

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006 - 6:00 PM  
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

**A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.**

**Present: Chairman David L. Rainer; Vice-Chairman E.B. Herrin, Jr.; Commissioner Preston Rhodes; Commissioner Sanford Feller; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; 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 that all Commissioners were present.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Chairman Rainer recommended the following agenda amendments:  
Addition of the following items under Presentations:

Captain Wesley Walker- Additional Staffing for the Sheriff's Department.

Addition of the following items under New Business:

- F. Reconsideration of Prior Rezoning Approval on January 17, 2006  
Regarding JV Entity, LLC of 381 acres from R-1 to PD on zoning/ tax  
map#125, parcel #10.

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to approve the recommended agenda amendments.

**The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda amendments.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer 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 regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2006.

**The vote was unanimous to approve the regular minutes of September 19, 2006.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Captain Wesley Walker- Recommendations of Jail Expansion Committee

Captain Wesley Walker gave a presentation on the recommendations of the Jail Expansion Committee. Captain Walker stated that the committee looked at two options, 1) expanding the current jail committee and 2) constructing a new facility. He stated that it was the Jail Committee's recommendation that a new facility be built. Captain Walker stated that there are 27 acres of county owned property in the area of Highway 110 and Godley Road. He stated that there is a water tower in close proximity to this piece of property which would make bringing in the utilities easier. Captain Walker also stated that the Jail Expansion Committee interviewed several architectural firms and after careful consideration, the committee recommended McCall & Associates. Captain Walker asked the Board to approve drafting a contract with McCall & Associates to construct a new jail facility on the 27 acres.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to approve drawing up a contract with McCall & Associates for the building of a new jail facility on the 27 acres located in the area of Highway 110 and Godley Road to be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion:

Vice-Chairman Herrin asked if residents in the area of the proposed location had been notified. He stated that he felt that it would be important to get input from the residents in the area.

Commissioner Berry asked if they would leave buffer zones around the facility.

Captain Walker stated that he believes there is enough room for a buffer.

Commissioner Berry asked if the architects could configure the facility to the shape of the property so there could be a natural buffer.

Chairman Rainer stated that this issue was discussed in the jail committee meetings. They discussed locating it within the property so that it would be concealed and people would not even know it was there by just looking at the property.

Commissioner Rhodes stated that he would like to look at several options in configuring the jail on the property and would like to have citizen input.

Captain Walker stated that McCall actually goes out and talks to people in the area where the facility is proposed to be built.

Commissioner Feller asked if SPLOST numbers have been looked at to fund this construction.

Chairman Rainer stated that the cost would be too much for one SPLOST as the cost would probably be about 10-12 million dollars. He stated that they would look at using SPLOST over a period of time and that the cities and county would still be able to have some of their own SPLOST dollars after the monies for the jail facility were disbursed.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Captain Wesley Walker- Additional Staffing for the Sheriff's Department**

Captain Wesley Walker gave a presentation on the Request of Additional Staffing for the Sheriff's Department. He explained that the need for additional staffing is due to the increase in call volume by 55.88%. He stated that the inmate population is growing and there is a need for more man power. Captain Walker stated that the Sheriff's Department is requesting that the 6 new employees that the Board approved to be hired in January for the Fiscal Year 06/07 Budget be hired immediately as well as an additional 5 employees. Captain Walker explained to the Board that a total cost for 20 pay periods for these employees would be approximately \$297,972.88. He stated that the Sheriff's Department generates fine money through the Probate Court and since July of 2005 the Sheriff's Department has generated approximately \$1,039,655.62 in fine money turned over to the County. He explained that approximately \$129,956.95 is generated monthly and this money would pay for the New Positions in a matter of roughly 3 months.

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to Amend the Budget to extend 6 new positions to start immediately and hire 5 New Positions at the Sheriff's Department.

**So voted:**

**Chairman Rainer – aye**

**Vice-Chairman Herrin – aye**

**Commissioner Rhodes – aye**

**Commissioner Berry – aye**

**Commissioner Feller – nay**

**REPORTS:**

**A. Calendar**

The October/November 2006 calendar was read.

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

Michael Fender presented the Board with the Annual Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2006.

Chief Gailey announced that the Camden County Fire Department will be conducting a Fire Prevention Weekend, October 21-22, 2006. He explained to the Board that they will be having a Cookout at the Harriett's Bluff Fire Station and giving away free Fire Detectors to the Public. He stated that they will be giving Fire Prevention tips and taking requests to install Fire Detectors in homes. Chief Gailey invited everyone to come out and support the Community for Fire Prevention Week.

Chairman Rainer announced that there is a replica of the check given to the County for the Community Development Block Grant on display. He stated that the project was moving forward and they would be taking bids for the project this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of request by Calvin Weston for Tax Refund for the Years 2004 and 2005.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to approve the request of Calvin Weston for a Tax Refund for the Years 2004 and 2005.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Consideration of Appointment of Frank Brown to the Historic Preservation Advisory Council.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feller to Appoint Frank Brown to the Historic Preservation Advisory Council.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendments.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to Approve the Budget Amendments.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of Planning and Zoning Recommendation.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Herrin to approve the Rezoning request for Cecily Hill (#R-031-06) for Rezoning from A-F to A-R to build single family lots. This property is located off of Oscar Rd. Tax Map #074, Parcel #25C and #25A001.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. Consideration of change of the Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates for November and December.**

Commissioner Feller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to Approve the change of the Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates for the months of November and December to only 1 meeting each month being November 14, 2006 and December 12, 2006.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. Reconsideration of Prior Rezoning Approval on January 17, 2006 Regarding JV Entity, LLC of 381 acres from R-1 to PD on zoning/ tax map#125, parcel #10.**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Chairman Rainer to Approve the Reconsideration of Prior Rezoning Approval on January 17, 2006 Regarding JV Entity, LLC of 381 acres to be put back to R-1 due to recent court order.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Feller to adjourn the October 3, 2006 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David L. Rainer, Chairman

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Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk