

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005 6:00 PM
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Historic 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; Charles Akridge and County Attorney Brent Green.

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

Reverend Colvin Robertson of Ella Park Baptist Church Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Security Measures at Camden County Courthouse – Sheriff William E. Smith

Sheriff Smith addressed the Board along with Captain Wesley Walker and Captain Dan Lewis. Sheriff Smith expressed his concerns with what he feels are problems in the security at the Courthouse especially considering events of violence in courthouses recently. He, along with Captains Walker and Lewis stated that more personnel is needed to monitor the courthouse effectively and that additional cameras would need to be put into place as well as changes in security procedures. Sheriff Smith asked the Board for approval to get a quote on instilling these measures. The Board unanimously agreed for the Sheriff's Office to get quotes on instilling the measures it would take to correct any current problems that they see in security at the Courthouse.

- Mr. Frank Selgrath, Coastal Medical Access Project

Mr. Selgrath addressed the Board to explain the Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP). According to Mr. Selgrath, CMAP provides pharmaceutical assistance, chronic disease case management and free access to primary health care for medically needy residents of Glynn, McIntosh and Camden Counties in Southeast Georgia. This is accomplished through collaboration among the medical community, faith-based organizations, local businesses and volunteers. He stated that CMAP consists of: Free medical clinics that are staffed by volunteer

physicians, nurses and civic-minded individuals, Pharmaceutical assistance, also known as Medbank, and Case management for clinic patients with chronic illnesses.

WORK SESSION:

Zoning Issues/Notification to Property Owners – Commissioner Sanford Feller

Commissioner Feller expressed to the Board that he would like for anyone within 1000 feet of a proposed zone change or variance to be notified by certified mail, to be paid for by the applicant, and this notice would be mailed out at a time that Tish Watson, with the Planning and Building Department felt appropriate. Ms. Watson stated that she felt this would be a hardship on some people who are making these requests because this could equate to many people having to be notified by certified mail, which is much more expensive. She also stated that those residents within 300 feet in urban areas and 500 feet in rural areas are notified by mail of any proposed zone changes or variance requests.

Commissioner Rhodes asked if this issue had been brought to the Planning & Zoning Board and Commissioner Feller stated that it had not, he just wanted to bring it up in work session.

Vice-Chairman Herrin stated that he did not want to put any more financial burdens on the property owners.

No action was taken to change the notification process of proposed rezoning or variances.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Chairman Rainer proposed the following agenda amendments:

Item 9 – Approval of Minutes – Change to read, “Board of Commissioners’ Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2005;

Add New Business Item 13M. – Request for Authorization to Apply for Grant Monies to Improve the Accessibility of Elections to Individuals with Disabilities and 13N – Consideration of Declaration of Emergency for Satilla Bluff Road.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to change Item 9 to read – “Board of Commissioners’ Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2005 and to add New Business – Item 13 M. Request for Authorization to Apply for Grant Monies to Improve the Accessibility of Elections to Individuals with Disabilities and 13N – Consideration of Declaration of Emergency for Satilla Bluff Road.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the minutes of March 15, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 15, 2005.

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The April/May 2005 calendar was read.

B. County Manager's Report

- County Manager Charles Akridge informed the Board that the Camden Elected Officials Dinner would be on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Lang's Restaurant.
- He gave an update on the Curbside Sticker Program, stating that it is continuing to progress well and there have been 261 new accounts established since February 1, 2005.

Mr. Akridge stated that those who have not set up their accounts are having their garbage cans picked up and are being given courtesy warnings by our Code Enforcement Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 70-6, No Wake Zones Specified, of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to waive the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend Section 70-6, No Wake Zones Specified, of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

The motion carried unanimously to provide office space to waive the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend Section 70-6, No Wake Zones Specified, of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

B. Consideration to Approve the Drainage Easement Between Camden County and Mr. Roosevelt Howard, Jr.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the drainage easement between Camden County and Mr. Roosevelt Howard, Jr.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the drainage easement between Camden County and Mr. Roosevelt Howard, Jr..

C. Consideration to Accept Right-of-Way Deeds for Oak Grove Acres, Phase II, for Buie Lane, Huckleberry Road and Pettyjohn Drive.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to accept the right-of-way deeds for Oak Grove Acres, Phase II, for Buie Lane, Huckleberry Road and Pettyjohn Drive.

The motion carried unanimously to accept the right-of-way deeds for Oak Grove Acres, Phase II, for Buie Lane, Huckleberry Road and Pettyjohn Drive.

D. PROCLAMATION – Asthma Awareness Month

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to declare April, 2005 Asthma Awareness Month.

The motion carried unanimously to declare April, 2005 Asthma Awareness Month.

E. PROCLAMATION – Recognition of Harry Dixon.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to recognize Harry Dixon's service to Camden County by Proclamation.

The motion carried unanimously to recognize Harry Dixon's service to Camden County by Proclamation.

F. PROCLAMATION – National County Government Week.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to proclaim April 10- 16, 2005 National County Government Week.

The motion carried unanimously to proclaim April 10-16, 2005 National County Government Week.

G. Consideration of Tax Release Applications for White Oak Pentecostal Church and John A. Poston.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Tax Release Applications of White Oak Pentecostal Church and John A. Poston.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the Tax Release Applications of White Oak Pentecostal Church and John A. Poston.

H. Consideration of List of Roadways for Speed Limit Ordinance.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to approve the List of Roadways for the Speed Limit Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the List of Roadways for the Speed Limit Ordinance.

I. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution for FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant for Ralph Bunche Complex

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to adopt a Resolution for FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant for the Ralph Bunche Complex.

The motion carried unanimously to adopt a Resolution for FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant for the Ralph Bunche Complex.

J. Consideration of Appointment of Michael Bowick to Planning Commission to Represent District 2 of Camden County.

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to appoint Michael Bowick to the Planning Commission as the representative of District 2 of Camden County.

The vote was unanimous to appoint Michael Bowick to the Planning Commission to represent District 2 of Camden County.

K. Appointment of Appeals Board.

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to appoint, upon acceptance, Lannie Brant, Lynette Wooden and Jacob Price to the Appeals Board with Robbie Nettles as the Alternate.

The vote was unanimous to appoint, upon acceptance, Lannie Brant, Lynette Wooden and Jacob Price to the Appeals Board with Robbie Nettles as the Alternate.

L. Consideration of Budget Adjustment

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Budget Amendment for the distribution of monies for the janitorial contract.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Budget Amendment for the distribution of monies for the janitorial contract.

M. Request for Authorization to Apply for Grant Monies to Improve the Accessibility of Elections to Individuals with Disabilities.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to authorize the request of the Probate Court to apply for grant monies to improve the accessibility of elections to individuals with disabilities.

N. Consideration of Declaration of Emergency for Satilla Bluff Road

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to declare Satilla Bluff Road an emergency.

The motion carried unanimously to declare Satilla Bluff Road an emergency to make road repairs due to road closures in the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin, and voted unanimously that this Board enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4 at 7:22 p.m., and pursuant to the advice by the County Attorney, for the purpose of discussing litigation.

That upon conclusion of the discussion or deliberation in the closed session portion of the meeting that this body enter back into open session, open to the public, at which point an

announcement will be made in the Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse that this Board is back in session.

That upon coming back into open session that this body ratify the consensus taken in closed session; and

That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Chairman to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4, and that this body confirm the acts of the Board in closed session were as required by law and approved by the County Attorney.

RECONVENE:

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes. The vote was unanimous to reconvene the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Rainer signed the affidavit as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4(b). The original copy of the affidavit immediately follows these minutes and a copy is on file in the Executive Assistant's office.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller to adjourn the April 5, 2005 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer, Chairman

Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk