

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005 6:00 PM
WOODBINE, GEORGIA**

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 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; and County Attorney Brent Green.

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

Reverend Myers delivered the invocation.

Chairman Rainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call indicated all Commissioners were present.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Chairman proposed the following agenda amendments to add under New Business:

- 12Qa. Consideration of Bid by Paulk Timber Company for Landfill.
- 12Qb. Consideration of New Construction Consultant
- 12Qc. Consideration of Contract for New Cell at C&D Site

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the agenda amendments.

The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda amendments.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2005 and the Special Called Meeting of November 9, 2005.

The vote was unanimous to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2005 and the special called meeting minutes of November 9, 2005.

PRESENTATIONS:

➤ **Proclamation – Retired Educator’s Day**

Chairman Rainer proclaimed Sunday, November 13, 2005 Retired Educator’s Day in Camden County.

REPORTS:

A. Calendar

The November/December 2005 calendar was read.

B. County Manager’s Report:

Chairman Rainer stated that Camden County was selected as a Signature Community. This was a joint effort by the County as well as all three cities.

He stated that the Road Department received a letter from Mike and Linda Sears expressing their gratitude for the repairs of drainage problems in their neighborhood.

Chairman Rainer recognized Craig Brack and Bob Noble in their efforts in selling the Spec Building. He stated that this is just another step of the many that is taking place through the Joint Development Authority. He stated that they are working to benefit the people of Camden County. Chairman Rainer stated that he wanted to publicly recognize and thank the Joint Development Authority for the job that they are doing for Camden County.

Vice-Chairman Herrin stated that in one’s life, everyone one at one time or another has a time to shine. Vice-Chairman Herrin went on to say that he believes that the Joint Development Authority with its leadership has found its time.

Commissioner Rhodes stated that he wished to publicly acknowledge and thank the JDA for what it has done and for what they will do in the future.

Craig Brack addressed the Board and stated that the Board of Commissioners has made the efforts made by the JDA come to fruition. He stated that the Department of Transportation Board will be in Camden County on Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17, 2005 to meet. He stated that there will be a committee meeting with the Southeast Georgia Joint Development Authority who will give a presentation on the railroad project. On Thursday, they will have a meeting and the JDA will give a

presentation on transportation needs in Camden County, including the Kingsland Bypass and Horsestamp Road Interchange.

Commissioner Feller stated that he has had his differences with the JDA, but they need to move ahead and that he believes that in this case they have shown that they are capable of moving ahead.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vernon Copeland

Mr. Copeland addressed the Board regarding Item 12L Rezoning of Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound. Mr. Copeland stated that he is opposed to any marshland being rezoned to R-1.

Jim Cox

Mr. Cox addressed the Board and stated that he represented the Honey Creek Episcopal Center and he had no objection to the request of Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound being rezoned to R-1.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Article 3, Sections 302, 503, 504, 505 and 506 of the Camden County Zoning Ordinance of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.**

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to waive the second reading and adopt the Ordinance to Amend Article 3, Sections 302, 503, 504, 505 and 506 of the Camden County Zoning Ordinance of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

The vote was unanimous to waive the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article 3, Sections 302, 503, 504, 505 and 506 of the Camden County Zoning Ordinance of the Official Code of Camden County, Georgia.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – yea

Commissioner Feller – nay

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to withdraw the six-month moratorium on R-1 zoned areas.

The vote was unanimous to withdraw the six month moratorium on R-1 zoned areas.

B. Consideration of Additional Staffing for the Tax Assessors Office.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes approve the additional staffing for the Tax Assessors Office.

The vote was unanimous.

C. Consideration of Additional Staffing for the Tax Commissioners Office.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the additional staffing for the Tax Commissioners Office.

The vote was unanimous.

D. Consideration of Salary Schedule for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the new salary schedule for the Sheriff's Office.

The vote was unanimous.

E. Consideration of Request for Correction of the St. Marys Railroad 2004 Tax Liability.

Commissioner Feller made a motion to approve the correction of the St. Marys Railroad 2004 Tax Liability. The motion died for a lack of a second.

F. Appointment of Committee regarding Jail Addition.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to appoint 2 At-Large members, a representative from the cities of St. Marys, Kingsland and Woodbine, and representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Commissioners.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – yea

Commissioner Feller – nay

G. Consideration of Changing December Commissioners Meetings to one Meeting on December 13, 2005.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to change the December Commissioners Meetings to one Meeting on December 13, 2005.

The vote was unanimous.

H. Consideration of Tax Release Application for Hair Color Salon & Beauty Store, Digest Year 2004, Bill No. 007963, \$320.28.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Tax Release Application for Hair Color Salon & Beauty Store.

The vote was unanimous.

I. Consideration of Application by Ralph Thomas Powers for a Retail Sale of Mail Beverages and Wine License for the Golf Club at Sanctuary Cove.

J. Consideration of Application by Alfred Rudolph for a Retail Sale and Consumption of Malt Beverages and Wine License for the Brown Derby.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the alcohol licenses for Ralph Thomas Powers and Alfred Rudolph.

The vote was unanimous.

K. Consideration of Request by White Oak Hammock, LLC for a Rezoning of Approximately 2.5 acres on Highway 17 in White Oak from Agricultural-Forestry (A-F) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2). The property is identified as parcel 3 on zoning/tax map 63A.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to approve the rezoning request by White Oak Hammock, LLC from Agricultural-Forestry to Multi-Family Residential of 2.5 acres.

The vote was unanimous.

L. Consideration of Request by Land Resource Companies for a Rezoning of 1131.01 acres at Coakley Point a/k/a Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound on Dover Bluff at the Georgia Episcopal Conference Center Road from Agriculture-Forestry (A-F) to Residential-1 (R-1)

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the rezoning request of Land Resource Companies for Bridge Pointe at Jekyll Sound.

So Voted:

Chairman Rainer – yea

Vice-Chairman Herrin – yea

Commissioner Rhodes – yea

Commissioner Berry – yea

Commissioner Feller – nay

M. Consideration of Drainage Easement from Leroy Q. and Joanie T. Dawson, Jr.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the drainage easement from Leroy and Joanie Dawson, Jr.

The vote was unanimous.

N. Approval of Proclamation for Retired Educator’s Day.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to proclaim November 13, 2005 Retired Educator’s Day.

The vote was unanimous.

O. Consideration of Resolution for Coastal Georgia Transportation.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Resolution for Coastal Georgia Transportation releasing \$9,000.00 to Coastal Georgia Transportation of the \$10,000.00 approved by the Board if needed to continue operations.

The vote was unanimous.

P. Consideration of Request for Six Additional Personnel and Addition of Job Description for Fire & Rescue.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve six additional personnel and the addition of a job description for Fire & Rescue.

The vote was unanimous.

Qa. Consideration of Bid by Paulk Timber to the Solid Waste Department.

Vice-Chairman Herrin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to accept the bid by Paulk Timber (\$13.00 for Pulp Wood per ton and \$35.00 for Chip and Saw per ton) for the Solid Waste Department.

The vote was unanimous.

Qb. Consideration of New Construction Consultant for the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve Atlantic Coast Consultants and the new construction consultant for the Solid Waste Department.

The vote was unanimous.

Qc. Consideration of Contract for New Cell at C&D Site.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to extend the contract with Cooper, Barnett & Page and waive the bidding process due to it being an emergency for the new cell at the C&D site at a cost of \$1,041,906.06.

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller to adjourn the November 15, 2005 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Rainer, Chairman

Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk