

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 17, 2006**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Camden County Courthouse**

**Camden, North Carolina**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County Courthouse, Courthouse Complex, Camden, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Chairman Melvin J. Jerals

Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews

Vice Chairman Clayton D. Riggs was absent.

Also attending was County Manager Randell Woodruff, Clerk to the Board Ava Murgia and County Attorney John S. Morrison.

Chairman Melvin Jerals called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation and Proclamation by Rebekah Murray – Citizen Soldier Support Program**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Ms. Murray was unable to attend.

**Presentation and Resolution No. 2006-01-02 by Elaine Best – Board of Elections**

Elections Supervisor Elaine Best stated that the Board of Elections recommends Optical Scan certified voting equipment from E S & S at the cost of \$82,000.00. The grant received from the State for voting equipment will cover this cost; with no cost to the County. Ms. Best explained how to use the optical scan voting equipment, and that a public demonstration was advertised and held in the Camden County Courthouse on January 13, 2006.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-01-02. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jerals voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2006-01-02 reads as follows:

**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Elections has the authority and duty to recommend a voting system of a type, make, and model approved certified by the State Board of Elections for use in some or all voting places in the county at some or all elections in accordance with G.S. 163-165.9; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Elections has witnessed a demonstration, in the county or at a site designated by the State Board of Elections, of the type of voting system being recommended and also witnessed a demonstration of at least one other type of voting system certified by the State Board of Elections;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections and the Office of Information Technology Services has a Statewide Term Contract with certified vendors;

WHEREAS, grants from the HAVA Election Fund may be used by the county Boards of Election for purchasing voting equipment from a certified vendor and the County is entitled to receive up to \$82,000.00 from the HAVA Election Fund based on the formula of \$12,000.00 per precinct, \$12,000.00 per One-Stop sties, plus \$1.00 for each voter that turned out in the 2004 presidential election but not less than \$10,000.00 or more than \$100,000.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden county Board of Elections hereby recommends the following certified voting equipment to the Board of County Commissioners:

Voting Type: Optical Scan

Vendor: E S & S

Estimated Cost: \$82,000.00

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Elections

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Approved in Open Session this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.  
**THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BY: Melvin J. Jeralds  
MELVIN J. JERALDS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: Ava Murgia  
AVA MURGIA, CLERK TO THE BOARD

**Resolution No. 2006-01-02**

**Introduction of New Employees**

Sylvia Holley, DSS Director, introduced Social Worker LaDonna Price.

David Credle, Water Plant Supervisor, introduced Water Treatment Operator John Delano.

The Board welcomed everyone on board.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Melvin Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

**Consideration of Agenda**

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested *Item X. Old Business, 2. Modular Classrooms* be added to the agenda, deletion of *Item XIII. South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors Meeting* be cancelled.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2005-10-20 – Home Occupation – Mark Ricciardella**

The Planning Board met on November 18, 2005 and voted 6-0 to recommend approval with conditions as recommended from staff, for this Special Use Permit application for a Home Occupation as Fire Arms Training Instructor.

This matter was sent for public hearing on December 5, 2005, and public notice was given in the Daily Advance.

Applicant Mark Ricciardella was present.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding UDO 2005-10-20. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments, Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to close public hearing regarding UDO 2005-10-20. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Public Hearing- Ordinance No. 2005-12-01 – Rezoning Application – UDO 2005-11-12 – Grant Banks**

The Planning Board met on November 16, 2005 and voted 6-0 to recommend approval with the recommendations as stated in the finding of facts for this application to rezone from General Use District (GUD) to Mixed Single Family Residential (R2). Planning Board stated that the decision was based on the character and diversity of the surrounding residential uses and consideration to creating a small rural neighborhood area as the board reviews proposed updates to the ordinance and zoning maps (still in progress) and that this area could possibly be a location for areas to provide zoning for affordable housing as the area is open with no major subdivisions in the vicinity.

This matter was set for public hearing on December 5, 2006, and public notice was given in the Daily Advance.

Based on new information received from staff, adjacent property owners have withdrawn their request to rezone per attached letter and staff recommends the application for rezoning be sent back to the Planning Board for reconsideration.

Applicant Grant Banks was present.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Ordinance No. 2005-12-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Theresa Pettaway, 1901 Sevon Road, Elizabeth City, spoke on behalf of Grant Banks, asked the Board for consideration due to the age of her parents.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to close public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2005-12-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2006-01-01 Rezoning Application – UDO 2005-12-43 – Melran, LLC**

The Planning Board met on December 21, 2005 and voted 6-0 to recommend approval of rezoning of R3-2 Basic Residential to General Use District as the requested zoning is more consistent with CAMA Land Use Plan.

On January 3, 2006 Ordinance No. 2006-01-01, Rezoning Application for Melran, LLC was introduced and public hearing was sent for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. Public notice was given in the Daily Advance.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Ordinance No. 2006-01-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments, Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to close public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2006-01-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Resolution No. 2006-01-01 – A Resolution of the Camden County Board of Commissioners In Support of A Unified Form of Government in Camden, NC**

At the December 5, 2005 Commissioners meeting, motion was made and unanimously passed to approve that the referendum on unified government be held at the next primary election.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds asked that the following correction be made to the resolution: .....*“referendum in May, 2006, as by law provided, and that notification be given to the United States Department of Justice.”*

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-01-01 as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2006-01-01 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT OF A UNIFIED FORM OF GOVERNMENT  
IN CAMDEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, Camden County is experiencing a rapid growth of population which gives rise to complex issues regarding the orderly control of that growth while maintaining effective and economically efficient delivery of governmental services in a comprehensive and timely fashion, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Board of Commissioners finds that local government should enhance the quality of life for its citizens, protect the environment, stimulate economic development, all at the lowest reasonable cost to its citizens, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Board of Commissioners finds that a single, unified government is more efficient and avoids duplication of police, planning and zoning services, avoids future duplication of governmental services and governmental fragmentation, allows for more comprehensive planning for long-term solutions, provides eligibility for more funding from State and Federal Governments, reduces the cost of government, increases the resources of local government to address its problems of citizens, and;

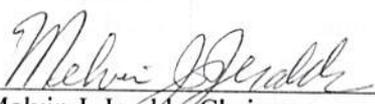
WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners in response to the above has directed the County Attorney to explore the issue of unified government of the entire County as a possible means to address the same, and;

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has made presentations at scheduled and advertised public meetings to inform and educate the citizens of Camden County on unified government, and additionally has made available to the public copies of the unified government law from the General Statutes of North Carolina, invited the public to inquire for such additional information as they may desire from the office of the County Manager, and has indicated to the public other available resources for their education on this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners support a unified form of government in Camden County and desire to give the voters of Camden County, in their best interest, the opportunity to vote on a unified government for Camden County at a referendum in May, 2006, as by law provided, and that notification be given to the United States Department of Justice.

Approved by the Camden County Board of Commissioners this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

(SEAL)

  
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Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board

### **Modular Classrooms**

Following discussion, and hearing no objections, Chairman Melvin Jeralds so ordered the County Manager to meet with Dr. Dunn to discuss funding sources and the Board of Educations contributions toward the purchase of the requested modular units.

### **Consideration of Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2005-10-20 – Home Occupation – Mark Ricciardella**

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve UDO 2005-10-20, and to accept the Findings of Facts as presented with conditions as recommended by staff. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

### **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2005-12-01 – Rezoning Application – UDO 2005-11-12 – Grant Banks**

Being the consensus of the Board, and hearing no objections, Chairman Melvin Jeralds so ordered UDO 2005-11-12 Grant Banks sent back to the Planning Board for reconsideration.

### **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2006-01-01 Rezoning Application – UDO 2005-12-43 – Melran, LLC**

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2006-01-01, and to accept the Findings of Facts as presented with conditions as recommended by staff. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

### **Tax Office – Releases, Pick Ups & Refunds**

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve the Tax Release, Pick Ups and Refunds as submitted by the Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Jeffrey Noon	133.67	Release	Military Exempt
Melissa Zuniga	220.59	Release	Other
Karen Strother & G. Jordan	398.31	Release	Pasquotank County
Whitty Boyd	154.67	Release	Wrong County
Whitty Boyd	238.57	Release	Wrong County
Ross Munro	138.32	Release	Military Exempt
Kenneth Southern	146.25	Release	Military Exempt
Kenneth Southern	131.83	Release	Military Exempt
Camden Squares Assoc	1,467.97	Release	Sold
Albert Branch, Jr.	177.27	Release	Military Exempt
Christopher Curl	178.80	Release	Military Exempt
Gregory Barnett	200.31	Release	Military Exempt
Charles Cartwright	113.34	Release	Wrong County
Everett Sawyer	4,310.19	Pick Up	Roll Back Tax
Everett Sawyer	3,019.33	Pick Up	Roll Back Tax
Kelli & Johnathan Graham	339.15	Pick Up	Wrong County
Leslie Bundy	162.67	Pick Up	Wrong County
Sang Trinh Le	261.26	Pick Up	Discovery
Choi Dang	108.00	Pick Up	Discovery
Lambs of Camden County	118.90	Pick Up	Discovery
Duc & Hien Trinh Le	139.42	Pick Up	Discovery
Hung Phi Le	345.93	Pick Up	Discovery
John Pritchard Heirs	1,332.21	Pick Up	Roll Back Tax
Alfredo Salinas	118.28	Pick Up	Wrong County
Charles Spencer	1,467.97	Pick Up	Bought from Camden Sq.
John Propster	901.08	Release	Incorrect Value
	1,475.73	Pick Up	
	574.65	Adjustment	
K & G Farming	9.50	Release	Incorrect Value
	228.57	Pick Up	
	219.07	Adjustment	

### Senior Center -- FY2005-2006 Grants

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve the Title III-D Health Grant, Outreach Grant and General Purpose Grant from the Albemarle Commission for the Senior Center. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

### County Manager's Report

#### Mobile Command Post

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that Kids First has decided to dispose of their 1998 35' Winnebago that they had custom built for interviewing kids in the outlying counties. Kids First spent \$100,000 on the vehicle and they are selling it for \$26,000. This setup is perfect for a mobile command post and the current vehicle, a 1974 Windjammer RV, is at the end of its useful life. Some of the public safety agencies felt that the Kids First vehicle was too nice of a vehicle to let it get away from our community since we need to replace our vehicle anyway. The current vehicle was donated by the Rescue Squad and the three (3) governments have spent money equipping and renovating it.

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners have approved purchasing the Kids First vehicle under the same formula that we have used in the past which is:

Pasquotank County 50%  
Elizabeth City 33%  
Camden 17%

This would equal Pasquotank \$13,000, Elizabeth City \$8,580, and Camden \$4,420. There would be some additional cost for lettering the vehicle and some minor renovations inside. The equipment from the existing vehicle could be transferred to the new vehicle.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve sharing the cost of the 1998 35' Winnebago, not to exceed \$5,500.00, for a mobile command post. The motion passed

with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Miscellaneous Report

County Manager Randell Woodruff gave an update on the Courthouse renovation progress and sewer project.

**SOUTH CAMDEN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS CANCELLED.**

Closed Session

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of Consultation with Attorney, and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) for the purpose of discussing property Acquisition. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 8:38 p.m.

Other Matters

Following discussion, the County Manager was directed to draft a letter to NCDOT and representatives regarding installation of a stop light on US158 in Belcross.

County Manager Randell Woodruff reviewed retreat topics and stated he is planning the annual trip to Washington, D.C. in February.

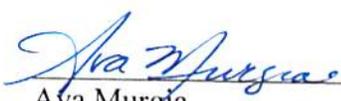
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time, Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey Jennings, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

  
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Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board

**Public Meeting on Unified Form of Government  
January 19, 2006  
7:00 P.M.  
Camden County Courthouse  
Camden, North Carolina**

**MINUTES**

A public information meeting on a unified form of government was held Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County Courthouse, Camden, North Carolina.

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews

Mike Aydtlett gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs stated the purpose of the public meeting was to inform the public and answer questions regarding a unified form of government in Camden County.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs introduced speaker County Attorney John S. Morrison.

Following Attorney Morrison's presentation, and questions from the public, the meeting concluded at 8:46 p.m.

  
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Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board