

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017, 6:00 PM**

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Commissioner Gary Blount; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; County Administrator Steve Howard ; County Attorney John S. Myers; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop

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

Commissioner Lannie Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

Addition of Executive Session - Litigation

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the agenda amendment as presented.

The motion carried unanimously .

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously .

Approval of the Minutes

- April 4, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blount to approve the April 4, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously .

Presentation

- St. Marys River Management Committee Annual Report presented by John Myers

Attorney Myers asked for this item to be postponed for presentation during the May 2, 2017 regular meeting.

- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association to the Finance Department of the Camden County Board of Commissioners

County administrator Steve Howard announced that the Finance Department of the Camden County Board of Commissioners has been recognized with the Distinguished

Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. He commended staff for their hard work.

Chairman Starline presented the award to Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender.

- 3rd Quarter Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2017 presented by Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented the Board with the 3rd Quarter Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2017.

- Presentation by the Woodbine Public Library, Inc. presented by Sarah Lynsey Thomas & Janet Heath

Sarah Lynsey Thomas and Janet Heath presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board regarding the proposed Woodbine Public Library project.

Public Comments

Attorney Bill Sapp, Southern Environmental Law Center

Attorney Sapp stated that discussions have been positive with regards to all parties involved in the Cumberland issue. He thanked all that attended the meeting tonight to let their voice be heard regarding this matter.

Myron Thomas, Partner Disposal, Callahan, FL

Mr. Thomas introduced himself and his company to the Board. He explained that if they had any questions regarding solid waste disposal services provided by his company he would be available to answer.

Bob Nutter, St. Marys

Mr. Nutter stated that he was speaking on behalf of himself only, as a citizen, and not as a member of the St. Marys City Council. He expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Linda Williams, St. Marys

Ms. Williams stated that she was speaking on behalf of herself only, as a citizen, and not as a member of the St. Marys City Council. She expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Bill Bruce, St. Marys, Appellant

Mr. Bruce expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Alex Kearns, St. Marys EarthKeepers

Mrs. Kearns expressed the St. Marys EarthKeepers opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Shannon McGrew, St. Marys

Ms. McGrew expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island. She explained that she has concerns for sea turtle nesting and habitat on the shores of the island being impacted by this issue.

Laura Fox, Port St. Lucie, FL

Ms. Fox stated that she had driven from her home in Florida, several hours away, to express her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

David Schmitz, St. Marys

Mr. Schmitz expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Tom Canning, St. Marys

Mr. Canning expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Kelly Davis, St. Marys

Mrs. Davis expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Steve Weinkle, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Weinkle expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Larry White, St. Marys

Mr. White expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Kathy White, St. Marys

Mrs. White expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Ricky A. Heidgerken, St. Marys

Mr. Heidgerken expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Deborah Carmel, St. Marys

Ms. Carmel expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Muriel Finken, St. Marys

Ms. Finken expressed her opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Mike Pilolla, St. Marys

Mr. Pilolla expressed his opposition to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Wesley Mills, Kingsland

Mr. Mills expressed his position in favor to the rezoning of private land on Cumberland Island.

Chairman Starline adjourned the regular meeting for a ten (10) minute recess at 7:08 PM.

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 7:18 PM.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene a Public Hearing at 7:18 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at PM.

Convene Public Hearing

- To receive public comments regarding the consideration of a request by Thomas P. McGraw, Jr. for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to establish a wedding venue business on the property, and other special events at property located at 560 GA Episcopal Center Road, zoned Agricultural Forestry, and is 34.1 acres. Tax Map 139 - 053 **District 1 - Commissioner Lannie Brant**

No comments were offered neither in favor nor in opposition of this item.

- To receive public comments regarding the consideration of a request by Joyce Readdick, owner; Rocky Readdick, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow an aircraft landing strip located west of Kayla Street, zoned Agricultural Forestry and is 20.88 acres. Tax Map 083 - 054 **District 5 - Commissioner Ben Casey**

No comments were offered neither in favor nor in opposition of this item.

- To receive public comments regarding the consideration of a request by Dennis & Jennifer Long owners; Kate Jackson, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to host weddings and other special events, located at the end of Pine Drive, zoned Agricultural Residential, and is 6.25 acres. Tax Map 118L - 037 **District 2 - Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark**

Janet Heath, Woodbine

Mrs. Heath stated that she was not taking a position on this item but she wanted to point out that recently there have been more these types of special use requests. She expressed her concerns about this type of use causing a decline in surrounding property values and restrictions of the use.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the Public Hearing, and convene the Solid Waste Authority Meeting at 7:23 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Solid Waste Authority Meeting at 7:23 PM.

The Camden County Solid Waste Authority held a meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 7:23 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Building, Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman Jimmy Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Lannie Brant; Ben Casey; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers; and County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop.

Absent: Gary Blount

Adoption of SWA Agenda

SWA Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark made a motion, seconded by Ben Casey to adopt the Solid Waste Authority agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

SWA Approval of Minutes

- January 24, 2017 SWA meeting minutes

SWA Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark made a motion, seconded by Ben Casey to approve the January 24, 2017 Solid Waste Authority meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

SWA Public Comments

No comments were offered from the public during this time.

SWA Agenda

1. Curbside Collection Contract Proposal and Options with Advance Disposal.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented the Curbside Collection Contract Proposal and Options with Advance Disposal to the Board. He asked for direction moving forward and explained that time was a factor regarding this item.

After further discussion by the Solid Waste Authority, at this time, no action was taken regarding this item.

Additional SWA Public Comments

Colleen Weinkle, Harriett's Bluff

Mrs. Weinkle stated that she recently took a field trip to the Landfill and while there she learned it costs ninety dollars (\$90.00) a ton for recycling. She explained while she understands it's a good thing it does cost a lot of money. She stated that if it is not effective she understood the need to go to pick up every two (2) weeks.

Myron Thomas, Partner Disposal, Callahan, FL

Mr. Thomas stated that he was very familiar with the contract being discussed and he has some insight into the recycling program. He explained that you do have the option of having recycling bins being placed in certain areas that are picked up without having to run a complete route. He stated that his estimate is that the County runs about twenty-five percent (25 %), and the national average is thirty percent (30 %). He stated that strategically placing roll offs to collect recycling may be more cost effective. He

stated that in Nassau County recycling is provided through a subscription service and that is an option the County could look into as well.

SWA Adjournment

SWA Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded Lannie Brant to adjourn the Solid Waste Authority meeting at 7:43 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 7:43 PM.

Regular Agenda

1. Consideration of request by Thomas P. McGraw, Jr. for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to establish a wedding venue business on the property, and other special events at property located at 560 GA Episcopal Center Road, zoned Agricultural Forestry, and is 34.1 acres. Tax Map 139 - 053

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the request by Thomas P. McGraw, Jr. for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to establish a wedding venue business on the property, and other special events at property located at 560 GA Episcopal Center Road, zoned Agricultural Forestry, and is 34.1 acres. Located on Tax Map 139 - 053.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of request by Joyce Readdick, owner; Rocky Readdick, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow an aircraft landing strip located west of Kayla Street, zoned Agricultural Forestry and is 20.88 acres. Tax Map 083 - 054

Commissioner Casey made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the request by Joyce Readdick, owner; Rocky Readdick, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow an aircraft landing strip located west of Kayla Street, zoned Agricultural Forestry and is 20.88 acres. Located on Tax Map 083 - 054.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of request by Dennis & Jennifer Long owners; Kate Jackson, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to host weddings and other special events, located at the end of Pine Drive, zoned Agricultural Residential, and is 6.25 acres. Tax Map 118L - 037

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the request by Dennis & Jennifer Long owners; Kate Jackson, applicant, for Special Use approval to allow a place of assembly to host weddings and other special events, located at the end of Pine Drive, zoned Agricultural Residential, and is 6.25 acres. Located on Tax Map 118L - 037.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of Resolution approving a de-annexation of Tax Map 094 020G, shown as 10 acres from the City of Kingsland for Joseph & Donna Britt.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to approve the Resolution approving a de-annexation of Tax Map 094 020G, shown as 10 acres from the City of Kingsland for Joseph & Donna Britt.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of appointment of Vice Admiral, Al Konetzni, USN, Ret., to the Camden Spaceport Steering Committee.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casey to appoint Vice Admiral, Al Konetzni, USN, Ret., to the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Contract with Valdosta State University to analyze and recommend changes regarding Camden County Clerk of Superior Court's website.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the Contract with Valdosta State University to analyze and recommend changes regarding Camden County Clerk of Superior Court's website.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of contract amendment for Congregate (Senior) Meal Program for Fiscal Year 2017.

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the contract amendment for Congregate (Senior) Meal Program for Fiscal Year 2017.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Curbside Collection Contract Proposal and Options with Advance Disposal.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to table this item.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar - April & May 2017**

County Clerk Katie Bishop stated there were no changes to the calendar at this time.

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard stated that he would like to remind the Board of the Senior Officials Training with Texas A & M University to be held on Friday, April 21st from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, located at the Public Service Authority Community Room.

Additional Public Comments

Richard Garrison, St. Augustine, FL

Mr. Garrison read the following written statement:

I, Richard Garrison, as a Director on the Board of Directors of BPJSCA (the lot owner's association) and as a lot owner, on the behalf of the lot owners in Bridge Point at Jekyll Sound, and at the request of the President of the BPJSCA, hereby voice objection to the proposed settlement between Camden County and Lexon Insurance Company and the third-party defendants, including, but not limited to **BPJS Investments, LLC**, for a settlement that I understand, **includes** Lexon paying Camden County \$4 million and the third-party defendants paying Camden County \$200,000. **This** settlement represents only one quarter of the anticipated cost of completing the infrastructure in the Bridge Point subdivision. I hereby, also state that we cannot believe that Camden County would enter into any form of settlement with the defendants in this case without obtaining the 243 lots held as security by the county under the deed to secure debt provided by **BPJS Investments** and the three amenities parcels held by **BPJS Investments** that had not been pledged as security under such deed to secure debt. **Please do not vote in favor of this proposed settlement.** Thank you.

Jannie Everett, Thiokol Memorial Project

Ms. Everett stated that she would like to ask the Board of Commissioners to contact the Congressman to request that the victims of the Thiokol Memorial Project be honored with a Congressional Gold Medal. She explained that they are asking the Bryan Lang Historical Archives Board of Directors to consider a revision when the Camden Challenge History Book is under a review to include the historically correct disaster which took place at the Thiokol property, and recognize the twenty-nine (29) victims who lost their lives as a result of this tragedy. She stated that they have opened a museum in Kingsland and have a five (5) year plan from 2015 - 2021 in place. She stated that their goal is to establish the Thiokol Memorial National Park to honor the victims, and their families along I-95, complimentary to the Spaceport Project. She urged the County Commissioners to back these efforts.

Executive Session - Litigation

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 18th day of April, 2017, with the following Commissioners being present, Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Chuck Clark; Commissioner Lannie E. Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey 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, James H. Starline, 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 18th day of April 2017.
- (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 18th day of April, 2017.

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 18th day of April, 2017.

Notary Public

Chairman Starline reconvened the regular meeting at 8:58 PM.

Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Clark to approve the Executive Session Resolution and Affidavit regarding the discussion of litigation.

The motion carried unanimously.

As a result of the Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing litigation, Vice-Chairman Starline made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to approve the recommendation of staff to accept the settlement agreement as outlined by Counsel.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the April 18, 2017 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.