

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, June 18, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 18, 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 to order at 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Tommy Sikes, Burnt Fort Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.
Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The roll call indicated that all Commissioners were present.

PRESENTATION:

No Presentations

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to amend the agenda as follows:

- New Business: g., Add Final Plat Approval for Bristol Hammock Subdivision.
- Work Session: Add SPLOST contract discussion

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Berry opened the floor for discussion by inviting any comments concerning the FY 03, Camden County Budget. A general discussion, conducted by both the Board and County Residents, on the budget process, funding, budget size, Zero Based Budgeting, Ad Valorem Tax increases, oversight committees, and ways to cut the budget ensued. The discussion ended with the Board stating they were ready to vote.

Mr. King reported to the Board there was no record of Chaney Road ever appearing in the minutes of Camden County Commission and it is a private road. In addition, although the county did declare Turkey Run Road a public road, it did so without easements or access to it. Joe Chaney, Chaney Road, stated he remembered a past Board discussing Chaney Road during an Executive Session and volunteered to research the matter. The Board discussed several options on how the County could legally work on the roads. Mr. Rhodes ended the discussion by thanking Mr. King for conducting the research he requested.

Mr. King presented a draft copy of the Sign Ordinance to the Board. He reminded them this was the second time the Ordinance had come before the Board. Mr. King, and Mr. Green, advised the Board the ordinance will pass the constitutional test and is uniform with county municipalities. Mr. Green suggested the county form a committee, with the municipalities, to create a county/city Sign Ordinance. Mr. Berry concluded the discussion by reminding the Board the ordinance was still in draft form.

Mr. Green advised the Board he was still writing the SPLOST Contract. The Board discussed the following: needed changes to the contract, distribution of interest, and how to distribute the funds equally among the municipalities ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Carolyn Koski, 1450 Clarks Bluff Road, requested an update of the county's actions in attempting to reduce the speed limit on Clarks Bluff Road from 45 mph to 35 mph. Mr. King discussed the County's options, based on the DOT's response to his request for information. Mr. William Terrell, Public Affairs Officer, Sheriffs Department advised the Board he would contact the Sheriff and request a police vehicle to ride the Clarks Bluff Road and evaluate the situation.

Mr. Robert N. Hazouri, 1456 Escott Road, informed the Board he objected to the proposed plan for Escott Road, as 90 percent of the required additional right-of-way came from the properties owned by his wife, her brothers, and himself. Both, Mr. Pat and William Peeples wanted to know why the County could not pave Escott Road at 60' versus 80'. Mr. King presented the Board with an update on the process used to pave Escott Road.

Mr. Jim Proctor, Camden County Sheriffs Office, informed the Board the transfer box used to switch the EOC building power supply from Georgia Power to emergency generator power is in desperate need of repair. (When local power fails the transfer box does not automatically switch to generator power.) When this happens, Sheriffs' employees manually switch to generator power. Mr. Proctor stated this is a dangerous procedure and requested the Board repair or replace the transfer box as soon as possible. The Board requested that Mr. King take care of this situation as quickly as possible. Mr. Proctor then informed the Board he recently discovered there was no cut off switch/breaker on the Georgia power box. Again, the Board asked Mr. King to take care of this problem.

Mr. Sanford Feller, 103 Nelson Place, informed the Board, he felt the "County" needs to maintain the line staff structure to ensure the county internal communication process does not break down. He also stated he felt it would be very difficult for county residents to evaluate/monitor something as complex as the county budget. Mr. Feller asked the Board why SPLOST V was not just an update of SPLOST IV, which worked very well.

1. Approval of Minutes for June 04, 2002:

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for June 04, 2002.

2. Reports:

Mr. King reviewed the Board Calendar for July and August 2002.

Status of Appointments:

Mr. King reminded the Board of the need to nominate two individuals for the Coastal Workforce Investment Board and an individual for the Southeast Coastal Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Substance Abuse Board.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Year-end FY 02 Budget Adjustments.

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the Departmental Line Items adjustments to reflect the Board's requested 7 percent reduction in the FY02 budget.

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the transfer from contingency and other funds to cover the cost of health expenses.

b. Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Berry, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget and authorize the entering into any contracts necessary to effectuate the resolution. The motion failed.

So Voted 3 – 2 in the Negative

Mr. Berry – Yea
Mr. Becker – Nay
Mr. Rhodes – Yea
Mr. Hase – Nay
Mr. Rainer – Nay

Motioned by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and unanimously voted to approve a continuing resolution to extend the current adopted budget spending for 45 days commencing July 1, 2002..

c. Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the ACCG/GMA Joint Task Force on Quality Growth.

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Becker, and voted unanimously to disapprove the Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the ACCG/GMA Joint Task Force on Quality Growth.

d. Letter of Concurrence with RDC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Motioned by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Concurrence with the RDC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

e. Resolution to cancel the regular Commissioners Meeting of July 2, 2002 and reschedule for Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Motioned by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the resolution to cancel the regular Commissioners Meeting of July 2, 2002 and reschedule it for July 9, 2002.

f. SPLOST Contract with the City of St. Marys

Motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to present the SPLOST contract to St. Marys with the changes approved/requested by the Board.

g. Planning Commission Business

Motioned by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the Special Use Permit, for Mr. Ralph Marr.

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the final plat for Bristol Hammock Subdivision.

h. Road Department: Acceptance of Right-of-Way Deeds for Escott Road

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the following Right-of-Way Deeds for Escott Road from the following individuals:

- Mr. Charles Bennett
- Mr. Farrell Padgett
- Mr. Hayward Padgett

i. Bid, Public Reading: 1.90 Miles of Road Patching on CR 148 – Old 259

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Becker, and voted unanimously to approve the lowest bid by Douglas Asphalt Company for \$16,700, to patch 1.90 miles of road on CR 148 – Old 259.

j. Recess: (9:05 pm)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Bill Shanahan
Assistant County Administrator