

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 8TH, 2003 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday July 8th, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Commissioner David L. Rainer, Commissioner E.B. Herrin, Jr., Commissioner Stephen L. Berry, Commissioner Preston Rhodes, Commissioner Sanford S. Feller, County Manager Charles Akridge and County Attorney Brent Green

Chairman Rainer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Reverend Eddie Rawls delivered the Invocation
Chairman David Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance
The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Change item d to rescind the abolishment of the GIS Analyst/Planner and restore the funding for the position
Change item e to state the prioritization of the SPLOST projects to list the priorities as
County Annex (\$114,000)
Bryan Lang Library (\$10,000)
Fire Station #12 (\$70,000)
County Library (\$130,000)
Delete the Executive Session

Motion to Amend the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to amend the agenda.

Motion to Adopt the Amended Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to adopt the amended agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Vernon Copeland addressed the board about the tax assessment notices and the way he understood it when the tax notices came out there would be a reduction in the milage. Mr. Copeland said his milage had increased 58 %. Mr. Copeland said one piece of property he owns increased 100% but the total average is about 58 % Chairman Rainer said that the roll back will take effect based upon the Tax Digest and the Board has already set the budget that would require to roll it back to the exact amount that is was collected overall on the digest. Commissioner Berry encouraged Mr. Copeland to go to the school board and voice his opinion. Commissioner Berry said he has not heard the school board mention one thing about rolling back their milage.

- Agnus Tillerson addressed the Board about two agenda items. The Humane Society/County contract and the Resolution on the closing of the Drivers License office in Kingsland Georgia. Ms. Tillerson suggested to the Commission that all animal owners have pet license and in response to the drivers license office resolution she commended the Commission for the effort they are taking on this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 17TH, 2003

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 17th, 2003

REPORTS:

The July/August Calendar reports were read

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations

Chairman Rainer said he commends the committee for their time and effort they put forth on the budget. Chairman Rainer said he has passed on the committee's recommendations to the County Manager and his staff to study. County Manager Charles Akridge said he would have some response on the study August 19th, 2003. Commissioner Berry suggested the Commission add a work session to the August 19th, 2003 agenda for discussion of the committee's recommendations on the budget. All Commissioners agreed to add a work session.

Consideration to enter into an agreement with the Humane Society

Motion to enter into an agreement with the Humane Society to include Changing the wording in the contract

Motion made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Rainer and open to the floor for debate and after much discussion

Motion to end the debate

Motion made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and

Voted 4 to 1

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea
- Commissioner Herrin – Yea
- Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
- Commissioner Feller – Yea
- Commissioner Berry – Nay

The motion carried

Motion to adopt the contract with the Humane Society

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea
- Commissioner Herrin – Yea
- Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
- Commissioner Feller – Yea
- Commissioner Berry – Nay

The motion carried 4 to 1

Motion to take \$15,000 out of contingency funds to fund the contract with the Humane Society

Motion made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and

Voted 4 to 1

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea
- Commissioner Herrin – Yea
- Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
- Commissioner Feller – Yea
- Commissioner Berry – Nay

The motion carried

Resolution to add all Rescue Workers to Workers Compensation Coverage

Motion made Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to accept the resolution

Resolution Georgia Drivers License Office Kingsland building

Motion made Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

Motion to Rescind the abolishment of the GIS Planner/Analyst Position and restore the funding for the position

Motion made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and

Voted 4 to 1

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea
- Commissioner Herrin – Yea
- Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
- Commissioner Feller – Yea
- Commissioner Berry – Nay

The motion carried

Establish four priorities on the SPLOST List

- County Annex (\$114,000)
- Bryan Lang Library (\$10,000)
- Fire Station #12 (\$70,000)
- County Library (\$130,000)

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Berry and

Voted 4 to 1

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea
- Commissioner Herrin – Yea
- Commissioner Berry – Yea
- Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
- Commissioner Feller – Nay

The motion carried

Acceptance of right-of-way deed to Power line Path Road from E.B Herrin Jr.

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Rainer and

Voted 3 to 2

- Commissioner Rainer – Yea

Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
Commissioner Berry – Yea
Commissioner Feller – Nay
Commissioner Herrin – Abstention

The motion carried

Acceptance of right-of-way deed to Power line Path Road from Wayne Vincent

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and

Voted 4 to 1

Commissioner Rainer – Yea
Commissioner Herrin – Yea
Commissioner Berry – Yea
Commissioner Rhodes – Yea
Commissioner Feller – Nay

The motion carried

Acceptance of easement right-of-way for new railroad crossing on Escott Road from CSX

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted Unanimously to accept the easement right-of-way for new railroad crossing on Escott Road from CSX

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

David L. Rainer
Chairman

Constance E. Smith
Clerk