

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A recessed meeting, public hearing for FY 2002 budget, and public hearing for status of County roads were held on Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia.

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

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 all Commissioners present except Commissioner Rainer.

6:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CAMDEN COUNTY ROADS:

Chairman Berry convened the Public Hearing for the status of County roads.

Several residents were present to address the Board regarding the County roads.

Mr. Charles Clark stated that the County has maintained Lindsey Lane for 20 years, and there is a dry hydrant at the end of the road. The County needs to look at ways to help the residents of the north end. Possibly the County could get maintenance easements in order to grade the roads occasionally.

Mr. Howard Davis stated that there are eight families on Oakwell Road at the end of Clark's Bluff. The road is only .10 miles, and it has been graded for 60 years. If the road is abandoned, does the County still provide fire protection, EMS, trash pick-up, and what about mail delivery?

Mr. Jeff Pace stated that the County should maintain Ferrow Crossing because several families live there.

Mr. Carter stated that if Douglas Fish Camp Road were abandoned, the residents would have to carry their trash 1.4 miles.

Chairman Berry stated that in order for the County to consider maintaining these roads the residents will need to donate an 80 ft. wide right of way in accordance with DOT specifications.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY2001-2002 BUDGET:

Chairman Berry convened the Public Hearing for the FY2001-2002 budget.

There were no comments from the general public.

Chairman Berry announced that the budget would be adopted at a Called Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2001.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Chairman Berry requested to add the Old School Committee Contract to the agenda as Item 4 l. Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to add to the agenda Item 4 l. Old Woodbine School Committee Contract.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jeff Fisher asked why mobile homes are allowed in R-1 Zone. Chairman Berry stated that this matter will be discussed during Planning Commission Business, and Mr. Fisher could address the Board at that time.

1. Approval of minutes for June 5, 2001:

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for June 5, 2001.

2. Reports:

a. Board Calendar

b. Status of Appointments

The Commissioners reviewed the Board Calendar and Status of Appointments with Nancy Weisensee.

c. EMS Protocol

Chief Danny Daniels stated that his staff has evaluated EMS calls. In order to help with budget cuts and decrease the public's perception of sending too many vehicles to an emergency, the EMS will not automatically send a fire engine as before. The

situation will be evaluated to determine if there is a need for a fire engine, such as a heart attack, or other serious incident. A fire engine will always go with an ambulance to the north end because of the distance and time involved.

d. **Code Enforcement**

County Administrator Barry King stated that the County would begin stepping up enforcement of the Code. The Code is available for review by the general public at the library, the County Administrator's Office, and can be seen on the Internet at www.municode.com. The major areas to be stepped up are animal control, litter and dumping, building and zoning activities, junkyards, signs, marsh encroachments, and business licenses.

3. Old Business:

a. Appointment – Southeast Coastal Regional MH/MR/SA:

Chairman Berry stated that Dr. Bryan Warren volunteered to serve on the Regional Board, and Dr. Warren is very well qualified to represent Camden County. Dr. Warren would finish the term of Linda Schneider, which ends on July 31, 2001, and then continue serving for a three-year term.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Bryan Warren to the Southeast Coastal Regional Board MH/MR/SA for a term of three years, ending July 31, 2004.

4. New Business:

a. Schedule Called Meeting and Budget Adoption for June 26, 2001, 6:00 p.m. and cancel July 3, 2001, Commissioners' Meeting:

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to schedule a Called Meeting and budget adoption for June 26, 2001, 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, and cancel the July 3, 2001, Commissioners' Meeting.

b. Quit claim deed to Craig Peeples for portion of property on Highway 40:

Mr. Craig Peeples requested the County to quit claim a 40 ft x 428.98 ft ingress-egress easement along a road that runs parallel with Highway 40 in front of Wholesale Housing, adjacent to the Torpedoes Restaurant. The Road Department and Planning and Building have reviewed the request and recommend approval.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve a quitclaim deed to Mr. Craig Peeples for a 40 ft x 428.98 ft ingress-egress easement along the road that parallels Highway 40 in front of Mr. Peeples' property.

c. Acceptance of deed from Terry and Bernice Brown for right of way on Vacuna Road:

Terry and Bernice Brown have agreed to deed .095 acres of right of way on Vacuna Road to Camden County.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to accept the deed from Terry and Bernice Brown for right of way on Vacuna Road.

d. Maintenance in lieu of rent agreement:

A Maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement was received from the Department of Human Resources for their office space at the Ralph Bunch Complex in Woodbine. The DHR will pay the county \$1,309.77 per month for FY2001-2002.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the Maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement for FY2001-2002 in the amount of \$1,309.77 per month.

(A copy of the signed agreement is on file in the County Administrator's Office and the Finance Department.)

e. Resolution to amend Article Ten of the Camden County Subdivision Regulations and Article Fourteen of the Zoning Ordinance:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, reviewed the new schedule of fees with the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Article Ten of the Subdivision Regulations and Article Fourteen of the Zoning Ordinance.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE TEN OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners that Article 10 of the Camden County Subdivision Regulations is hereby amended as follows and effective July 1, 2001:

CATEGORY	FEE
<u>Preliminary Plat Review</u>	
1 – 9 lots	\$40/lot
10 – 29 lots	\$400 + \$20 per lot over 10
30 – 49 lots	\$820 + \$15 per lot over 30
50 or more lots	\$1,240 + \$12 per lot over 50

Final Plat Review

1 – 29 lots	\$200.00
30 – 49 lots	\$500.00
50 or more lots	\$1,000.00

Engineering Review Fees

Site Plan Review	
1 – 9 lots	\$500.00
10 – 29 lots	\$600 + \$50 per lot over 10
30 – 49 lots	\$1,600 + \$50 per lot over 30
50 or more lots	\$2,600 + \$25 per lot over 50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners that Article 14 of the Camden County Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows and effective July 1, 2001:

CATEGORY	FEE
<u>Special Use Permit</u>	
Major Home Occupation	\$ 75.00
Stadium or Racetrack	\$ 500.00
Communication Towers	\$ 500.00
Radio or TV stations	\$ 500.00
Mining Operations	\$ 500.00
Commercial Kennel	\$ 250.00
Medical Facilities/Offices	\$ 250.00
Service Stations	\$ 500.00
Eating/Drinking Facilities	\$ 500.00
Public Utilities	\$ 500.00
Outdoor Display/Sales	\$ 250.00
Veterinary Clinics	\$ 250.00
Drive-In Theaters	\$ 500.00
Churches	\$ 500.00
Banks	\$ 500.00
Business Offices	\$ 500.00
Plant Nurseries	\$ 500.00
Retail Businesses	\$ 500.00
Processing/Manufacturing with Obnoxious conditions	\$1,500.00

Salvage Yard	\$1,500.00
Commercial Airfields	\$1,500.00

<u>Temporary Permit</u>	\$ 50.00
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Rezoning

Residential Property	n/a
Residential Property less than 10 acres	\$ 150.00
Residential Property 10 acres or more	\$ 250.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 300 + \$20 per acre

Variance

Residential/Rural	\$ 200.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 500.00

Adopted in legal assembly this 19th day of June 2001.

f. Planning Commission business:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, reviewed the May 30, 2001, Planning Commission business:

Ingram, Phyllis – Rezone from AF to AR, 11.5 acres located at the intersection of Highway 17 and Scarlett Lane, parcel 3-A on zoning/tax map 97. (Approved 5-0)

Marr, Ralph – Rezone from AF and Manufactured Home Park to AR of 10.6 acres on Marr Road, parcel 5 on zoning/tax map 22. (Approved 5-0)

Sims, Vanessa – Applying for major home occupation in a R-1 zone for day care facility of not more than six children, at 4375 Harrietts Bluff Road, parcel 62 on zoning/tax map 105-A. (Approved 3-2)

Pace, Ronald – Final plat approval for Pace Subdivision, two lots in A-R zone on Ferrow Crossing Road, parcel 25-E on zoning/tax map 74. (Approved 5 – 0 contingent upon letter from Middleton Estate stating they have no objection to both parcels having ingress/egress on Ferrow Crossing road, to be on file prior to the June 19, 2001, Board of Commissioners’ meeting. (Frank Etheridge stated that he has the letter from the Middleton Estate.)

Mr. Jeff Fisher, a resident of Harrietts Bluff Road, asked why mobile homes are allowed in R-1 zones. Mr. Fisher gave the Commissioners pictures of mobile homes on Harrietts Bluff Road that he believes should not be allowed in the R-1 zone. Mr. Fisher also stated that he objects to the Simms’ application for a day care center because of the increased traffic, and he believes a day care center should not be allowed in the R-1 zone where he lives.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the Ingram, Marr, and Pace applications as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the Simms’ application for a special use permit for day care contingent upon the removal of the day care sign, and the Simms must fence in their yard.

g. Camden County Fixed Assets Policy:

Mike Fender, Finance Director, discussed the fixed assets policy with the Board. Mr. Fender stated that this policy is needed because of the ever-increasing property acquired by the County.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to adopt the Camden County Fixed Assets Policy as recommended by the Finance Director.

(A copy of the Fixed Assets Policy is on file in the County Administrator’s Office and is enclosed as Attachment #1 to these minutes.)

h. Resolution to amend the budget resolution:

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the resolution to amend the 2000-2001 fiscal budget resolution as follows:

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 in General Government to allow for the increase in pay for Commissioners;

That the above transaction can be fulfilled by changing the following budget accounts in the General Fund:

Budget Account	Adopted Budget	Net Change	Proposed Budget
1500-52.1100	\$ 46,600	\$ 6,900	\$ 53,500
1505-57.3000	\$159,925	(\$ 6,900)	\$153,025

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 June, 2001.

i. Acceptance of DNR grant for Historic Resources Survey:

Darren Harper, Historical Librarian, discussed the Department of Natural Resources grant in the amount of \$5,500 to help pay for a historical resources survey for unincorporated Camden County. Mr. Harper stated that there could be a County share in the amount of \$1,375.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to accept the grant in the amount of \$5,500 contingent upon there being no share paid by the County. (See 06/26/01 minutes.)

j. Tax release applications:

The Tax Assessor submitted a list of tax release applications and recommended approval. The Tax Commissioner has reviewed and approved the applications.

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

(A list of the tax release applications is enclosed as Attachment #2 to these minutes.)

k. Bids:

1. Submersible Pump

Bids for a submersible pump for the Solid Waste Department were received as follows:

Neff Rental
Brunswick, GA \$26,800.00

Myers/Seth Pumps, Inc.
Jacksonville, FL No Bid Submitted

Cormier Equipment Corp.
Brunswick, GA No Bid Submitted

United Rentals
Kingsland, GA Rejected

Lannie Brant, Landfill Director, recommended acceptance of the bid from Neff Rental.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the bid from Neff Rental in the amount of \$26,800.00 for a submersible pump for the Solid Waste Department.

2. Emergency Vehicles:

Four ambulances are needed as part of the CAPE plan. The ambulances will be paid for through a lease purchase agreement.

The bids for four Emergency Vehicles (Ambulances) were received as follows:

Wheeled Coach \$131,171.00 ea. \$524,684.00 total
Orlando, FL

Innovative Coachwork Oakwood, OH	\$151,099.00	\$604,396.00
Emergency-One Tifton, GA	\$151,680.00	\$606,720.00
Medic Master Sanford, FL	\$140,000.00	\$560,000.00

Chief Danny Daniels recommended the second lowest bidder, Medic Master, because the low bidder, Wheeled Coach, did not meet many of the bid specifications, some of which are critical.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to accept the bid from Medic Master in the amount of \$560,000 for four ambulances to be paid for through a lease purchase agreement.

I. Old Woodbine School Renovation Committee Agreement:

The Old School Renovation Committee has requested the Board of Commissioners to extend their agreement with the County for another year, to be in force until June 30, 2002. The wording of the agreement has not changed. Attorney Green stated that he has no problem with the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the extension of the Old Woodbine School Renovation Committee agreement until June 30, 2002.

(A signed copy of the agreement is on file in the County Administrator's Office.)

5. Adjournment: (7:45 o'clock p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator