

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A recessed meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 18, 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 Robert G. Becker; Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase; County Attorney O. Brent Green; Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee. (County Administrator Barrett T. King was called to Army reserve duty.)

Chairman Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The invocation was delivered by Nancy Weisensee.
Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The roll call indicated all Commissioners present.

PRESENTATION: Camden County Fire Rescue presented a check for over \$13,000 that was collected over the past weekend the New York City firefighters for disaster relief.

PUBLIC HEARING: Teresa Concannon, of the Coastal Georgia RDC, presented the draft of the Camden County Flood Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify areas of the County with the greatest exposure to flood damage and develop a strategy to mitigate these risks. The plan will be used to apply for an increase in the number of Community Rating System points available to Camden County. The CRS points could lead to reduced flood insurance premiums for residents of Camden County. The plan is partially funded by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Camden County's share is \$5,200.00 to match a \$19,000 grant from FEMA.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to add Procedures for Library Hearing to the Work Session.
Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to add Item 4k. Cancel October 2, 2001, Commissioners Meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to add 4l. Procedures for setting millage rate.

WORK SESSION:

- **Procedures for Library Hearing on Wednesday, September 19, 2001**

The Commissioners agreed to:
Have a roster for those who wanted to address the Board
Limit the discussion to the facts and not include hearsay
Authorize Chairman Berry to keep the testimony on target, and
Tape record the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paula Lang addressed the Board regarding her request for an exception to the subdivision regulations. Attorney Green suggested that Ms. Lang use the division of estate option and she would not need an exception. Ms. Lang agreed to look into the division of estate option.

Don Mounsey asked what the County is doing with property purchased at Highway 17 and Harrietts Bluff Road. Mr. Mounsey stated that the proposed use of \$2.5 million in the next SPLOST for renovation of the Old Woodbine School, etc., could be better used elsewhere. Mr. Mounsey asked about the 1.5 mills for funding the PSA.

1. Approval of minutes for August 31, 2001, and September 4, 2001:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for August 31, 2001, and September 4, 2001.

2. Reports:

Nancy Weisensee reported to the Board on the status of appointments and the Board calendar for October.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorization to renew all valid, existing liquor licenses:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to authorize the Assistant County Administrator to renew all valid, existing liquor, and malt beverage and wine licenses as renewal applications for said licenses are received.

b. Condemnation of right of way on Vacuna Road:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Camden County has laid out and determined to construct a certain County road or highway as part of the Camden County Road System to the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No. 61-L(039) Vacuna Road paving project, condemnation of right of way, parcel 1: 1480.63 feet of frontage, more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Board of Commissioners of Camden County, Georgia, Courthouse Square, Woodbine, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of Camden County, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS the parcels(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project.

PARCEL	OWNER	TAKING	ANNEX
1	Eva Alice Simpson Kramer Martin O. Gillette, Probate Judge Brenda Wainright, Tax Commissioner	1.092 acres	

NOW THEREFORE it is found by the Board of Commissioners of Camden County that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-319; and

IT IS ORDERED that Camden County proceed to acquire the title, estate, or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney for Camden County, is authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate, or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

This 18th day of September 2001.

c. Constitution Week:

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

PROCLAMATION

**CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2001**

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and the posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to effectively support, preserve, and defend it against all enemies; and

WHEREAS, the two hundred fourteenth anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements of the Framers of the Constitution and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities they afforded us in this unique document; and

WHEREAS, the independence guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as designated by the proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioner does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Camden County, Georgia, and urges all citizens to reflect during that week on the many benefits of our Federal Constitution and the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Camden County to be affixed this 18th day of September 2001.

d. Contract for G.I.S. Phase II:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, explained the G.I.S. Phase II contract. The scope of work includes coordination in acquiring 1999 aerial photography from the Georgia Clearinghouse at a cost of \$9,000 to be paid directly by the County to the Clearinghouse; preparation of a land use map; assist the County in collecting wet and dry hydrant location data; prepare zoning maps using the digital parcel map base; road centerline data and bridge data; set up a connection between the digital map database with the County's building permit database; and provide the County with data layers to be used in conjunction with permitting and plan implementation activities including floodplain, wetland, hydrology, and hypsography data.

The total compensation to RDC for Phase II is \$15,000 minus financial assistance from DCA in the amount of \$3,750, for a total of \$11,250.00.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the contract with the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for G.I.S. Phase II in the amount of \$15,000.00 minus financial assistance from DCA in the amount of \$3,750.00, for a total of \$11,250.00.

(A signed copy of the G.I.S. Phase II contract is on file in the County Administrator's office.)

e. Contract for Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Ms. Teresa Concannon, of Coastal Georgia RDC, did a presentation regarding the Flood Mitigation Plan during the public hearing at the beginning of this meeting.

Mr. York Phillips, of Coastal Georgia RDC, explained the draft of the Flood Mitigation Plan for Camden County and asked that the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution to send the Plan to GEMA for review.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase to postpone this matter until October 16, 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase to rescind the motion to postpone until October 16, 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the contract with Coastal Georgia RDC for the Flood Mitigation Plan at a cost of \$5,200.00, approve the following amendment to the budget to pay the \$5,200.00 from the contingency account, and adopt the resolution that follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2001-2002 FISCAL BUDGET
RESOLUTION FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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 for the purpose of funding the matching grant for Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan,
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
1506-52.1213	\$ 20,300	\$ 5,200	\$ 25,500
1505-57.3000	\$350,000	(\$5,200)	\$344,800

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 18th day of September 2001.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Camden County has been faced with flooding and drainage problems from time to time, which problems have resulted in flooding to property and buildings, disruption of business and traffic, and have presented a general public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS Camden County has worked with the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center on the development of a Flood Mitigation Plan to help identify flooding problems and solutions; and

WHEREAS Camden County desires to investigate the opportunity for reducing flood insurance rates to its citizens by participating in the Community Rating System (CRD); and

WHEREAS Camden County desires the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to review and comment on the Flood Mitigation Plan so that the County may consider a final plan for adoption and implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners:

1. That the Flood Mitigation Plan is hereby approved for GEMA review; and
2. That GEMA is requested to review the plan and return its comments to the County for further consideration.

ADOPTED IN LEGAL ASSEMBLY this 18th day of September 2001.

f. Planning Commission Business:

Frank Etheridge, Planning and Building Director, recommended approval of Planning Commission business as follows:

1. Welchman, Betty J., final plat approval for Double JJ Ranch, a three-lot subdivision on Powerline Path, parcel 16 on zoning/tax map 78. (Approved with stipulation that corrections are made to the plat.)
2. Paul, Willis, a variance of 1.8 feet from the rear-yard setback as required by Sec. 601 D. of the zoning ordinance, property at 91 Mallard Pointe Drive. (Approved)
3. Padgett, Chuck, final plat approval for Mossy Oak Subdivision, a three-lot subdivision in an A-F zoning district, parcel 22-EE on county zoning map 86. (Approved)
4. Waverly Farms Replat No. 2, a replat of lot 9-A dividing it into 4 lots with a minimum area of ten acres per lot, parcel 7 on zoning/tax map 86.

(Approved with stipulation that revisions be complete prior to presentation to the CCBC.)

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the Planning Commission business as recommended.

g. Acceptance of easements and right of way for Hampton Point Subdivision and Settlers Bluff Subdivision:

Larry Lampe, Road Department Superintendent, stated that both subdivisions have been inspected and they do meet the County's requirements. Mr. Lampe recommended acceptance of the easements and right of way for Hampton Point Subdivision and Settlers Bluff Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Rainer, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to accept the easements and right of way for Hampton Point Subdivision and Settlers Bluff Subdivision.

h. Acceptance of right of way agreement for culverts at White Oak Swamp:

Larry Lampe, Road Department Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that the County has received the right of way agreement for the DOT to assist the County in a project for replacement of existing 48-inch storm drain pipe at White Oak Creek, and replacement of rip rap at the bridge over White Oak Swamp designated as Project Number PR 139-2 (039). The County will provide 80' – 100' of existing right of way that is necessary for proper construction and maintenance.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the right of way agreement for the DOT to assist the County in a project for replacement of storm drain pipe at White Oak Creek and replacement of rip rap at the bridge over White Oak Swamp.

i. Library Board appointments:

Shauna Spann and Tommy Gregory resigned from the Camden County Library Board. Ms. Spann's term ends on June 30, 2003, and Tommy Gregory's term ends on June 30, 2002.

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously that Melinda Mullis be appointed to replace Shauna Spann, term ending June 30, 2003; and David Rainer be appointed to replace Tommy Gregory, term ending June 30, 2002.

j. Resolution regarding terrorist attacks in America:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND
CONDEMNING COWARDLY ACTS OF TERRORISM**

WHEREAS on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists; and

WHEREAS these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft; crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS thousands of innocent Americans were killed or injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders; and

WHEREAS these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States of America; and by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve; and

WHEREAS these horrific events have affected all Americans, it is important that we carry on with our regular activities and not allow terrorism to break our spirit, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States to stand tall and proud; and

WHEREAS the Camden County Board of Commissioners condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners supports the President of the United States as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest donation center.

Adopted in legal assembly this 18th day of September 2001.

k. Cancel October 2, 2001, Commissioners' Meeting:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to cancel the October 2, 2001, Commissioners' Meeting.

l. Procedure for setting millage rate:

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted to advertise and hold three public hearings as follows: Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Becker voted yea.

Commissioner Hase voted yea.

Commissioner Rhodes voted yea.

Commissioner Rainer voted no.

5. Adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition: (7:45 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Hase, 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.

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: (8:10 p.m.)

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

Chairman Berry signed the affidavit, and a copy is attached to these minutes. The original copy of the affidavit is on file in the County Clerk's office.

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

7. Adjournment: (8:15 p.m.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator