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Camden County Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

WOODBINE, Ga. – May 26, 2020 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifth consecutive year. This award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada, recognizes the Camden County Finance & Budget Department’s work on the annual budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020, beginning July 1, 2019.

The award represents a noteworthy achievement by Camden County as it reflects the commitment of the Board of Commissioners and staff to meet the highest principles of government budgeting. Nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation had to be fulfilled in order for Camden County to receive this budget award. These guidelines are designed to assess how well Camden County’s budget serves as:

- a policy document;
- a financial plan;
- an operations guide; and
- a communications device.



Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, including the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

“Our Finance & Budget Department, led by Chief Financial Officer Nancy Gonzalez, does a wonderful job in preparing our annual budget,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. “We are very proud of the Finance & Budget Department receiving this well-deserved recognition.”

GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local

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Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Documents submitted to the Budget Awards Program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting.

This award follows Camden County’s recognition from GFOA for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Camden County received a Certificate of Achievement in October 2019 for the CAFR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Additionally, in January 2020 Camden County’s auditors, Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC, issued a “clean” audit report for FY2019 with no findings.

About the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance. GFOA has accepted the leadership challenge of public finance. To meet the many needs of its members, the organization provides best practice guidance, consulting, networking opportunities, publications including books, e-books, and periodicals, recognition programs, research, and training opportunities for those in the profession. Learn more at: <http://www.gfoa.org>.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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