

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007 - 6:00 PM  
COUNTY ANNEX  
KINGSLAND, GEORGIA**

**A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the County Annex in Kingsland, Georgia.**

**Present: Chair Preston Rhodes; Vice-Chair Katherine Nisi-Zell; Commissioner David Rainer; Commissioner Stephen L. Berry; Commissioner Charlene Sears; County Attorney Brent Green; and Interim County Manager Penny Woodard.**

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

**Commissioner Rhodes delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The roll call indicated that all Commissioners were present.**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Chairman Rhodes recommended the following agenda amendments:  
Addition of the following item under New Business:

B. Consideration of Lease Agreement for Public Defender's Office.

Addition of the following item under Executive Session: Litigation

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to adopt the agenda as amended.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2007.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Commissioner Sears read the Proclamation to the Crooked Rivers Cultural Heritage Production and presented it to a member of the production.

## Community Assessment for Joint Comprehensive Plan

Interim County Manager Penny Woodard stated that this presentation would be postponed until May.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **A. Calendar**

The April/May calendar was inadvertently left from the packets so it was not read.

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

**None.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Royal Weaver

Mr. Weaver thanked the Board for recognizing the Crooked Rivers Cultural Heritage Production and stated that all members and stories are from Camden County. He stated that he would like to encourage everyone to come out and attend there upcoming productions.

Sandy Feller

Mr. Feller asked the Board about the search for hiring a County Manager.

Interim County Manager Penny Woodard stated that interview dates are being set up for the qualified candidates and the information will be provided to the Board of Commissioners.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**None.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Consideration of Acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed for Serenity Farms.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berry to Accept the Right-of-way Deed for Serenity Farms.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Consideration of Lease Agreement for Public Defender's office.**

Commissioner Rainer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sears to Approve the Lease Agreement for Public Defender's office.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Zell, and voted unanimously that this Board enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-15-4 at 6:11 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 County Annex 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 Rainer made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell. The vote was unanimous to reconvene the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Chairman Rhodes 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.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Camden County Board of Commissioners as follows: At the meeting held on the 3rd day of April, 2007, with the following Commissioners being present: Chair Preston Rhodes, Vice Chair Katherine Nisi-Zell, Commissioner David Rainer, Commissioner Steve Berry, Commissioner Charlene Sears, the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation. At the close of the discussions on this subject, the Board did agree to reconvene into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the Board and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm to the best of their knowledge, based upon the advice of the County Attorney, who was present during said closed session portion was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and the specific relevant exception is the subject matter as set forth above.
- (3) The Chairman of this Board, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed and pursuant to the Resolution shall execute an affidavit, in full support of the members of this Board, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).
- (4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

**AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)**

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Preston Rhodes, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the chairperson/presiding officer of a meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners held on the 3rd day of April, 2007.
- (2) The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing Litigation as allowed by the O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 and § 50-14-3 was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.
- (3) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4-(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 3rd day of April, 2007.

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Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Those voting in favor of the Resolution:

Commissioners:\_\_\_\_\_

Those voting against the Resolution:

Commissioners:\_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Sears made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Zell to adjourn the April 3, 2007 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Preston Rhodes, Chairman

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Diana Smith, Executive Assistant/Clerk