

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004 6:00 PM  
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Camden County Courthouse, Woodbine, Georgia.

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

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

Reverend Tommy Sikes, Burnt Fort Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add New Business Item U, *Solid Waste Authority Appointment*, New Business Item V, *Purchase Camden County High School Wildcat State Champion Signs*, and delete Item M, *Preliminary Plat approval for Tidewater Plantations, Inc.*

**The motion carried.**

**WORK SESSION:**

**A. Building Inspection Services**

Commissioner Feller stated the intergovernmental contract with the City of St. Marys provided for two (2) building inspectors. However, he believes due to the numerous items to be inspected pursuant to the building inspector's checklist, two (2) inspectors is not sufficient and that the fee schedule should be increased to allow for the hiring of additional inspectors.

Building Inspector Wiley King stated that he and the other inspector can sufficiently handle the current workload.

**B. 2004/2005 Fiscal Year Budget**

Commissioner Berry indicated he would like for the Commissioners to have a more active roll in the preparation of the budget this year. He suggested that the Commissioners look at the goals and objectives of each department as well as each Commissioner set goals and objectives to be discussed among the Commissioners in February.

Mr. Akridge advised he had prepared the Budget Calendar and each Commissioner could find a copy of the calendar in their respective Budget Preparation Notebooks. Mr. Akridge advised the Budget Calendar would be distributed to each department on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

**The motion carried.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer and voted unanimously to approve the January 6, 2004, regular meeting minutes.

**The motion carried.**

## **REPORTS:**

### **A. Calendar**

The January/February 2004 calendar was read.

### **B. County Manager's Report**

Mr. Akridge reported the following:

- Wildcats State Champions Signs could be purchased for \$82.52 per sign and be placed along Highway 40 West, Highway 17 North and South, Highway 252, Highway 110, and Colerain Road.
- 2004 Spring ACCG Commissioners Training Program will be held March 5<sup>th</sup>, in Athens.
- 2004 ACCG Annual Meeting will be April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>, in Savannah.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Stan Fowler, a resident of Laurel Bluff, addressed the Commissioners concerning his opposition to the Tidewater Plantations, Inc., rezoning of the bluff. Mr. Fowler stated that he was not against development, but the Tidewater development was uncharacteristic of the neighborhood. Mr. Fowler indicated that there are covenants in place developed by the Drury family preventing development as proposed by Tidewater. Mr. Fowler requested the rezoning be table until the variances are resolved.
- Chip Drury, Tidewater Plantations, Inc., stated the covenants have lapsed and have not been re-approved.
- Sandra Strickland stated she opposed the Tidewater Plantations development because it is uncharacteristic for the area.
- Paul Proctor spoke to the Commissioners regarding the Laurel Bluff development. Mr. Proctor stated the quality and merits of the plan should be considered rather than the residents of the bluff being the only beneficiaries of the same.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Finance Director Mike Fender – Mid-Fiscal Year Financial Review**

Mr. Fender stated due to the tax bills going out in a timely manner and money being collected in a timely manner, the General Fund is at 52% of the total budget, and expenditures are at 46.2%. Curbside Collection revenues are at 74% of total budget, and the expenditures are at 41.6%. Unincorporated Tax District revenues are 71% of the total budget, and its expenditures are 51%. It is expected that all revenues for this source

category will meet or exceed budgeted projections. Solid Waste revenues are 19% of the total budget, and the expenditures are 20.7%.

**B. Fire Chief Danny Daniels – 2003 Awards**

EMS/Fire Rescue Fire Chief Danny Daniels presented the following awards for excellence:

- Fire Officer of the Year was awarded to Ricky Beckham.
- Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Craig Crawford.
- Rookie of the Year was awarded to Schonathan Crews.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Flea Hill Water System Lease Agreement with W & D Investments, Inc.**

Mr. Akridge advised Mr. Green had reviewed the lease agreement, and he recommended entering into the agreement with W & D Investments, Inc.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to accept the Lease Agreement with W. & D Investments, Inc., for the operation and maintenance of the Flea Hill Water System.

On discussion, Commissioner Feller inquired if a provision regarding expansion was covered in the agreement. Mr. Green advised expansion was covered on page 8, paragraph 7.

Commissioner Feller stated the County should maintain the responsibility of providing water services. However, Commissioner Berry indicated the Service Delivery Agreement prevents the County from delivering water services.

Chairman Rainer advised the only reason the County was providing water services to Flea Hill was because the well was in the County right-of-way.

**So voted, 4 to 1**

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

**The motion carried.**

**B. Ordinance for Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations**

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, to waive the second reading of the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations and adopt the said text amendments, which by this reference are incorporated into these minutes.

**So voted, 4 to 1**

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

**The motion carried.**

**C. S.P.L.O.S.T. request of \$100,000.00 from the City of St. Marys for the Martha Drive and Osborne Road Traffic Signal**

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer and voted unanimously to provide \$100,000.00 from S.P.L.O.S.T. road funds for the construction of the turn lane in connection with the installation of the traffic signal at Martha Drive and Osborne Road.

**The motion carried.**

**D. Request by the Fraternal Order of Eagles**

Dr. James H. Burnham and the President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles requested the Board's permission to construct a public safety monument on the new Courthouse grounds that would commemorate the individuals who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Camden County. The monument will be a marble slab four feet tall, two feet eight inches wide and eight inches thick, setting on a marble base of four feet by one foot and six inches high, and mounted to a concrete foundation. The monument will be a tablet shape inscribed with the F.O.E. logo, Camden County Public Safety Memorial and listing the names of those who have lost their lives.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to grant the Fraternal Order of Eagles' request to construct the above-stated public safety monument at the Order's expense.

**The motion carried.**

**E. Camden Elected Officials Dinner/Private Contribution**

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to accept the \$2,500.00 contribution from Stateline Disposal to fund the cost of the Camden Elected Officials Dinner.

Commissioner Berry stated he was making the motion in this manner, although he intends to vote no, simply as a way to compel a vote on the issue. He also stated that the last sentence of Stateline Disposal's letter indicated that there was a relationship between Stateline and Camden County

Commissioner Berry then amended the motion to eliminate the cap of \$5.00 per person adopted at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and to require the County to use the \$2,500.00 contribution from Stateline Disposal.

**So voted on the amended motion, 4 to 1**

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

**The motion carried.**

**So voted on the original motion, 4 to 1**

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

**The motion carried.**



**F. Appointment of Alan Masters to the Coastal Georgia Region Twelve Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Alan Masters to the Coastal Georgia Region Twelve Workforce Investment Board.

**The motion carried.**

**G. S.P.L.O.S.T. prioritization of CCFR Fire Training Center – S.P.L.O.S.T./Grant Funds**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to move the CCFR Fire Training Center project to an appropriate place on the S.P.L.O.S.T. list that would guarantee the availability of the funds.

**The motion carried.**

**H. Application of John Carter, President, Deerwood Village, Inc., to rezone 34 acres from M-H to R-2**

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to approve the application of John Carter, President, Deerwood Village, Inc., to rezone 34 acres from M-H to R-2 for the purpose of building on-site housing.

**The motion carried.**

**I. Application of CCMN, INC., for a Special Use Permit**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the Special Use Permit application of CCMN, INC., for the outdoor sale, display and storage of vehicles, boats and RV's, and related merchandise.

**The motion carried.**

**J. Application of Brent and Dolly Thomas to rezone 32+/- acres from A-F to R-2**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the application of Brent and Dolly Thomas to rezone 32+/- acres from A-F to R-2 for the purpose of developing a gated manufactured home retirement community with amenities and private utility systems.

**So voted, 4 to 1**

Chairman Rainer – Yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – Yea

Commissioner Rhodes – Yea

Commissioner Berry – Yea

Commissioner Feller – Nay

**The motion carried.**

**K. Preliminary and final plat approval for Ricky Raleigh for 6 lot subdivision in R-2 zoning district**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Preliminary and final plat approval for Ricky Raleigh for 6 lot subdivision in R-2 zoning district.

**So voted, 4 to 1**

Chairman Rainer – Yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – Yea

Commissioner Rhodes – Yea

Commissioner Berry – Yea

Commissioner Feller – Nay

**The motion carried.**

**L. Application of Tidewater Plantations, Inc., to rezone 174.8 acres from A-R to P-D**

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and vote unanimously to table this matter until February 5, 2004, due to outstanding variance requests.

**The motion carried.**

**M. Preliminary plat approval for Tidewater Plantations, Inc., for 48 residential lots on 35.3 acres in Laurel Island**

Item deleted from the agenda.

**N. Resolution regarding scientific study of Georgia's water resources**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution in Support of Scientific Study of Georgia's Water Resources, which by this reference is incorporated into these minutes.

**The motion carried.**

**O. Resolution honoring the 2003 Camden County High School Wildcats Football Team**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer and voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution honoring the 2003 Camden County High School Wildcats Football Team, which by this reference is incorporated into these minutes.

**The motion carried.**

**P. Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Fire Protection and Water User Agreement with the City of Kingsland**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to accept the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Fire Protection and Water User Agreement with the City of Kingsland dated January 20, 2004.

**The motion carried.**

**Q. Approve Seaboard Construction Company proposal in the amount of \$192,500.00 for Kellie Lane and Ware Street road improvement project**

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to approve Seaboard Construction Company proposal in the amount of \$192,500.00 for Kellie Lane and Ware Street road improvement project.

**The motion carried.**

**R. Grant the Road Department purchase request to Silco Timber L.L.C. in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the purchase of rights-of-way located on Bullhead Bluff**

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to grant the Road Department's purchase request to Silco Timber L.L.C. in the amount of \$33,000.00 the purchase of rights-of-way located on Bullhead Bluff using S.P.L.O.S.T. funds.

**So voted, 4 to 1**

Chairman Rainer – Yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – Yea

Commissioner Rhodes – Yea

Commissioner Berry – Yea

Commissioner Feller – Nay

**The motion carried.**

**S. Reschedule the February 3, 2004, Commissioners' Meeting to February 5, 2004**

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to reschedule the February 3, 2004, Commissioners' Meeting to February 5, 2004.

**The motion carried.**

**T. Set Qualifying Fees for the 2004 Primary Election**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer and voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution setting the 2004 Primary Election qualifying fees, which by this reference is incorporated into these minutes.

**The motion carried.**

**U. Solid Waste Authority Appointments**

Commissioner Berry made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer and voted unanimously to appoint County Manager Charles Akridge, Chairman Rainer, Vice-Chairman E.B. Herrin and Commissioner Rhodes to the Solid Waste Authority Board.

**The motion carried.**

**V. Purchase Camden County High School Wildcat State Champion Signs**

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to purchase Wildcats State Champions Signs at \$82.52 per sign for placement along Highway 40 West, Highway 17 North and South, Highway 252, Highway 110, and Colerain Road.

**The motion carried.**



**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David L. Rainer  
Chairman

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Jodi M. Galloway  
Executive Assistant