

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A recessed meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 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; Commissioners Kenneth G. Hase; Robert G. Becker; and Preston Rhodes; County Attorney O. Brent Green; County Administrator Barrett T. King and Assistant County Administrator Bill Shanahan.

Chairman Berry called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Shanahan delivered the invocation.

Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

No Presentations

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Motioned by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rainer and voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add "CDBG Application Approval" as item j.

Motioned by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rainer and voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add "Initial discussion on SPLOST" as item k.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. King discussed the SPLOST meeting held March 18, 2002, at the City of Woodbine City Hall. Mr. King advised the Board that the SPLOST list had been updated based on the meeting. These changes are as follows:

- Combining all roads, bridges and drainage projects into a single category for the county;
- Equalizing the proportion of revenue between Kingsland and St. Marys; and
- Creation of a final list, by cities, for presentation to the Board by 04/15/02.

Mr. King also said that the staff would prepare contracts, based on the final SPLOST list, as required by the statute to accommodate the funding of the various projects prior to the County's official resolution. The Commission will call for a referendum on June 4, 2002. The resolution for referendum will be delivered to the election superintendent by June 11, and formal notification will be published during the four successive weeks prior to the election, which is scheduled August 20, 2002. Mr. King then asked that the minutes reflect that the official SPLOST meeting was held June 18, 2002.

The commissioners discussed SPLOST for 25 minutes and identified the following issues they had with the SPLOST list:

- 70% of the list is identified for capital improvement projects.
- At least 50% should be designated for roads, bridges, and drainage.
- The old Court House renovations total cost is \$4.5 million.
- Why construct new buildings?
- Can we work with the municipalities on roads and drainage to save money?

The Board discussed a plan to allocate \$5,050,000 of the SPLOST monies to roads, bridges, and drainage problems within the county. The Board called for two public hearings; April 2 and April 4, 2002, to gain more public input. Each Commissioner agreed to submit any proposed new list to the staff by Friday, March 29.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Chuck Cooper, Commander, Camden Mounted Rifles, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 737 requested that the Board issue a proclamation proclaiming the month of April as a Confederate Heritage and History Month. The action was not on the 03/19/02 agenda.

Ms. Juanita Johnson recommended the Board keep the Ralph Bunche Buildings on the SPLOST list. She then requested the drainage pipe, already under the road adjacent to her property, be extended through her property (underground drainage) to the marsh.

Mr. Sanford Feller said he opposes the current SPLOST list, but would vote for the SPLOST list if all of the money were committed to roads, bridges, and drainage. He recommended renovating county buildings little by little, using property tax to pay for them. Mr. Sanford also wondered if the County would actually be pumping sewer water to Glynn County. He then said that if the county wants development, it needs to re-think tax incentives for commercial projects, get water into the county.

Mr. Prevatte Lawrence recommended that the Board increase sales tax to 6.5% and do away with Ad Valorem taxes. He also felt the SPLOST program should be used to reduce the Ad Valorem tax.

Ms. Sara Small asked what the priority was for getting drainage relief for Jack Small Road. She said when it rains the storm water flows across the road. She also said that Mr. Bond was willing to give the county the right-of-ways needed to take care of this problem.

1. Approval of minutes for March 5, 2002:

Motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Hase and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for March 5, 2002.

2. Reports:

Mr. King reviewed the Board Calendar for March and April.

Chairman Berry requested a series of budget hearings for the Board to hear from Constitutional Officers, and Elected and Appointed Boards and Officials. The Board choose April 8 (Probate Court, Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Court and Board of Registrar), April 10 (Sheriff), April 18 (Board of Assessors, Library Board, Magistrate Court, District Attorney, and Superior Court), and Administration during the month of May. The Board also directed Mr. King to ensure the Constitutional Officers submitted their initial budgets by Thursday, March 28.

Mr. King then notified the Board that, except for the Sheriff's department, all recommended cuts had been made to the budget for the current fiscal year. He said that a 4.5% cut was required from the Sheriff, Jail, and E-911, to meet the Commissioner's budgetary goal. He was directed to notify the Sheriff and to make the necessary cuts.

3. OLD BUSINESS: NA

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Declaration of Surplus Equipment:

Motioned by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Hase and voted unanimously to surplus the equipment identified as both retired and no longer useable by Camden County.

b. Resolution: Authorize the Solid Waste Management Authority the ability to issue Landfill Revenue Bonds for the purchase of the Durango Landfill:

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Becker and voted to approve authorizing the Solid Waste Management Authority to issue Landfill Revenue Bonds for the purchase of the Durango Landfill.

So Voted 3-0-1 to Accept

Mr. Becker – Yea

Mr. Rhodes – Yea

Mr. Rainer – Yea

Mr. Hase – Abstain

c. Planning Commission Business:

Motioned by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rhodes and voted unanimously to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendations as stated.

Approve a rezoning from Mobile Home Park (M-H) to Commercial-General (C-G) of 2 acres located on Price Road. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 14 on Zoning/Tax Map 125.

Approve a rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Residential – 2 (R-2) of 1 acre located on the north side of Harrietts Bluff Road, west of I-95. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 40 on Zoning/Tax Map 81.

Approve a rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Commercial-Interchange (C-I) of 37.7 acres of the north side of Harrietts Bluff Road, east of I-95. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 1 on Zoning/Tax Map 93.

Approve a rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Industrial-General (I-G) of 99.52 (+/-) located on the westerly right-of-way of Kinlaw Road, north of Crooked River. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 7 on Zoning/Tax Map 94.

Approved a rezoning Commercial-Interchange (C-I) to Industrial-General (I-G) of 21.61 acres located south of Harrietts Bluff Road between Old Still Road and the west right-of-way of I-95. The property is identified as a portion of Parcel 42 on Zoning/Tax Map 93.

Approved a rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Agriculture-Residential (A-R) of 5.5 acres located on the easterly bank of the Satilla River, north of the Douglas Fish Camp Road. The property is identified as lot number 4 of South Land Satilla Club Subdivision and is shown as Parcel 26-B on Zoning/Tax Map 5.

Final Plat approval for the Sarah D. Buie Subdivision. The property is identified as parcel 3 on Zoning/Tax Map 8.

d. Bid: Engineering Services Lampadoshia and Escott

Motioned by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Hase and voted unanimously to accept the bid proposed by P&A Engineering, Inc., not to exceed \$25,200, for engineering services on Lampadoshia and Escott roads.

e. Bid: County Annex Roof

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Becker and voted unanimously to accept the sole bid by B.R.C., Inc, \$14,025, for the County Annex Roof project.

f. Authority to Sign Deeds for Colerain Road and Kings Bay Road

Motioned by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rainer and voted unanimously to allow the Chairman to sign the transfer of right-of-way deeds regarding the City of St. Marys' portion of Colerain Road and Kings Bay Road, and the City of Kingsland's portion of Colerain Road, also known as Laurel Island Parkway, and Kings Bay Road as approved during the December 27, 2001, Commission Meeting.

g. Correction of Tax Billing, Atlanta Gas Light

Motioned by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Becker and voted unanimously to authorize Brenda Wainright, Tax Commissioner, to correct the tax billing for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 and a bookkeeping entry to relieve the balance due in the amount of \$16,775.04 for Atlanta Gas Light Co.

h. Finance Policy Change

Motioned by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Becker and voted to approve the recommended changes in the County Finance Policy as defined in Amendment #2 to the Operating Budget and Fund Equity Policies. The Policy amended to establish a fund balance of 3.5 months' operating costs and a budgeted contingency each year of 5 percent of the total operating budget.

So Voted 3 -1 to Accept
Mr. Becker – Yea
Mr. Rhodes – Yea
Mr. Hase – Yea
Mr. Rainer – Nay

i. Second Reading to Amend Appendix B, Zoning Regulations and Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia:

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rainer and voted unanimously to waive the second reading and adopt the Ordinance to amend Appendix B, Zoning Regulations and Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

The purpose of this ordinance is to clarify portions of the Code and to continue to provide for the best use of property promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the people of Camden County.

j. Authorization of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rainer and voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution authorizing the county to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for the Ralph Bunche Complex.

k. Initial Discussion on SPLOST

Tabled due to previous discussion on this issue.

I. Adjournment: (8:08 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase and voted unanimously to recess the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Bill Shanahan
Assistant County Administrator