdivision on Price Road, map 125, a portion of parcel 1. (Approved)

New Business:

1. Robinson, Timothy – rezone A-F to A-R, 2 acres on Burnt Fort Road, map 37, a portion of parcel 74. (Approved)
2. Robinson, Timothy – final plat approval for a minor subdivision, map 37, a portion of parcel 74.
(Moved to approve the application providing any changes necessary the Planning and Building staff be completed prior to presentation to the Board of Commissioners.)
3. Bluff Properties – replat of lots 1, 2, and 3 of Hickory Bluff Retreat, map 125, parcel 4-A.
(Tabled at the request of the applicant.)

5. Resolution for amending and restating the County retirement plan:

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION FOR AMENDING AND RESTATING A
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners has employees rendering valuable services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners previously established a pension plan pursuant to the provision of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to continue to provide reasonable retirement security for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Pension Service Company has been selected to provide record keeping and administrative services for the Camden County Board of Commissioners Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioner appoints Pension Service Company to provide record keeping, employee education, and other technical and administrative services relating to the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to perform all acts and sign all documents necessary to put said plan into operation.

Adopted in legal assembly this 19th day of December 2000.

6. Temple Creek Bridge project – condemnation of right-of-way, acceptance of easements and right-of-way, and acceptance of agreement with the D.O.T.:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to condemn a 954 sq. ft. piece of property owned by Margaret Carper, Martin O. Gillette, Probate Judge, and Brenda Wainright, Tax Commissioner; to accept 1,354 sq. ft. of right-of-way from H. A. Horne; to accept drainage easements from Lillian Patricia M. Smith and Russell and Brenda Horne; and to accept the Department of Transportation County Right-of-Way Agreement for replacing existing bridge with Triple 9' x 7' Concrete Bridge Culvert, Greenville Road (CR55) @ Temple Creek, for a total length of 0.19 miles, Project Number PR55-4(039).

(Copies of agreements on file in the County Administrator's Office.)

7. Sheriff's Department request to move radio equipment:

The Sheriff's Department requested to move radio equipment from the former E-911 Center to the EOC in Woodbine for a not-to-exceed cost of \$22,875.24. The move would provide an annual savings of \$3,466.90. The former E-911 Center was remodeled at the Sheriff's office expense using seized assets. The facility would be turned over to the Board of Commissioners and would accommodate training and meeting areas for all agencies at the discretion of the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve moving the radio equipment from the former E-911 Center to the EOC in Woodbine for a not-to-exceed cost of \$22,875.24.

8. Feasibility study for Mush Bluff water system:

Jordan, Jones, and Goulding submitted a proposal to provide engineering services for master planning of water and wastewater services in the Mush Bluff area. The goal of this master planning effort is to identify potential future residential growth and therefore forecast future water and wastewater system needs.

Motion by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to approve the proposal as submitted by Jordan, Jones, and Goulding in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, for master planning of water and wastewater services in the Mush Bluff area.

9. Bids – parking lot for Tax Assessor’s Office:

The following bids were received:

Underground Utilities	(Asphalt)	\$18,300.00
Wayne Lowe Construction	(Concrete)	\$15,300.00
Camden Concrete	(Bid labor only)	

During discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have concrete construction and to allow up to \$18,300 for steel reinforced concrete.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to award the bid for the Tax Assessor’s parking lot to Wayne Lowe Construction at a cost not-to-exceed \$18,300 for steel reinforced concrete construction to be paid from the courthouse SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Foddrell and Commissioner Herrin thanked the citizens of Camden County and made statements about their accomplishments and how much they enjoyed serving on the Board of Commissioners.

10. Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Foddrell, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. (7:15 o’clock p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Becker,
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator