

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005 6:00 PM
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 17, 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.

Commissioner Rhodes delivered the invocation.

Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Chairman Rainer proposed the following agenda amendments:

- Add Under Item 8. Approval of Minutes – Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Regarding Water and Sewer Issues May 3, 2005
- Change under Item 8. Approval of Minutes – To read: Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2005
- Omit under New Business: Item 12C. Establish Date for Appeal Hearing
- Add under New Business: Item 12Q. Consideration of Letter to FAA Supporting the Relocation of the St. Marys Airport
- Add under New Business: Item 12R. Consideration of Additions to Surplus Auction Equipment List

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to make the changes proposed by Chairman Rainer to the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller and voted on unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Dover Bluff Fire Station Site

Ron Lewis

Mr. Lewis addressed the Board and stated that he lives approximately ½ mile from the proposed site. He stated that he feels that it is a low spot and would require a large amount of fill dirt. He also stated that he believes that a Sheriff's Office Annex will be needed in the north end of the county in the near future and thinks that the new fire station and the Annex should be put together.

Steve Rawl

Mr. Rawl stated that he lives in Honey Creek and feels that a fire station is needed in this area and that it is a good site for it.

Susan Highsmith

Mrs. Highsmith stated that it was her understanding that residents would have to have access to a water source in order for their insurance rates to decrease. She also stated that the proposed location is zoned R-1 and that a special use permit would have to be obtained in order to put the fire station in this location. Mrs. Highsmith stated that she felt that the fire trucks would have to be evacuated in the event of a hurricane. She also felt that this proposed fire station is located on a dangerous curve.

Jim Gibson

Mr. Gibson addressed the Board and stated that he lives in the area of the proposed site. He stated that if the County is able to provide services to this area and receive the land as a contribution that the County should take it. He stated that this fire station would provide First Responder equipment in this area and that the County should accept this site.

Don Hires

Mr. Hires that he opposes the site of this fire station and asked the Board of consider Mrs. Highsmith's research.

Warren Yourford

Mr. Yourford stated that he lives on Dover Island Trail and is President of the Dover Bluff Club. He stated that on behalf of the 58 members of the Dover Bluff Club, many of whom are permanent residents of Camden County, voices their support of the fire station in the proposed site.

Vernon Copeland

Mr. Copeland addressed the Board and stated that he lives on Dover Bluff Road. He stated that right now the ISO Rating is a 10 in this area. He stated that he offered the County a place for a dry hydrant but it was rejected by the Board. Mr. Copeland stated that he is not opposed to the fire station, that he is not bitterly opposed to the location, but that there have not been prior discussions with the residents. He stated that this area is zoned Residential. Mr. Copeland also stated that he felt that they have been paying taxes for services they do not receive, so he is not opposed to have the fire station. He stated

that this will really help the developers and that he believes this is the place that the developers want the fire station. Mr. Copeland stated that he believes Sanctuary Cove has been allowed to put the main entrance to the subdivision on a curve and have landscaped right up to the pavement. He also stated that he believes that Sanctuary Cove has been allowed to put up a huge septic tank above ground off of I-95 that he thinks has methane gas coming out of it.

Lisa Maxwell

Ms. Maxwell stated that she is representing some of the local residents who are concerned about the proposed location of the fire station. Ms. Maxwell stated that in reviewing the County Code Section 503 Single Family Code would require a special use permit. She also said that pursuant to the County's Code Article 9, Section 902, there would need to be a sign put on the proposed property 15 days prior to a hearing notifying the nearby residents of the proposed fire station site in an R-1 District. She stated that she understands that it was advertised in the local newspaper, but a sign was not posted. She also stated that the requirements also stated that the Planning Commission shall within 45 days of the application prepare its report as to the effect of such proposed building upon the character of the neighborhood and provide a recommendation to the Commission. Ms. Maxwell stated that she encourages the Board, before they proceed on this issue, to meet these requirements. She stated that she believes there is compelling evidence that the water and sewer situation in this location is not sufficient to support a fire station. She also stated that the issue regarding the insurance discounts are only provided if there are hydrants associated with the use. She stated that all this property is on well and septic and that residents will not meet the criteria for insurance discounts.

Bruce Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson stated that he is the Project Manager for Sanctuary Cove and he also represents the developer and 710 home owners. Mr. Dickinson stated that after hearing many of the comments made regarding Sanctuary Cove he felt it was necessary to speak up on several issues for the record. He stated that they obviously support the fire station. Mr. Dickinson stated that there have been statements made that are not true. He stated that they need to be corrected. He stated that Sanctuary Cove is not paying for the fire station. He stated that Sanctuary Cove contributed to the construction costs, but they are not building the fire station nor did they tell or mandate to the County in the process of their development that they supply them with a fire station. Mr. Dickinson also stated that he has personally visited the proposed location of the fire station and as an engineer and developer for 25 years this site does not need "excessive" fill. He stated that it is in a good location for site distance. The dangerous curve that was spoken about is about 4/10 of a mile down the road from Sanctuary Cove and the concrete truck that turned over was clearly going too fast in an area that had at least 2/10 site distance in each direction. He stated that another point that was made was that Sanctuary Cove does things without the County's knowledge. He stated that a statement was made that Sanctuary Cove has a big white tank off of I-95 with methane gas coming out of the top of it. He stated that this is not true. This tank is a 300,000 gallon fresh water tank that supplies water to Sanctuary Cove and the 700 home sites at the cost of \$3 million dollars. He stated that they have two permitted EPD permitted wells, each 700 feet, they are not affecting the local

aquifer, but affecting the deep aquifer. He stated that the cone on top of the fresh water tank off of I-95 is an aerator. He stated that there is absolutely no methane coming from this tank. Mr. Dickinson stated that Sanctuary Cove has no septic systems with the exception of the temporary sales office that is located at the main entrance and will be abandoned at the end of the term of sales. He stated that Sanctuary Cove has a 6.5 million dollar waste water facility. He stated that they process their own waste. He stated that the waste fluid is then directed back on the golf course for a closed loop system. It is such a high tech system that the EPD has awarded Sanctuary Cove Merits of Award for both the engineering and for the facilities design and use. He stated that the Audobaun Society is recognizing Sanctuary Cove as a good use project in terms of its waste water. Mr. Dickinson said that another point to make for the record is that Sanctuary Cove is a development, and he appreciates all those who and whose families have lived in the Dover Bluff area for years, and they support the location. He stated that there are federal guidelines that went into the process of deciding where the fire station should go. He stated that if the fire station was placed closer to Dover Bluff it would then increase the distance from the fire station to the end of Dover Bluff Road beyond five miles, putting the end of Dover Bluff Road would be maintained at the Federal category 9 ISO Rating. He stated that Sanctuary Cove has 418 fire hydrants. He stated that every road in Sanctuary Cove has been designed, with the County's approval, by a license professional engineer in the State of Georgia to facilitate any emergency vehicles that are needed in the county road section, which means the cul-de-sacs are big enough to turn around full size fire trucks around. He stated that EMT's have full two way traffic in all the areas and every home site has two way directional accesses to the front. He stated that so when it comes to insurance it makes a big difference as evidenced by the mortgage process for the purchasers of Sanctuary Cove. He stated that this cannot be overlooked. Mr. Dickinson stated that Sanctuary Cove is not here to tell the County what to do, but asking the County to support Sanctuary Cove in a manner that befits the development. He stated that he believes it is prudent that the County supply and provide adequate services. He stated that they did not ask the County to extend city sewer services because it would have cost the County millions of dollars, not prudent and not possible. He stated that they did not ask the County to drill wells to supply their water, not prudent or practical. He stated that they have \$8 million dollars worth of infrastructure at Sanctuary Cove and they are doing their part to facilitate that development project without the burden on the County. So, for anyone to place the burden of any decision of the fire station on Sanctuary Cove is not only incorrect but, in his opinion, wrong. Mr. Dickinson stated that for the record, Sanctuary Cove didn't buy the fire station, they contributed to it. He stated that they would love to have it and that it is necessary for the survival of the north side of the county. He stated that it is going to develop and that the County has done a great job looking at the plans and the County does not accept shoddy developments to come into the County. He stated that the County drove the design, not the developer. He stated that he wanted to make sure these facts were clear for the record.

Willa Ashe

Ms. Ashe stated that she lives on Dover Bluff Road. She stated that she belongs to the North Camden Association. She stated that she has lived there for twelve years, but has been coming to Camden County for 42 years. She stated that they have been asking the Commissioners why a fire station has not been built in this area. She stated that now they are getting it and she sees people in this meeting who do not want the fire station in this location. She stated that she wants it and the people in Spring Bluff want it on Dover Bluff Road. She stated that they have worked with the people at Sanctuary Cove about building so many houses and who would take care of them when they burned down. Ms. Ashe stated that Sanctuary Cove donated the land and contributed to the fire station, what more do you want. She stated that someone said that it would make too much noise. She stated that there are not fires everyday, so how much noise is it going to make. She stated that she has called the fire department because of people burning trees and she did not even know the fire department was there until they rang the doorbell.

Donald Dice (last name may not be correct)

Mr. Dice stated that he lives on Ella Park Church Road. He asked how the fire trucks would get down Horseshoe Cove. He stated that the location of the fire station would not help them.

Wilton DeLoach

Mr. DeLoach stated that he has a home on Dover Drive, but lives in Waycross. He stated that he supports the location of the Dover Bluff Fire Station. He stated that his family has lived in this area for over 80 years. He stated that although those who live in this area want the seclusion of Dover Bluff to remain forever, but like it or not, it is not going to be that way. He stated that he has wanted fire protection in the Dover Bluff area for over 30 years. He stated that at the age of 15 he helplessly watched a small grass fire grow into a raging fire which consumed two homes and a garage in the Dover Bluff area. He stated that 32 years later we have a choice. He stated that he believes that if this fire station is built it will be the best decision. He said should someone suffer a heart attack or die in a fire, our priorities change. He asked the Commissioners not to allow this opportunity to pass by. He believes that approving the construction of this station will allow everyone, supporters and non-supporters, better fire protection, better emergency medical response and better insurance rates which make for a safer community to raise our families.

Bill Boswell

Mr. Boswell stated that he lives in the Dover Bluff area and has been in Camden County since 1964. He said he has seen several houses burn on Dover Bluff and has been in some of them. He stated that on March 18th his trailer caught fire and he would like to thank the fire department in Tarboro and Waverly. He stated that there was not the first siren blown or horn, they came in an orderly manner and put out the fire. Mr. Boswell stated that fire protection is needed and he would like to have one in his back yard. He stated that if you don't have anything to fight a fire with, all you can do is watch it burn.

Robert Highsmith

Mr. Highsmith stated that he was a graduate of the Ohio State Fire Academy and he said that it doesn't work the way people are listening to it.

Susan Highsmith

Ms. Highsmith stated that in May of 2001 it was reported that developers would put \$500,000.00 toward the \$1 million dollars the county estimates it would cost to establish a fire station. She stated that she is opposed to a fire station in this location in a R-1 Residential zone.

Public Hearing is concluded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2005.

Commissioner Feller stated that Diana stated she did not have time to prepare the minutes and as submitted the minutes do not represent what took place. He stated that he made several presentations for some 20 minutes on a number of issues and they are not covered in the minutes. Commissioner Feller asked that these minutes be tabled until they could be prepared properly to reflect what transpired.

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting as is, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes.

Commissioner Feller stated that he felt this was a means to change history. He stated that minutes are the history of Camden County committed to writing. He stated that this does not reflect what took place and that he had very serious comments and that he could read them into the record now as to the issue at hand. He stated that it is an inaccurate piece of business and should not be ratified by the commission unless they want to hide from the future what took place.

Vice-Chairman Herrin commented that there is no commissioner who wants to hide from the future or the past. He stated that the past record stands for what they are and our decisions made today stand for what they will be tomorrow. He stated that he has read the minutes and listened to Mr. Feller's comments for 20 minutes when they were made. Vice-Chairman Herrin stated that it would be hard to type out every word in every speech that is made. He stated that if Commissioner Feller wanted to put Diana Smith on overtime and have her work 10 hours a day 6 days a week, maybe she would be able to do that.

Commissioner Feller stated that he would work with her and pay for her time so she could modify the minutes.

Chairman Rainer stated that minutes do not need to be verbatim and that only action that was taken had to be in the minutes.

Commissioner Feller stated no action was taken.

Chairman Rainer stated that was his point and that it did not need to be in the minutes.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – yea

Commissioner Feller – nay

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The May/June 2005 calendar was read.

B. County Manager's Report:

County Manager Charles Akridge reported on the following:

- The expenditures through April, 2005 for the General Fund – we are 5.63% under budget.
- There will be a surplus sale on Saturday, May 21, 2005 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for registration and viewing and the auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Camden County Landfill on S.R. 110.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeremy Pittman

Mr. Pittman addressed the Board and stated that he was the manager for Coastal Georgia Transportation. He thanked the Board for their support of this program helping those residents without transportation throughout Camden County. He stated that they have just accepted two vehicles from the Department of Transportation because of the support of the Camden County Board of Commissioners. He stated that all insurance has been updated on these vehicles.

Juanita Johnson

Ms. Johnson addressed the commissioners regarding drainage issues on her property regarding piping installed by Camden County.

THIS CONCLUDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Joint Development Authority.

Commissioner Feller made a motion to table this issue until June 21, 2005, seconded by Chairman Rainer.

The motion carried unanimously to table consideration to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Joint Development Authority.

B. Consideration of Site for Dover Bluff Fire Station.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to accept the proposed site for the Dover Bluff fire station.

Commissioner Rhodes stated that this location takes advantage of a five mile radius and is the most effective site to serve the residents of Dover Bluff and the surrounding areas. Commissioner Rhodes stated that any move from there one way or another would vastly affect the existing fire plan in place and jeopardize the ISO rating. He also stated that the land is donated and money is available to proceed. He also stated that the ISO rating for that area would change from a 9 to a 4 which is a considerable savings to the residents.

Commissioner Berry stated that he wished to clarify a few issues that were raised during the public hearing. He stated that there is no question that if the fire station is built and if a resident is within five miles of the station, that person would then have an ISO rating of 4. Commissioner Berry stated that they had the exact same problem when the Camden Area Protective Envelope (C.A.P.E.) Plan was put in place in 2002, which places circles over Camden County that have a radius of five miles that overlap each other. He stated that as they overlap each other, because of the plan put in place by Danny Daniels, when they connect and touch, each envelope gets credit for all the manpower of the other envelope. He stated that it does not require hydrants. Commissioner Berry stated that Camden County is the only county in Georgia with an ISO of 4 and have no fire hydrants.

He stated that was done with this particular plan and buying a \$400,000.00 vacuum truck which can deliver water all over the county where it is needed on the requirements of the ISO mandate. He stated that the Board figured out the area that they wanted to cover, drew the area and then found a place to put the station and the Board was fortunate enough to have someone who would donate a tract of property that was in that area. He stated that there is no question that if the fire station is built there and a resident is within the five mile radius, that they will receive the ISO rating of 4. If a resident is told they do not qualify and they are within the five mile radius, that person should notify the Fire Chief who will contact the insurance office and the insurance investigator will be out here. He stated that this was done in 2002 with insurance companies that wanted to continue charging at the higher ISO rating and it was stopped in each instance. Commissioner Berry stated that with new development and receiving the \$500,000.00 the Board can finally give Dover Bluff what they deserve. He stated that the Board can finally afford to put a fire station in this area. He stated that if the station is moved anywhere significantly north or south, the people on the fringes will lose out because the radius will move. He stated that the Board is trying to accommodate everybody and this is a realistic way and it is working. Commissioner Berry stated that the developer contributed \$500,000.00 for a fire station as a condition for the rezoning. He stated that this fire station would also be used for a voting station.

Commissioner Rhodes stated that Tarboro is the only place that has a fire station and a voting precinct. He stated that when his ISO rating went from a 9 to a 4 it was a significant drop in the cost of his insurance. Commissioner Rhodes stated that as the commissioner for the residents in Dover Bluff, he owes it to them to get their ISO rating reduced from a 9 to a 4. He stated that in addition, the Cheek family has donated 1.5 acres near the proposed fire station for a park which was accepted at the PSA meeting.

Chairman Rainer stated that he spoke with Chief Gailey and there are not sirens going off all the time. He stated that he lives in close proximity to two fire stations, one a city fire station and one a county fire station, in a residential neighborhood. Chairman Rainer stated that the county fire station which is right in the middle of the residential neighborhood does not go out blasting their sirens. He stated that fire department personnel think about these things and understand the concerns of residents.

Chief Dennis Gailey addressed the Board and those in attendance and stated that the fire station would house an ambulance, a fire truck (pumper) and an aerial device (ladder truck). He stated that to elaborate on the residential neighborhood, they have a station at Satilla and Central Street in Kingsland with houses all around them and they use good etiquette. He stated that they would sound the sirens only when they had to, not just because they could. Chief Gailey stated that they intend to be good neighbors wherever they are located.

Commissioner Feller stated that as he understands it with the C.A.P.E. Program, the Fire Department uses the tankers and lines to move water from one place to another. He asked that in view of the increased growth in the north, are we starting to lose any of the water sources that C.A.P.E. depends on?

Chief Gailey stated that if they are losing any ponds or such, they are gaining pressurized water systems within developments.

Commissioner Feller asked if they could “tap into” Sanctuary Cove.

Chief Gailey responded that, yes they could use Sanctuary Cove’s water system and there are at least three dry hydrants in the Dover Bluff area. He stated that as construction grows they obviously would have to think about water and would evaluate that issue.

Commissioner Feller stated that Vernon Copeland addressed the Board during the public hearing regarding alternative sites. He stated that he understood Mr. Copeland to say that there are other sites available and that he does not know if they are viable or make sense, but wonders if they are being premature in not looking at some of the sites close by and more acceptable to the residents.

Commissioner Berry stated that he spoke with the Fire Chief and members of the fire department have gone out and looked at the sites in that area. He stated that this was all done when Danny Daniels was Fire Chief and he went out and checked the pieces of property in the area and concluded that this was the right site, particularly in light of the fact that it is donated. He stated that he knew of no one else willing to donate land for the fire station and did not feel it would be prudent to spend \$40,000.00 on a piece of land 2/10 of a mile down the road when we have a piece of land donated.

Chairman Rainer stated that this site also appears to accommodate the most people as possible.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – yea

Commissioner Feller – nay

C. Establish Date for Appeal Hearing.

This item was omitted during Agenda Amendments.

D. Consideration of Health Insurance Recommendation.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve Covenant Administrators as the third party administrator.

The motion carried unanimously to approve Covenant Administrators as the third party administrator.

E. Consideration of cancellation of Board of Commissioners Meetings on June 7, 2005 and July 5, 2005.

Chairman Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to cancel the Board of Commissioners meetings on June 7, 2005 and July 5, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously to cancel the June 7 and July 5, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meetings.

F. Consideration of Proposed Dates of June 21, 2005 and June 28, 2005 for Public Hearings on 2005/2006 Budget.

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to approve June 21 and June 28, 2005 for Public Hearings on the 2005/2006 Budget.

The motion carried unanimously to approve June 21 and June 28, 2005 for Public Hearings on the 2005/2006 Budget.

- G. Consideration of Rezoning Request of W.P.C. Smith, III (#R-007-05) of 2 acres from Mobile Home Park (MHP) to Commercial-General (C-G) located at the intersection of Highway 17 and Ferrow Crossing Road. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 24 on zoning/tax map 74.**
- H. Consideration of a Rezoning Request of Waterfront Group Georgia, LLC (#R-010-05) of +/- 540 acres from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Planned-Development (P-D) located on Highway 17 and Oscar Road. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 25 on zoning/tax map 74.**
- I. Consideration of rezoning request of Jason Hamm (#R-011-05) of 0.6145 acres from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial-General (C-G) located in the Woodville Community directly behind Kings Bay Enterprises. The property is identified as parcel 10-C on zoning/tax map 122.**
- J. Consideration of Rezoning Request of John Adams (R-012-05) of +/- 38 acres from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F), Agriculture-Residential (A-R) and Commercial-General (C-G) to Residential-1 (R-1) located south of Waverly on Highway 17. The property is identified as parcels 21A and 35 on zoning/tax map 74 and that portion of parcel 1-A identified as "Clark's Island" on zoning/tax map 62.**
- K. Consideration of Rezoning Request of Jimmie L. R. Green (#R-013-05) of 4.06 acres from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Agriculture-Residential (A-R) located on Springbluff Road. The property is a portion of parcel 52 on zoning/tax map 111 and is identified as tracts "A" and "D" of the John Green Lizzamore Estate.**

- L. Consideration of Rezoning Request of Roger & Dana Gullion (#R-015-05) for 1.631 acres from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Agriculture-Residential (A-R) located on Vacuna Road and is identified as a portion of parcel 27 on zoning/tax map 82.**
- M. Consideration of a Special Use Permit for Robert (Bobby) G. Moye (#SU-003-05) for a Major Home Occupation to be located at 19 Holly Oak Trail. The property is identified as parcel 19-F on zoning/tax map 126.**
- N. Consideration of Final Plat Approval for Tidewater Plantation (#004-05-F) of the single family community of Laurel Island. The property is located at the end of Marsh Harbor Parkway and is identified as a portion of parcel 2 on zoning/tax map 133.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to approve Items 12G through 12N.

Commissioner Berry stated for the record that he would have to vote in opposition to this motion because he wished to take these items individually as he had concerns on some of these items, but not all.

So Voted:

- Chairman Rainer – yea**
- Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea**
- Commissioner Rhodes – yea**
- Commissioner Berry – nay**
- Commissioner Feller – yea**

- O. Consideration of Final Plat Approval for Patterson Park – Phase II (#003-05-F) for five (5) lots in the A-R zoning district on Vickie Lane, a private dirt road. The property is identified as a portion of parcel 6C on zoning/tax map 108.**

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to accept the final plat approval for Patterson Park – Phase II (#003-05-F) for five (5) lots in the A-R zoning district on Vickie Lane, a private dirt road.

Commissioner Feller addressed County Manager Charles Akridge stating that this matter came before the Planning Board and they had some concerns about it because the developer is moving incrementally in small parcels at a time and there is a problem with the road because the developer does not own the entire road, he only owns halfway out. He stated that sooner or later we are going to have to have roads to take care of this development and Mr. Akridge was to discuss with the developer the possibility of him getting the county extra footage to make up a proper road.

County Manager Charles Akridge stated that there was a discussion about reserving county right-of-way for further improvements. However, the Planning Commission subsequently voted to recommend approval of this because it is a private subdivision. He stated that the Planning Board asked that he move forward with a Text Amendment to the Zoning Regulations and the Subdivision Regulations to say that we would pave all roads to county standards and in the event that there was a variance given, we would reserve at least 60 feet of right-of-way. Mr. Akridge stated that this is a proposal that will come before the Planning Commission and subsequently before this Board. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this item as it is. He stated that Commissioner Feller's appointee had a concern with it, but the rest of the commission recommended approval.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – nay

Commissioner Feller – nay

P. Consideration of Approval of Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) Grant.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to approve the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) Grant.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) Grant.

Q. Consideration of Letter to FAA Supporting the Relocation of the St. Marys Airport.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the letter to the FAA supporting the relocation of the St. Marys Airport.

The motion was unanimous to approve the letter to the FAA supporting the relocation of the St. Marys Airport.

R. Consideration of Additions to the Surplus Auction Equipment List.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the additions to the Surplus Auction Equipment List.

The motion was unanimous to approve the additions to the Surplus Auction Equipment List.

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 7:45 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 Vice-Chairman Herrin. The vote was unanimous to reconvene the meeting at 7:49 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 Feller, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to adjourn the May 17, 2005 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer, Chairman

Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk