

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

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 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.

Commissioner Rhodes delivered the invocation.

Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

No amendments were offered.

WORK SESSION:

**A. Discussion of Public Service Authority (PSA) Contract –
Commissioner Feller**

Commissioner Feller advised the PSA contract has expired, and he would like the Commissioners to review its contents to see if changes should be made.

Commissioner Berry stated the contract was cancelled in accordance with the contract's paragraph number 12 in the Summer of 2000 to become effective the following fiscal year. Commissioner Berry said there is a working, year to year agreement in place, and the cities are happy with that agreement.

Commissioner Rhodes advised the cities do not have any issues with the PSA and it is running smoothly.

Commissioner Feller stated the contract should be in writing, and he just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention that the written contract had expired.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The April/May 2004 calendar was read.

B. County Manager's Report

Mr. Arkidge reported the following:

- Ms. Eloise Bailey Thompson will be awarded the Governor's Awards in Humanities on May 13, 2004.
- A "Quality Growth Advisory Clinic" will be held at the ACCG Conference in Savannah on April 25th.
- The county attorney sent a letter to the owner of the abandoned mobile home on Colerain Road. The owner has until 5:00 p.m., Monday to remove the home.
- The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd, 5:00 P.M. at the Kingsland Annex.

Following Mr. Arkidge's report, Fire Chief Danny Daniels announced Camden County Fire Rescue ODP Phase III Grant application was approved and funded in the amount of \$56,152.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rubin Gomez stated he would disagree with the approval of agenda item 12E because the applicant failed to prove a hardship or that the project would be in the best interest of the community.
- George Scott suggested the Commissioners review the current budget policies to see if they are still applicable.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appropriation of funding for security for G-8 Summit

Wesley Walker, Camden County Sheriff's Office, requested \$50,000.00 in funding from the Board of Commissioners to purchase equipment and officer training in anticipation of the upcoming G-8 Summit.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to fund the Sheriff's Department with \$50,000.00 to purchase equipment and officer training in preparation for the G-8 Summit.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Set date for Public Hearing for Consumers of Health Care – Commissioner Feller

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin, to set a Public Hearing for consumers to discuss health care services.

Commissioners Berry and Rhodes and Chairman Rainer were not against holding a hearing, but questioned the productivity of such a hearing because the Commissioners

lack authority over the hospital. They indicated the only action the Commissioners could take would be to hold the hearing and provide the hospital with a copy of the tapes or minutes.

Vice-Chairman Herrin agreed a hearing should be held and any complaints and concerns voiced at the hearing should be sent to the hospital.

Upon consensus of the Commissioners, Chairman Rainer said a Public Hearing would be set for May 17th, 6:00 p.m., at the Kingsland Annex, and a copy of the minutes would be provided to the hospital.

So voted unanimously, the motion carried.

C. Consideration to waive penalties and interest of property owned by Terry Stover

At the request of Chairman Rainer, Mr. Stover explained the penalties and interest on the subject property occurred because the Tax Assessor's office failed to list the property in the assessment appeals.

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to refund Mr. Stover \$2,177.80 in penalties and interest.

The motion carried.

D. Request for de-annexation and adoption of Resolution for property owners at Moeckel Place in the City of St. Marys

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berry and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution in support of the de-annexation of Moeckel Place in the City of St. Marys.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Application of Coastline Properties, L.L.C., for rezoning from Residential-1 to Commercial-Neighborhood of 4.36 acres located on Harriett's Bluff Road

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to approve the application of Coastline Properties, L.L.C., for rezoning from Residential-1 to Commercial-Neighborhood of 4.36 acres located on Harriett's Bluff Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Application of Shannon Gardner for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display and sale of merchandise in the Commercial-General Zoning district at 75 Haddock Road

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the application of Shannon Gardner for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display and sale of merchandise in the Commercial-General Zoning district at 75 Haddock Road.

Vice-Chairman Herrin asked Tish Watson to check the set-back of a building on this property for compliance with the code.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. Application of Jeff Dirkes for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display and sale of automobiles at 6530 Highway 40 East

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the application of Jeff Dirkes for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display and sale of automobiles at 6530 Highway 40 East.

The motion carried unanimously.

H. Application of Robert Morgan for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display of merchandise at 17660 Highway 40 West

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the application of Robert Morgan for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor display of merchandise at 17660 Highway 40 West.

The motion carried unanimously.

I. Application of Mallory Horne for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 200 acres (+/-) located on Old Jefferson Highway

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the application of Mallory Horne for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 200 acres (+/-) located on Old Jefferson Highway.

The motion carried unanimously.

J. Application of Hamp Gowen for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 3.06 acres on Gowen Drive

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, to approve the application of Hamp Gowen for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 3.06 acres on Gowen Drive in the Harriett's Bluff area.

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. Application of Dennis J. Patterson for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 18.209 acres located on Vicki Lane

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, to approve the application of Dennis J. Patterson for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Agriculture-Residential of 18.209 acres located on Vicki Lane.

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 Dr. Asbury R. Sellers for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Residential-1 of 25.94 acres (+/-) on the westerly right-of-way of Charlie Smith Sr. Highway

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, to approve the application of Dr. Asbury R. Sellers for rezoning from Agriculture-Forestry to Residential-1 of 25.94 acres (+/-) on the westerly right-of-way of Charlie Smith Sr. Highway.

So voted, 4 to 1

Chairman Rainer – Yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – Yea

Commissioner Rhodes – Yea

Commissioner Berry – Yea

Commissioner Feller – Nay

The motion carried.

M. Bluegreen Communities of Georgia L.L.C., request for final plat for Sanctuary Cove at St. Andrews Bay – Phase II-B

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to approve the Bluegreen Communities of Georgia L.L.C., request for final plat for Sanctuary Cove at St. Andrews Bay – Phase II-B.

The motion carried.

N. Approval of Bluff Properties, Inc., proposal in the amount of \$33,900.00 for clearing and grubbing right-of-way at Old Jefferson Road Phase II

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to approve the Bluff Properties, Inc., proposal in the amount of \$33,900.00 for clearing and grubbing of the right-of-way at Old Jefferson Road Phase II

The motion carried.

O. Accept quit claim deed from William H. Gross for Lot 56 of the Woodlands Trail Subdivision for drainage

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted unanimously to accept the quit claim deed from William H. Gross for Lot 56 of the Woodlands Trail Subdivision for drainage.

The motion carried.

P. Accept right-of-way deed to Oakwell Road from Howard Davis III

Chairman Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin and voted unanimously to accept the right-of-way deed to Oakwell Road from Howard Davis III.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Herrin, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer
Chairman

Jodi Gregory
Executive Assistant/Clerk