

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 4, 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 Preston Rhodes; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; Commissioner Robert G. Becker; 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 all Commissioners present.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Barry King announced that Camden County has received an award for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. King stated that this is the highest award for financial accounting and he is very proud of Finance Director Mike Fender and his staff. An official presentation will be scheduled when the plaque is received.
- Family Connection
Celenda Perry gave a presentation regarding the Family Connection Program in Camden County. Mrs. Perry stated that she would like the Commissioners to show their support for Family Connection by appointing one of the Commissioners to serve on a Board that will plan for reinstating the Program. There is state funding available for this Program.
- Preliminary Design of Courthouse Square
Craig Buckley, Buckley and Associates, presented proposed plans for the design of the Courthouse area to take place over the next five years. The total cost for all proposed improvements will be \$12,000,000, including the new Courthouse. The County has \$9,500,000 and would need to add another \$2,500,000 from the next SPLOST in order to complete all proposed improvements.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Berry asked for the following agenda amendments:

Add Item 5. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matter; add Discussion of Camden County Library to Work Session; and delete Item 4c. Request from Sylvia Stanley for refund of tax penalty and interest.

Motion by Commissioner Rainer, seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve the agenda amendments as requested by the Chairman.

WORK SESSION;

- List of roads to abandon

Ms. Razer asked the Commissioners about maintenance of her private lane off of Billyville Road. Chairman Berry stated that the County cannot take equipment onto private property.

Mr. Lewis asked the county to research Old Dixie Road to determine ownership. Mr. Lewis stated that he is paying taxes on property that includes Old Dixie Road. Chairman Berry asked Road Department personnel to research this matter.

Commissioner Rainer stated that he is not in favor of abandoning some of the roads that have been maintained for several years, but he understands that it is illegal for the County to maintain private roads.

- Discussion of County Library

Chairman Berry announced that there have been several serious accusations made concerning the management of the County Library. Chairman Berry asked the Commissioners about having a public hearing to find out if there is evidence to back up the accusations.

The Board of Commissioners set a date for a public hearing to investigate allegations regarding the management of the County Library to be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Camden County Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jorene Lavender stated that she would like to see more improvements at Maple Ford Park, and she is asking once again to use the old Tarboro voting building as a place to distribute clothing to the needy. Ms. Lavender stated that she is happy about the proposed plans for the Old Woodbine School.

Pat Sullivan addressed the Board regarding her problem with her neighbor, Larry Linker. Mr. Linker was allowed to build on a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lot, and he is infringing on her property. Mr. Linker stated that he has tried to be careful not to cross his property line while clearing the land. Chairman Berry responded that this is a private matter between Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Linker.

1. Approval of minutes for August 21, 2001:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for August 21, 2001.

2. Reports:

Nancy Weisensee reviewed the status of appointments and the Board calendar.

3. Old Business:

(No Old Business)

4. New Business:

a. List of roads to abandon:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners declares the following roads to be abandoned:

Bradham Road	Lost Acres Court
Bullhead Bluff Fish Camp Area	McKinnon Road
Cornelia Lane	Oakwell Road
Daniels Road	Ocean Breeze Drive
David Drive	Old Oak Road
Deerwood Creek Road	Paulk Lane
Douglas Fish Camp Road	Price Road
Ferrow Crossing	Rising Daughter
Fields Road	Scarlet Drive
Floyd Williams Road	Silco Loop

Hannah Lane
Horsestamp Drive
Joe Miller Road
Latrell Road
Lewis Road
Lindsey Lane
Henrietta Drive
Trader Lane

Taft Street
Tatum Drive
Temple Creek Road (south end)
Turner Road
Williams Place
Sheffield Cemetery Road
Sheffield Court

b. Resolutions to renew E-911 charges for telephones and wireless communications:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE A WIRELESS
ENHANCED 911 CHARGE ON WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS WITHIN
CAMDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Camden County, Georgia presently operates an Emergency 911 System, and

WHEREAS, Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended by Act No. 881, Georgia Laws 1998, authorizes local governments to impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the jurisdiction of the local government, and

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed at a rate of up to \$1.00 per month per wireless connection, and

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed by any local government that operates or contracts for the operation of an emergency 911 system which is capable of providing automatic number identification of wireless telecommunications connections and the location of the base station or cell site, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the question of imposing a wireless enhanced 911 charge in Camden County, Georgia, on July 7, 1998,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Camden County, Georgia, that the necessity for the wireless enhanced 911 service charge be reaffirmed and imposed upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the jurisdiction of Camden County, Georgia, at the rate of \$1.00 per month per wireless connection provided to each telephone subscriber.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to each wireless service supplier providing service in Camden County, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted by the governing authority of Camden County, Georgia, on the 4th day of September, 2001.

RESOLUTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A
MONTHLY 911 EMERGENCY ANSWERING SERVICE CHARGE

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the public interest to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, provisions for a 911 emergency number through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained provides a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by making it easier to notify public safety

personnel, and such a simplified means of procuring emergency services results in the saving of lives, a reduction in the destruction of property and quicker apprehension of criminals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) 46-5-133 (a) and (b) (1) B, and a public hearing having been held on December 12, 1991, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved and authorized the imposition of a monthly 911 emergency answering charge in the amount of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) upon subscribers whose exchange access lines are in the areas of Camden County served or which would be served by the 911 emergency answering service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subscribers shall be billed for the monthly 911 emergency answering service effective January 1, 1992, and that the Camden County Board of Commissioners, by resolution, reaffirms the necessity for the 911 emergency answering service charge beginning with the thirteenth month following the month in which 911 system service is first provided and during such month annually thereafter.

ADOPTED IN LEGAL ASSEMBLY this 4th day of September, 2001.

5. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matter:

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 land acquisition and personnel matter.

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:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to reconvene the meeting.

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

Chairman Berry announced that no action is necessary as a result of the executive session.

7. Recess: (8:10 o'clock p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to recess the meeting until Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator