

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

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 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; E. B. Herrin, Jr.; Preston Rhodes; County Attorney O. Brent Green; Administrator Barrett T. King, and Assistant County Administrator Bill Shanahan.

Chairman Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Elliott Foss, Waverly United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.
Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The roll call indicated all Commissioners present.

PRESENTATION: No Presentations

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to add New Business, item g. Alcohol License to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Herrin, seconded by Mr. Rainer to add New Business, item h. Termination of the County Administrator to the agenda.

Mr. Berry ruled the motion out of order.

Motion by Mr. Herrin, seconded by Mr. Rainer, a voted to overrule the ruling of the Chairman.

So Voted 3 – 2

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

Mr. Green advised the Board that they complied with parliamentary procedure.
Mr. Berry said that the open meeting law forbids these types of actions due to the public not having adequate notice of an action as severe as this. He then requested that the motion be placed on the agenda for the 12/03/02 Commissioners' meeting.
A discussion ensued, between the Board, on the correct procedure to initiate this type of action. (Executive Session versus Open Meeting and evidence)

Motion by Mr. Herrin, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted to add New Business, item h. Employment of the County Administrator to the agenda.

So Voted 3 – 2

Mr. Berry – Nay
Mr. Rhodes – Yea
Mr. Hase – Nay
Mr. Herrin – Yea
Mr. Rainer - Yea

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, Seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to Revisit an April 16, 02 condemnation on Lampadoshia Road and amend it to add the name John H. Miller, Jr.

WORK SESSION: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mr. Sanford Feller, St. Marys, informed the Board they were not complying with parliamentary procedure with the issue of the Administrator. Mr. Feller then told the Board he wanted to discuss Old Business, item b. Proposed Fee Structure for Permits. He wanted to know how the Board could justify raising fees after the millage increase approved during the last meeting. He stated that it was nothing but a “money grab” for the Board. He then stated that he was too upset with the previous issues to talk any further.
- Ms. Katherine Nisi Zell, Woodbine, wanted to know the rationale for providing a Cell Phone and County Credit Card to Mr. Herrin. Mr. Herrin stated that for 12 years, as a Commissioner, he was allowed to carry a County Credit Card and a Cell Phone. He explained that these items leave a paper trail to ensure their use follow County Policy. He also stated that this item did not need to be put on the agenda. He stated that all he wanted to know was how the Commissioners handled this situation. Mr. Herrin then stated that if the Commissioners did not want this on the agenda, he had no problem with taking it off.
- Mr. Clifford Mainor, Woodbine, wanted to know why he was not allowed to put a power/utility pole on his property, located on the west end of Colesburg Tompkins Road and identified as a portion of Parcel 7C on Zoning/Tax Map 54, as he needed it to make a living. Mr. Etheridge, Planning and Zoning, advised the Board that it did not meet the Zoning Ordinance as it was sub-divided and did not meet the size requirement to perform mining operations. Mr. Rhodes said he was very disturbed that this had to come to this level, as it should have been taken care of by the Planning Department. He stated that if we cannot grant someone a temporary power pole to make a living, then there is something wrong with the law. Mr. Rainer stated that if our ordinances say this, then they are wrong. Mr. Green, County Attorney, briefed the Board that they had the authority to over-rule an administrative decision.

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, Seconded by Rainer, and voted unanimously to add Mr. Mainor’s request for a temporary utility/power pole on his property as New Business, Item i. to the agenda.

- Mr. Sanford Feller, St. Marys, stated he wondered if his suggestions, made during the election season, had been reviewed. In addition, he wanted to know if the Board had any thoughts of conducting a workshop to review how to get the most out of the budget. He thanked the Board for their support of the Durango workers with legal help and requested the same legal benefits be extended to salaried personnel. The Board advised him the original motion was for all Durango employees.

1. Approval of Minutes for November 07, 2002:

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November 07, 2002, with the rewrite of approval of minutes and New Business, item b. question results as amended by the Clerk.

2. Reports:

Mr. King reviewed the Board Calendar for November/December 2002 and January 2003.

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to add New Business, item j, change Commissioner’s meeting date from 12/03/02 to 12/02/02.

Mr. King briefed the Board on the upcoming committee vacancies.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Kingsland Water Line Extension

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to authorize the City of Kingsland to extend their water line.

b. Proposed Fee Structure for Permits

Died through lack of a motion.

c. Board of Registrars Per Diem for Office Work

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve a monthly flat fee of \$272 for the Chief Registrar and \$242 for all other Registrars starting 12/01/02. In addition, pay current fees, not to go over \$220, until 12/01/02.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Nominate Dr. Stoddard to the County Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Dr. Stoddard to the County Planning Commission.

b. Commissioner Herrin's Request for a County Credit Card and Cell Phone

No action taken.

c. Resolution: Short Term Work Program

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the Resolution for the Short Term Work Program as presented to the Board.

d. Resolution: Board of Tax Assessors

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the resolution calling for the resignations of the Board of Assessors.

e. Acceptance of two parcels of property from Mr. Frank C. Powell III, for the paving of Temple Church Road

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to accept the two parcels of Property from Mr. Frank C. Powell III as identified by the Road Department.

f. Bid: Seaboard Construction Company for paving 1.56 miles of unimproved Lampadoshia Road

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to accept the lowest bid, \$338,210.91, for the paving of 1.56 miles of unimproved Lampadoshia Road.

g. Alcohol Licenses: 1. The Pit Stop #1, 17640 Highway 40 West, 2. The Pit Stop #6, 1160 Clarks Bluff Road

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the request of Alcohol Licenses for the Pit Stop #1, 17640 Highway 40 West and the Pit Stop #6, 1160 Clarks Bluff Road.

h. Employment of County Administrator

Motion by Mr. Herrin, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted to approve the termination of Mr. Barry King, County Administrator.

So Voted 3 – 2

Mr. Berry – Nay
Mr. Rhodes – Yea
Mr. Hase – Nay
Mr. Herrin – Yea
Mr. Rainer - Yea

i. Road Department: Surplus of the 1993, F150, Ford Pickup

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to approve the surplus of the 1993, F150, Ford Pickup assigned to the Road Department.

j. Revisit April 16, 02 Condemnation on Lampadoshia Road and add the name John H. Miller, Jr., to the list

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to amend the April 16, 02 condemnation on Lampadoshia Road by adding the name John H. Miller, Jr. to the list.

k. Proposed Fee Structure for Permits

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and unanimously approved to suspend the Zoning Ordinance subject to revision.

l. Change of Monthly Meeting from 12/03/02 to 12/02/02

Motion by Mr. Rainer, seconded by Mr. Rhodes and voted unanimously to approve moving the 12/03/02 Commissioners' meeting to 12/02/02.

m. Recess: (7:24 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Berry
Chairman

Bill Shanahan
Assistant County Administrator