

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001, 6:00 P.M.  
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A recessed meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman Stephen L. Berry; Vice Chairman David L. Rainer; Commissioner Robert G. Becker; Commissioner Preston Rhodes; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; County Administrator Barrett T. King; County Attorney O. Brent Green; and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee.

Chairman Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Nancy Weisensee delivered the invocation.  
Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
The Roll Call indicated that all Commissioners were present.

**Agenda Amendments:**

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to amend the agenda by deleting Item 4 e. Resolution to amend the FY2000-2001 budget; and add Item 4 e. Liquor license application for Shonda Samuel.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:**

Chairman Berry presented a certificate of appreciation and a check to Vicki Aldridge, Office Manager at the Road Department, who was chosen as employee of the quarter. Chairman Berry thanked Mrs. Aldridge for her fine work and dedication.

**WORK SESSION:**

- **Introduction and brief discussion – Danny Maddox, Chief Ranger for Camden County Forestry.**

Chief Ranger Maddox stated that he has been with the Forestry Commission for eleven years. Mr. Maddox informed the Commissioners that he is looking forward to working with Camden County, and they are planning to build a green barrier between woodlands and the homes at Mariners Landing.

- **Office Space for Chamber of Commerce:**

Commissioner Becker gave a presentation regarding the benefits of the Chamber. Commissioner Becker stated that he would like the Chamber to have a contract with the county for use of the office space they occupy. Mr. King stated that the Chamber gets free office space from the county as well as the dues the county pays as a member of the Chamber. Mr. King stated that the office space is given in exchange for services rendered.

Commissioner Becker stated that he would like to add this item to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to add 4. f. Office Space for the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Hase stated that he would like to add item 4g. Funding for purchase of property at Harrietts Bluff Road and Highway 17.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer to add item 4g. Funding for purchase of property at Harrietts Bluff Road and Highway 17.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Sandy Feller stated that he read the response to Mr. Joe McDonough, the developer for the proposed Dover Bluff plan. Mr. Feller believes there is a conflict of interest that could cause a lawsuit, and some of the questions in the letter to Mr. McDonough were inappropriate.

Mr. Tom Turner thanked members of the Board of Commissioners and County staff for their support in participating in the Washington, D.C. fly-in to show our concern regarding the removal of two submarines from Kings Bay Submarine Base.

**1. Approval of minutes for March 12, 2001:**

Commissioner Rainer stated that he would like the minutes amended to reflect that he voted no on item 4f. Bids for three pumper fire trucks; and item 4g. Bids for two vac tankers.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for March 12, 2001, as amended.

**2. Reports:**

The Camden County Schools have asked for the Board of Commissioners to select five nominees for the Sex Education Curriculum Committee. They would like to receive the nominees by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Berry asked that the Commissioners have names of nominees ready for the next meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2001.

**3. Old Business:**

- a. Appointment to County Health Department Board:

Chairman Berry asked that the County Administrator run an ad in the newspaper for anyone interested in serving on the Health Department Board.

**4. New Business:**

- a. **Planning Commission Business:**

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, presented the minutes from the February 28, 2001, Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the following Planning Commission decisions:

(See action under Item 4 g. these minutes.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Alvin and Neveria Glover – rezone a small lot on Harrietts Bluff Road (map 81, parcel 421) from A-F to R-2. (Approved)
2. Privett & Associates as agents for William Gross, Lucinda Gross, and Barlowe & Marie Boyette – rezone 98.3 acres on east side of Haddock Road from A-F to R-1. (Approved)
3. Joe McDonough, Dover Bluff Golf and Marina Community – rezone and preliminary plat for development from Dover Bluff Road back to the Little Satilla River. (Approved)

Motion by Commissioner Becker to advertise the Enterprise Zone Ordinance. The motion died for lack of a second.

**b. Request for relief of tax penalty and interest:**

Mr. Bertram James requested relief of penalty and interest charged to him for past due tax bills for 1999 and 2000.

Attorney Green stated that the County cannot give relief of penalty and interest on taxes that have not been paid.

The Board of Commissioners requested that Mr. James pay his taxes before he asks for a relief of penalty and interest.

**c. Tax release applications:**

Doug Miles, Tax Assessor, stated that there were no unusual applications and recommended the Board approve the tax releases.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the tax release applications as submitted by the Tax Assessor.

**d. Appointment to Southeast Coastal Regional Board MH/MR/SA:**

This item was tabled until April 17, 2001. Chairman Berry requested that the Commissioners submit names to Nancy by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**e. Liquor license application from Shonda Samuel:**

Staff recommended that this license application be denied because the zoning does not permit a motor cycle club.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to deny the liquor license application from Shonda Samuel for the Southeast Performers, Inc., at 1606 Colerain Road.

**f. Office space for Chamber of Commerce:**

The Board requested Attorney Green to prepare an agreement for the next meeting on April 3, 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to request the County Attorney to draft an agreement for the Chamber of Commerce to use the County office space, currently occupied by the Chamber, for services rendered in lieu of rent, and establish six months notice from the County if the County requires the Chamber to move, and six months notice from the Chamber of Commerce if they plan to vacate the County office.

**g. Funding for purchase of property at Harrietts Bluff Road and Highway 17:**

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, to pay for property out of fire district funds and charge to other departments as they use it.

After discussion regarding the funding for the purchase of the property, Commissioner Hase withdrew his motion and Commissioner Rainer withdrew his second.

**Request from Joe McDonough's attorney:**

The attorney for Joe McDonough asked to speak to the Board regarding Item 3 under New Business in the February 28, 2001, Planning Commission minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase to add request from attorney to speak to the Board regarding Planning Commission business Item F (3) under New Business.

Commissioner Becker withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Hase withdrew the second.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to rescind the action taken for agenda Item 4a. Planning Commission Business.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to take the following action regarding Item 4a. Planning Commission Business: approve New Business items F (1) and F (2), and table item F(3) until the Board of Commissioners receives information from Mr. Joe McDonough's attorney.

**5. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation: (7:05 p.m.)**

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously that this Board now enters into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-15-4 and pursuant to advice by the County Attorney, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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.

**6. Reconvene:**

Chairman Berry signed the affidavit as required under O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b). The original copy of the signed affidavit is on file in the County Clerk's office, and a copy of the affidavit is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to reconvene the meeting. (7:33 p.m.)

Chairman Berry announced that there was no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**7. Adjournment:**

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioners Becker, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. (7:35 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry,  
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee  
Assistant County Administrator