

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 02, 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; Acting Administrator Bill Shanahan.

Chairman Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Reverend Tommy Sikes delivered the invocation.
Chairman Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The roll call indicated all Commissioners present.

PRESENTATION: Chief Danny Daniels informed the Board that America's Second Harvest is a non-profit organization, which gathers food from major distributors and stores it in large volume. This food is then used to feed those in need. The Board signed a letter of support and welcome for the America's Second Harvest effort to open a food bank in Camden County.

Ms. Natalie Alwan Jayroe, President & CEO, thanked the Board for their support and provided them with an overview of the organization.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Michael Fender, Finance Director, provided the Board with an overview of Camden County's current financial condition. The areas briefed were General Fund, Unincorporated Tax District, and Solid Waste. Mr. Fender finished his briefing by informing the Board that he would be giving financial updates the second meeting of each month.

Mr. Berry advised the Board that at the 12/17/02 Commissioners' Meeting that he intended to put on the agenda a motion that the Board abandon the SPLOST renovation of the Old Court House Building from both SPLOST IV and V for a total of \$3,500,000 and rebate the funds back to the county residents as a tax credit.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to add New Business, item f., Bid, Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Planning Services.

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to add New Business, item g., reinstatement of zoning ordinance provisions as identified in New Business, item k. Proposed Fee Structure for Permits motion from the 11/19/02 Commissioners Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ms. Agnes Tillerson, 244 Osprey Circle, St. Marys, informed Mr. Herrin that her research showed that foregoing tax rate reductions in order to balance the budget or pay down debt means growth and bigger government. She then let Mr. Herrin know that she did not think that Commissioners needed cell phones and county credit cards. (She felt that accountability would be an issue.) Mr. Herrin advised her that this was a question which he had asked previously and that the issue had been blown out of proportion. Ms. Tillerson then asked for a list of county services as compared to city services. Mr. Berry advised her that the Administration Department would get her a copy. (Due to LOST and SPLOST

negotiations.) She then gave examples of how other counties had made themselves, “lean and mean.”

1. Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2002:

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November 19, 2002, as amended by the Clerk.

2. Reports:

Mr. Shanahan reviewed the Board Calendar for December/January 2002/03.

3. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Board of Tax Assessors

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Ron Howard to the Board of Tax Assessors.

b. Vacant County Staff Positions

Mr. Shanahan advised the Board of the following vacant positions:

- Building Inspector – Planning and Building Dept.
- Mechanic Technician – Road Dept.
- Equipment Operator (2) – Road Dept.
- Accounting Clerk – Finance Dept.
- Mosquito Control Technician (2) – Mosquito Control
- 4-H Assistants (2) – Extension Office
- Truck Driver – Solid Waste Authority
- Library Assistant – Bryan Lang Library
- Real Property Appraiser – Tax Assessors Office

Mr. Berry asked the Board whether they wanted to take any action or leave the freeze in place. Mr. Rhodes said that he would like to see work sessions on these positions. (To include the process of how the Board gets information from the Planning Department.) The Board decided that there needed to be a work session discussing the work processes and information flow during the month of January.

Mr. Brant, Landfill, advised the Board that he was either going to have to approve overtime or hire a truck driver.

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the hiring of a truck driver for the landfill.

c. Resolution: Fund Transfer from the Bryan-Lang Library

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to approve the resolution to transfer funds from the Bryan Lang Library account to the General Fund account.

d. Borrow Pit Lease: Mr. Dale Gay of Baileys Mill Road

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Herrin, and voted unanimously to accept the borrow pit lease from Mr. Dale Gay of Baileys Mill Road for a .98 acre borrow pit for a period of three years.

e. Drainage Easement: River Bend Subdivision

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to approve a drainage easement in the River Bend Subdivision in order to correct a drainage problem. The easement is twenty (20) feet in width and located on River Bend Drive on tax map 132 G.

f. Bid: Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Planning Services

Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hase, and voted unanimously to accept the lowest bid, \$28,000 from the RC & D, for Hazard Mitigation Planning Services.

g. Reinstatement of zoning ordinance provisions as identified in New Business, item k., Proposed Fee Structure for Permits motion from the 11/19/02 Commissioners' meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hase, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and voted unanimously to reinstate zoning ordinance provisions as identified in New Business, item k., Proposed Fee Structure for Permits motion from the 11/19/02 Commissioners' meeting.

h. Recess (7: 38 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