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Camden County Applies for Funding to Construct New Health Department

WOODBINE, Ga. – November 4, 2021 – At their November 2, 2021, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) application for \$1 million for the construction of a new health department facility. With an estimated total cost of \$4.5 million, the new health department will be funded at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Utilizing funding available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the CARES Act, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is administering the CDBG-CV funds for public assistance activities which includes the construction, rehabilitation or enhancement of public facilities which may include capital expenses for rural health care facilities. Through this grant, Camden County seeks to construct a new Health Department building to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus in addition to continuing to provide other services to low and moderate-income persons in a safe environment.

Funding for the new facility will also come from the Camden County Board of Commissioners, along with the Cities of Kingsland and St. Marys, Coastal Georgia Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Additionally, \$1.2 million in funding was included as part of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VIII. Camden County voters approved SPLOST VIII in March 2019. This one-cent sales tax is paid by all residents and visitors that purchase goods in Camden County. SPLOST VIII began collection in July 2019 and concludes in June 2025.

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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