

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 6:00 PM  
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

**A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Sanford S. Feller; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; Commissioner Preston Rhodes; County Manager Charles D. Akridge; and County Attorney Brent Green.**

**Chairman Rainer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Commissioner Preston Rhodes delivered the invocation.**

**Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to add a personnel recommendation to the agenda as Item J.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.**

Bill Gross expressed that he would still like to see special exceptions for owners of large tracts of land and keeping certain flexibility with regards to zoning.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the August 19, 2003 work session minutes and regular meeting minutes made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to approve said minutes.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Calendar**

The September/October 2003 calendar was read.

**B. County Manager's Report**

- Mr. Akridge reported the following:

Surplus property sale was held at the landfill on Saturday, August 23, 2003, 9:00 a.m. The auction sales totaled \$4,602.50.

The Board of Commissioners' white 1996 Ford Crown Victoria has 168,302 miles and is in poor condition and recommended placing this vehicle for surplus sale.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to surplus sale the 1996 Ford Crown Victoria.**

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Harriett's Bluff Boat Ramp and Dock would be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Recommended accepting the low bid provided by Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$64,200.00 for the purchase of a small dozer to be paid out of the enterprise fund.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to purchase a small dozer from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$64,200.00.**

Planning & Zoning permits are now accessible through the County's website.

Connie Smith, Secretary, was presented with a Letter of Commendation for her service as Interim County Clerk/Executive Assistant.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- George Scott still feels that it is still important the citizens have an opportunity to address the Board at the end of a meeting. Mr. Scott believes his insight into the 2004 budget suggests that the Board is planning to tax the citizens this year to generate a "roll forward" for Fiscal Year 2005. He believes there are items in the budget that could be changed presently such as insurance, stop loss, contingency fund, unfilled positions, and the 401k money. He would also hope that each of the Commissioners would go through his detailed report prior to the Commissioners entering into their final meeting on Friday.
- Walt Natzic, St. Marys, has not seen any results from the Citizens Advisory Committee. He believes the Committee's plan is a good one. He would encourage the Board to work the plan and come out with results. He would also like to know when this could be started or if this plan would be "shelved."
- Clifford Mainor would like to see regulations simplified in selling and developing land. Chairman Rainer stated text amendments are in the process.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolution regarding the St. Marys Airport.**

A motion made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution requesting and seeking the assistance of Congressman Jack Kingston to aid Camden County in both political and financial resources to provide for the relocation of the St. Marys Airport.

### **B. Approval of the overlay and widening of 2.863 miles of Harriett's Bluff Road in the amount of \$93,793.98.**

Mr. Larry Lampe advised that this item is Camden County's portion of the L.A.R.P. project for overlaying and widening of Harriett's Bluff Road.

### **C. Approval of extending the State of Georgia's contract for an additional 1.4 miles to Sadler's Cove for \$157,767.74.**

Mr. Lampe recommended doing an additional 1.4 miles as an extension to the State L.A.R.P. contract. Camden County's portion would be \$64,684.00. Chairman Rainer inquired if this extension would include the overlay and widening from Sadler's Cove to the I-95 interchange. Mr. Lampe affirmed Chairman Rainer's statement. Commissioner Herrin asked if this was included in S.P.L.O.S.T. Mr. Lampe advised it is included in S.P.L.O.S.T. Chairman Rainer suggested considering both Item B and Item C as one motion, if there were no objections. No objections were made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to approve the overlay and widening of 2.863 miles of Harriett's Bluff Road in the amount of \$93,793.98 and to approve the additional 1.4 miles of overlay and widening of Harriett's Bluff from Sadler's Cove to the I-95 interchange for \$157,767.74.

**D. Acceptance of the right-of-way deeds for Old Jefferson Road Phase II.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to accept the right-of-way deeds for the S.P.L.O.S.T. paving project, Phase II of Old Jefferson Road, from the following individuals or entities and incorporated herein by reference:

*Silco Timber, L.L.C.*, (Parcel B) dated July 28, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Silco Timber, L.L.C.*, (Parcel Y) dated July 28, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*C. McNeill Baker, Jr.*, (Parcel C) dated July 8, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Gary W. Blount*, (Parcel D) dated June 26, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Wanda K. Edenfield*, (Parcel E) dated July 22, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Tommy Eugene Walker*, (Parcel G) dated June 3, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Julie Norman House*, (Parcel H) dated June 5, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Charles Michael Hunter*, (Parcel I) dated June 27, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Andrew Swiacke, Jr., and Lesley Swiacke*, (Parcel J) dated June 23, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Karen L. Pace*, (Parcel K) dated June 12, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Roy Lawrence Rosser*, (Parcel L) dated July 31, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Mark Allen Killmer and Nina Killmer*, (Parcel M) dated June 5, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Dennis L. Bone*, (Parcel N) dated June 5, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Carl C. Cooler and Stacey A. Cooler*, (Parcel S) dated June 20, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Wayne Blair Vincent for Vincent and Farmer*, (Parcel U) dated June 4, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Wayne Blair Vincent for Vincent and Farmer*, (Parcel V) dated June 4, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records;  
*Wayne Blair Vincent for Vincent and Farmer*, (Parcel X) dated June 4, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records; and  
*Donna Faye Kelly Newham*, (Parcel W) dated June 12, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records.

**E. Acceptance of the drainage easements from residents on Ware Street.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to accept the drainage easement deeds from the following individuals and incorporate the same herein by reference for the paving of Ware Street in the Mush Bluff area:

*James Cartwright*, dated August 6, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records; and

*Chet Schwartz*, dated August 21, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records.

*Jerry Minchew*, dated August 14, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records; and

*Jesse Allen*, dated August 12, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records.

*Tim Woods and Charlene Woods*, dated August 4, 2003, and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records.

**F. Acceptance of the drainage easement from Mr. Edward Scott, Jr.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to accept the drainage easement deed dated August 21, 2003, from Mr. Edward Scott, Jr., and recorded in the Camden County Public Land Records. Said deed is incorporated herein by reference.

**G. Appointment of a member to the Bryan-Lang Historical Library Board.**

Mr. Akridge recommended appointing Burford Clark as a member to the Bryan-Lang Historical Library.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Burford Clark as a member to the Bryan-Lang Historical Library.

Commissioner Rhodes noted that Mr. Burford Clark would be replacing his brother Mr. Charles Clark, who resigned.

**H. Consideration of amending the agenda format to include Public Comments after New Business.**

Commissioner Feller stated there was confusion, primarily on his part, when Commissioner Berry previously offered a motion to amend the agenda format to include Public Comments after New Business thereby giving the public two (2) opportunities to address the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Feller and seconded by Commissioner Berry.

On discussion, Commissioner Berry stated that at the time of the original motion, if it was unclear, he would have been happy to clarify his motion at that time. Commissioner Berry stated he was in favor of this motion a month ago. Commissioner Feller stated he had suggested Commissioner Berry's name be placed on the agenda as bringing this motion, and that this is a good motion for the public. Chairman Rainer stated he reviewed the ACCG handbook which recommends one time for public participation in its standard format procedure. Commissioner Feller stated the City of St. Marys' agenda format allows for two public comments, and it works well for the City. Commissioner Berry called on the Commissioner to consider trying the suggested new format on a trial basis. Commissioner Herrin expressed his concern on revisiting this matter, and he had not changed his mind on this issue. Commissioner Rhodes stated one session for public comments is sufficient. Commissioner Feller added an additional public

comments session would allow citizens, for example, to suggest future agenda items.

**So Voted 3 to 2**

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

**The motion failed.**

**I. Maintenance Facility cost estimates and site selection.**

Mr. Akridge advised the best site for construction of the Maintenance Facility would be the Highway 110 site. The Dutch Mill site presents problems with wetlands, and considering that most of the County's facilities are located in Woodbine, the Highway 110 site appears best suited for the facility. \$550,000.00 of S.L.O.S.T. funds are dedicated to the Maintenance Facility construction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Herrin to approve the Highway 110 site for construction of the Maintenance Facility.

On discussion, Commissioner Berry inquired about the time table for the completion of this project. Mr. Harvey Amerson advised he would hope to occupy the facility by the end of this year.

**So Voted, all in favor.**

**The motion carried.**

**J. Recommendation from University of Georgia Extension Office to hire Beth Carter as Program Assistant.**

Mr. Akridge reminded the Board that authorization was given to Jake Price to advertise for the Program Assistant position. Mr. Price recommended Beth Carter be hired as Program Assistant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Feller, seconded by Commissioner Herrin to approve the hire of Beth Carter as Program Assistant for the Extension Office.

On discussion, Commissioner Berry stated that he believed there are employees in the County's system that could transfer into this position and a transfer rather than a new hire should be considered. Mr. Berry would be opposed to a new hire at this time.

**So Voted 4 to 1,**

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

**The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Herrin and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David L. Rainer  
Chairman

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Jodi M. Galloway  
Executive Assistant