

Camden County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

April 3, 2006

7:00 P.M.

**Upstairs Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County upstairs courtroom, Courthouse Complex, Camden, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds
Vice Chairman Clayton D. Riggs
Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews

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

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

Presentation -Gwen Wescott – Tarheel Legislation Update

Mrs. Wescott was unable to attend.

Presentation - Alex Leary – Museum of the Albemarle

Mr. Leary expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Board for supporting the Museum of the Albemarle. Mr. Leary stated the official opening of the Museum is April 11, 2006.

Presentation - Jerry Parks – Health Department Director

Mr. Parks gave a history and update of the Health Department programs and asked for the support of the Board to implement a tobacco free Health Department building.

Presentation - Ray White – Albemarle Economic Development Commission (AEDC)

Mr. White brought the Board up to date on the AEDC events and stated the new website is www.discoverec.com. Mr. White's presentation was "AEDC Working For You".

Presentation - Bob Pearson – Pearson Appraisal – Revaluation Update

Mr. Pearson was unable to attend and will give his presentation at a later date.

Public Comments

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Curtis Lawson, 138 Carolina Road, questioned why he had to come before the Board for a one (1) lot subdivision if he was in a floodway.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds instructed Permit Technician Dave Parks to meet with Mr. Lawson.

Steve Garmen, 120 Driftwood Drive, stated that the moratorium presentation was misleading and the growth in Camden County is in larger, newer homes, which increases the tax base, and children do not come from higher income subdivisions. Mr. Garmen suggested that the Board look at other counties tax base that are increasing by allowing large track subdivisions.

George Jackson, 170B Raymonds Creek Road, stated he did not speak at the public hearing because he was not aware of the change in the one (1) lot subdivision and did not know that the new moratorium ordinance will not allow the one (1) lot subdivision, but

thought it was just an extension of the current moratorium. Mr. Jackson asked the Board to consider a minimum period of time for sketch plans to be processed before the moratorium is extended for those that are in the formal process of one (1) lot split.

Tammy Inge, 204 Spencer Ave, requested help in the South Mills area regarding vandalism.

Consideration of Minutes - March 20, 2006 Special Meeting, March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting, March 21, 2006 Meeting with AEDC, and March 21, 2006 Meeting with Senator Richard Burr

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006 Special Meeting, March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting, March 21 Meeting with AEDC and the addition of *South Mills Fire Department* and *Homeland Security* to the March 21, 2006 meeting with Senator Richard Burr. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Consideration of Agenda

Chairman Melvin Jeralds amended the agenda to add *Item X.1.D. Tobacco Free Health Department Building*; *Item X.4.C. Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week*; and *Item X.5. Letter to NC Northeast Partnership*.

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested that *Item XVIII. Closed Session- Personnel* be deleted and add *consultation with attorney regarding landfill litigation*.

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

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2006-02-02- An Ordinance of the Camden County Board of Commissioners Extending A Moratorium on Residential Subdivision within Camden County

Chairman Jeralds called upon County Attorney John S. Morrison for any comments.

Mr. Morrison stated that Ordinance No. 2006-02-02 is a new moratorium for all any new subdivisions.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs asked Planning Director Dan Porter for an estimate of how many building permits have been issued while under the moratorium.

Dan Porter replied approximately one hundred fifty (150) a year.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs asked Attorney Morrison if building could be stopped all together.

Attorney Morrison stated there would be vested rights and stated he has not studied the issue and was not prepared to answer that question. Mr. Morrison further stated that if the Board stated there would be no further building in Camden County period, then there would have to be very specific reasons why and a very definite date when it will stop and a definite schedule of definite actions. His concern would be that people bought lots with the understanding that they could build. It is property rights vs. exercising of police power.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs requested that the Board not vote on the moratorium tonight but have Attorney Morrison research a moratorium to encompass all building in order to not penalize a particular group of people.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds stated that due to the fact of the expiration of the present moratorium, the time has come to make a decision.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs questioned Attorney Morrison on how long it would take to do the research and have a public hearing.

Attorney Morrison stated to take into account there has been no advertising to the public on the concept of the prohibition of building permits. Mr. Morrison advised to take action on the moratorium tonight and increase the severity at a later date.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs stated that presently there are four hundred fifty (450) available buildable lots in Camden County, and further stated that the moratorium is not stopping building entirely; there are lots available in subdivisions. Commissioner Clayton Riggs stated the Board needs to set a date when the moratorium will end and that date will be three hundred sixty five (365) days from April 3, 2006.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds stated for clarification that this moratorium will not stop any building permits but will prohibit any new subdivisions.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings asked Attorney Morrison if a person has one hundred (100) acres and wants to give his child one (1) or two (2) acres, that this would not be permitted in the new moratorium.

Mr. Morrison replied that was correct.

Commissioner Mike Andrews asked if anyone would be prohibited if they were already in the process of subdividing.

Mr. Morrison stated there is a law called common law vested.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs asked if a single lot falls within the subdivision.

Attorney Morrison stated yes.

Chairman Jeralds stated that the moratorium can be changed anytime within the three hundred sixty five (365) days if the challenges that the county faces turn around.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs requested that the record show that she requested a more severe moratorium ordinance.

Attorney Morrison stated that if Ordinance No. 2006-02-02 is adopted, it will supersede the existing moratorium.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to implement Ordinance No. 2006-02-02 effective April 3, 2006 for three hundred sixty five (365) days, with the intent that if the list of complications the county faces were to be resolved, to lift the subdivision moratorium as early as possible. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings voting no; no Commissioner no absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Ordinance No. 2006-02-02 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION WITHIN
CAMDEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO N.C. GENERAL
STATUTE 160A-381(e)**

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled March 20th meeting, after due advertisement as by law required, conducted a public hearing and heard from the interested public, the County Manager, the County Planning

Director, the Superintendent of Camden County Schools, and the County Finance Officer for the purpose of gathering information and taking appropriate action within the confines of applicable law regarding imposition of a residential subdivision moratorium. From the same, the Board of Commissioners makes the following findings of fact, conclusions and legislative resolution as hereinafter follows:

I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM NECESSITATING AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING MORATORIUM; THE COURSES OF ACTION ALTERNATIVE TO A MORATORIUM CONSIDERED AND THEIR INADEQUACY ~ NCGS 160A-381(e)(1)

1. Camden County continues an unabated rapid residential growth to the extent that it is one of the fastest growing Counties in the United States in terms of percentage of population increase and the 2nd fastest growing County in North Carolina.
2. This growth has continued despite existing moratori previously legislated by this Board in the preceding 2-½ years, to wit ; a 5.9 % increase in the population growth in the last year.
3. Camden is an almost exclusively rural County with very little commercial real estate included in its tax base.
4. The current population is 8,967, which has increased 30.2 % since the last census.
5. Residential growth has been accelerated as a result of the County's proximity to metropolitan Tidewater Virginia and the City of Elizabeth City, as well as the Outer Banks of North Carolina.
6. Despite this rapid growth there has been little or no attendant commercial development.
7. The County's principal source of revenue is Ad-Valorem taxation, which as a result of the foregoing, comes almost exclusively from residential real estate.
8. A normal consequence to the County of residential growth, such as has been experienced, is an increasing demand for services the County is mandated to provide, and in particular, school facilities and other attendant educational expenditures. The school population has been increasing by approximately one hundred ten (110) students per year.
9. At present, the Camden County Board of Education has petitioned the County Commissioners for \$12 million dollars immediately necessary for new school construction. The County's present unrestricted fund balance is \$1.2 million. Accordingly, such funding will have to be borrowed in its entirety.
10. The County has petitioned the Local Government Commission whose approval is necessary prior to any loan or bond issue, to incur this financial liability. The same has previously been denied until the County recently raised its Ad-Valorem taxation rate.
11. Prior to the above referenced school construction, a sewage collection and treatment facility must be built, and made operational. The earliest projected completion date is July 2007. The cost for this facility is approximately \$10.4 million dollars for which the County is primarily responsible but is without final funding to complete construction despite being successful in obtaining various grants and loans.
12. Increased residential construction will place the County in extreme financial jeopardy, cripple its ability to provide necessary services for the public health, safety and welfare, burden its school with over population thus diminishing the quality of education to which the children of the County are entitled under Article 1, Section 15 of the North Carolina Constitution as the same has been interpreted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in Leandro v. The State of North Carolina, 346 NC 336. To this end, the recently completed Camden County Board of Education capital needs survey indicates the necessity of \$35 million dollars in the next five (5) years.
13. Approval of state agency permits for construction of the needed intermediate school and sewer system has been met with considerable delays not caused by the County.
14. Attempts to construct a needed sewer system and to realize revenues to be generated by a franchise host fee agreement with a private landfill have created considerable community unrest regarding preferred patterns of growth.
15. Prior to imposition of a moratorium, this board has carefully considered

alternatives including additional tax increases, borrowing, the imposition of school impact fees on residential construction, accepting long term over population of the schools, purchase of temporary classrooms and grants from State, Federal, and charitable entities. None of these has proved to be viable. As aforementioned, the County's request to negotiate loans has been denied by the Local Government Commission and only thereafter approved when the County raised its Ad-Valorem taxation rate. At present, the County's future borrowing power is so modest as to be of no utility. Over crowding the schools is both morally reprehensible and likely un-constitutional. Despite request to the County's legislative delegation in the General Assembly for school impact fees, no such action has been instituted and the County has been advised it is unlikely that the same would be successful in the foreseeable future. The County recently raised its Ad-Valorem tax from .75 cents per hundred dollars to .90 cents per hundred dollars in 2005, which drastic increase is still insufficient, and further increases would so burden the tax payers and make any commercial economic investment in the County unattractive when the same is vital to the County's future financial health. The County has no additional grant options available to it despite its vigorous attempt to obtain the same.

II. STATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM AND HOW SUCH MORATORIUM WILL ADDRESS THE EXISTING PROBLEMS ~ NCGS 160A-381 (e)(2)

Imposition of a moratorium on residential subdivisions, which have not received sketched plan approval prior to November 17, 2003, and therefore enjoy vested protection, will lessen increasing demand for space in an over extended school system as well as demands for other services such as fire and police protection. In regard to school population, this Board takes into account a study, hereinafter referenced, by Tischler and Associates, conducted in 2005, which indicated each residential subdivision residence produces .42 students for the school system. Said study further illustrates that the Ad-Valorem taxation on such construction is insufficient to fund the County's financial obligation for each such child in the school system.

III. DATE FOR TERMINATION AND THE REASONABLE NECESSITY FOR ITS LENGTH TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS GIVING RISE TO THE IMPOSITION OF A MORATORIUM ~ NCGS 160A-381 (e) (3)

As aforementioned, the County is in need of new school construction, which cannot begin until construction and installation of a \$10.4 million dollar sewage collection and treatment facility to serve the school. The earliest projected completion is July 2007. The County must pursue this construction. Additionally, the County must renew its efforts for school impact fees with the General Assembly. If this is unsuccessful, the County must await the resolution of a current school impact fee ordinance now under appeal in the North Carolina Court of Appeals arising from a school impact ordinance passed by the Durham County Board of Commissioners. The County attorney expects final resolution only in the North Carolina Supreme Court at least a year hence. Further, the County will carefully consider the implications of drafting its own such ordinance regardless of the pending litigation. Additionally, the County must pursue funding avenues. All of the foregoing will consume at least the stated length of this moratorium.

IV. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THOSE ACTIONS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN DURING THE EXISTENCE OF A MORATORIUM REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS LEADING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE MORATORIUM ~ NCGS 160A-381 (e) (4)

During the existence of this moratorium the appropriate staff of the County, including but not limited to the County Attorney, the County Finance Officer, the County Manager and the County Planning Director shall:

1. Pursue further discussions with the Local Government Commission as to County borrowing power.
2. Continue to pursue approval of state permits for school and sewer

construction.

3. Consider potential tax increases for funding, the impact of tax increase on the welfare of the County and the County's ability to resolve this issue without being detrimental to economic development.
4. Monitor the Durham County litigation, draft a proposed school impact fee ordinance for consideration by the Board of Commissioners and our legislative delegation; confer with the County's legislative delegation as to sponsoring the same, confer with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for their assistance.
5. Explore all reasonable avenues for attracting commercial entities to the County.
6. Carefully monitor and promote expeditious construction and completion of the necessary sewage treatment facility.
7. Pursue grants from any available entity.
8. Confer with the Camden County Board of Education with regard to reducing school construction cost while still providing a minimally acceptable structure and furnishings to comply with the requirements of the North Carolina constitution and specifically the Leandro decision.
9. Undertake a community outreach program to review and propose preferred development patterns and regulations, particularly as they relate to school sites and other infrastructures.

The County Manager is directed to undertake the foregoing immediately, as a priority and to coordinate applicable staff with regard to prompt completion of these tasks. In no event shall the same exceed six (6) months from the date of the imposition of this moratorium so as to allow the Board of Commissioners time in which to act upon the information gathered within the twelve (12) month period. Moreover, at least monthly at the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, the County Manager shall report to the Board the status of these tasks. This schedule shall not be extended without further public consideration of this board at a duly noticed board meeting and every effort shall be made at early termination of this moratorium.

V. *Moratorium Renewal Compliance*

This Board is keenly and painfully aware that it is renewing an existing moratorium and of its obligation to balance the prudent exercise of its police power with private property rights. But for the dire financial condition of the County, this action would not be considered. It is the opinion of this Board that the County has taken all reasonable and feasible steps proposed in the prior moratorium and that new facts and conditions warrant an extension. Specifically, this Board notes the following actions taken by County government since the previous moratori:

1. Hired a full time Director of Planning and Community Development effective July 1, 2004.
2. Conducted a thorough study of the work, regulations, planning and organization of the Planning Department to maximize efficiency, and manage growth.
3. Hired a full time GIS Coordinator, effective July 1, 2004.
4. Employment of Tischler and Associates who conducted and completed a study of the impact of residential growth on the County's school infrastructure.
5. Completion, approval and implementation of a new land use plan in 2005.
6. Petition of the County's legislative delegation for school impact fee legislation to create new revenue sources to assist with the capital needs of the school system.
7. Education of the Board of Commissioners on Smart Growth Techniques and Planning.
8. Application by Camden County for participation in the EPA Smart Growth Implementation grant program, which unfortunately the County did not receive.
9. This occurred in 2005 and subsequently in 2006 the County has renewed an

application for which it is currently a finalist.

10. Thorough review of the County's ordinances related to growth issues has been instituted and is pending completion.
11. Initiation of the planning, construction and funding of a wastewater treatment facility and collections system necessary to serve three (3) schools that currently have failing systems. Successful application for \$400,000.00 from the North Carolina Rural Center and \$600,000.00 from CDBG Urgent Need Program to fund the same. This system is necessary to serve not only the three (3) existing schools but also the construction of the new facility requested by the Board of Education.
12. Development of a legislative agenda and presentation of the same to both national and state legislative delegations.
13. Design of a \$12 million dollar intermediate school to alleviate over crowding at Grandy Primary School. The County is awaiting final approval from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, which is expected to occur in the next ninety (90) days thereby enabling the County to put out the same for bids.
14. Implementation of .15 cents per hundred dollars Ad-Valorem tax increase effective July 2005.
15. Successful application for a \$10 million dollar loan from the United States Department of Agricultural Rural Development as well as \$2 million dollars in funding from QZAB. Unfortunately the State Department of Public Instruction has restrained the County from using the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) funds; however the County has pursued the difference from the United States Department of Agriculture and is highly optimistic on those negotiations.
16. Pursuit of small school funding from the State by strict compliance with the guidelines necessary to receive such.
17. Implementation of strict financial management techniques, which have increased the County's unrestricted fund balance to approximately \$1.2 million dollars when the same was approximately \$412,626.00 dollars in 2003. However, it is important to note this is a low fund balance for a coastal County susceptible to flooding and hurricanes.
18. Implementation of a \$4,000.00 water tap fee effective in the fall of 2005 allowing a portion of these funds to be put in capital reserve and to therefore assist in future infrastructure needs of the County drinking water system which will have to be expanded in 2010.
19. The purchase and utilization of mobile classrooms for the school system in each of the last three (3) years.
20. Persistent seeking of new and additional sources of revenue to support capital and infrastructure projects.

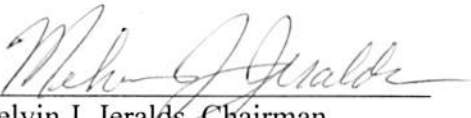
Despite the best efforts of this Board and the County staff, *a new and unresolved set of facts and circumstances have arisen*, which were beyond the County's control in that the essential wastewater treatment and collection system has experienced unforeseen delays in obtaining necessary State permits required for approval together with rising cost of construction which require additional funding that the County has vigorously pursued and is pursuing. Without this facility and system, the existing schools are at extreme risk for utility and the new required school cannot be built. Accordingly, an influx of additional students that would be generated by residential construction in subdivisions would overwhelm the school system and defeat the County, despite its most diligent efforts, in meeting its Constitutional obligations to existing students and those newly arriving from further residential construction.

VI. *Imposition of Moratorium*

NOW, THEREFORE, This Board of Commissioners after careful, deliberate and studied contemplation of the above does hereby IMPLEMENT AND ORDAIN, effective from this date, and for a period of three hundred sixty five (365) days thereafter, a moratorium prohibiting the approval of any residential subdivision, which has not received sketch

plan approval prior to November 17, 2003.

ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 2006 BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Tax Releases, Refunds, Refunds and Pick Ups

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve the following tax releases, refunds and pick ups as submitted by the Tax Administrator.

Cecelia Jones	164.35	Release	Military Exempt
Robert Garoch	176.54	Release	Military Exempt
Sang Trinh	156.85	Release	Turned in Plates
Brian Creech	156.93	Refund	Commercial Plates
Michele Aydlett	215.37	Refund	Turned in Plates

Settlement Report – Insolvent List

Commissioner Mike Andrews suggested a way to collect back taxes would be to require the applicant to satisfy the back taxes before hooking up to the sewer service.

Tax Administrator Mary Rhodes stated that \$1,500.00 was not collectible in property taxes and \$7,500.00 was delinquent vehicle collection.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the settlement report of insolvent list of ten (10) year uncollectible taxes. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Set the Schedule for Board of Equalization & Review

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to set the schedule for the Board of Equalization and Review to convene on April 17, 2006 and adjourn on June 5, 2006. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Tobacco Free Health Department Building

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to support Mr. Jerry Parks request for a tobacco free Health Department. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Budget Amendments – 2005-06-BA025, 026, 027, 028, 029, and 032.

Following discussion, the Finance Officer will take the salary from the budgeted lump sum salary line item and not the department salary line item from the Elections, Register of Deeds, Tax Office and Planning Department for budget amendments 2005-06-BA030 and 031.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve budget amendments 2005-06-BA025, 026, 027, 028, 029, and 032. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

2005-06-BA025

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

General Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006. Be it resolved that the following are amendments to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

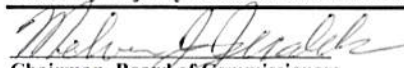
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	AMOUNT	
			DECREASE	
10385510-451800	Drug Investigation	\$6,000.00		
10380510-434817	ABC Tax Distribution		\$1,000.00	
105100-549000	Drug Investigation	\$5,000.00		

Explanation: Increase in Substance Tax Distribution

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$8,516,968.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 5,000.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$8,521,968.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006.

Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

2005-06-BA026

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

Courthouse Restoration Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006

Be it resolved that the following are amendments to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	AMOUNT	
			DECREASE	
5733000-434850	Bank Loan		\$16,000.00	
5739000-439756	Ferebee Trust Contribution	\$50,000.00		
5739000-439701	Local Contribution	\$ 4,000.00		
575000-502000	Salaries		\$ 1,000.00	
575000-504100	Attorneys Fees	\$ 5,000.00		
575000-505000	FICA		\$ 77.00	
57-5000-574006	Restoration Expense	\$34,077.00		

Explanation: Approved loan amount at 3/20/06 Commissioner Meeting.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$138,821.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 38,000.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$176,821.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006.

Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

2005-06-BA027

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

Ferebee Courthouse Trust Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006 .

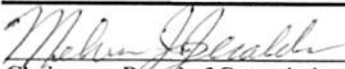
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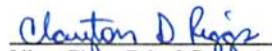
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	AMOUNT	
			DECREASE	
565000-574109	Contribution-Courthouse Trust		\$50,000.00	
56380000-432900	Interest		\$ 6,553.00	
565000-599900	Fund Reserves			\$43,447.00

Explanation: Approved loan amount at 3/20/06 Commissioner Meeting.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$243,447.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 6,553.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$250,000.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006. Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

2005-06-BA028

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

General Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006 .

Be it resolved that the following are amendments to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	AMOUNT	
			DECREASE	
10385510-434871	Highway Safety Grant		\$10,000.00	
105100-550200	Technology Grant		\$10,000.00	

Explanation: Received grant – No match

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$8,521,968.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 10,000.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$8,531,968.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006. Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

2005-06-BA029

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

Tourism Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006.

Be it resolved that the following are amendments to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
15360000-434873	Tourism Grant	\$3,000.00	
154200-526000	Advertising	\$3,000.00	


Explanation: Grant awarded by NC Division of Tourism - \$1,000 match

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$13,500.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 3,000.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$16,500.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006. Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

2005-06-BA032

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CAMDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

General Fund

The Camden County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution at the meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2006 .

Be it resolved that the following are amendments to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10385510-434874	Check Point Grant	\$15,800.00	
105100-574013	Check Point Grant Expenses	\$15,800.00	

Explanation: Grant approved 3/20/06 Commissioners Meeting.

Total Appropriation in Current Budget.....	\$8,531,968.00
Amount of Increase of the above amendment.....	\$ 15,800.00
Total appropriation in Current Amended Budget.....	\$8,547,768.00

We, the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, hereby approve the changed in the County Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes in the minutes of said board this 3rd day of April, 2006. Passed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County on the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Chairman, Board of Commissioners


Vice-Chm. Bd of Commissioners


Clerk to Board of Commissioners

FY2006 Audit - Contract Award

Following discussion, Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve the FY2006 Audit Contract to Mason L. Spruill CPA for \$25,600.00. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Set Public Hearing and Introduce Ordinance No. 2006-04-01 – Rezoning Application – E & J Holdings – UDO 2006-01-49

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2006-04-01 and set public hearing on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Set Public Hearing and Introduce Ordinance No. 2006-04-02 – Proposed Amendment to Chapter 51 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2006-04-02 and set public hearing on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2006-02-20 – Home Occupation – Rhonda Eason

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to set public hearing for UDO 2006-02-20 – Home Occupation – Rhonda Eason on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2006-02-28 – Home Occupation – Willis R. Hoade Jr.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to set public hearing for UDO 2006-02-28 – Home Occupation – Willis R. Hoade Jr. on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Proclamation - Fair Housing Month April 2006

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve a proclamation for Fair Housing Month April 2006. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**PROCLAMATION
FOR
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2006**

WHEREAS, April 2006 marks the 38th anniversary of the Federal Housing Act of 1968 and the 23rd anniversary of the North Carolina Fair Housing Act. Both laws prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, handicap and familial status; and

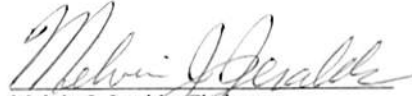
WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Northeastern Community Development Corporation, City of Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City State University Community Development Program, Elizabeth City – Pasquotank County Community Relations Commission, and the Albemarle Area Board of Realtors, county and local governments, concerned citizens and the housing industry, are working to make fair housing opportunities possible for all our

citizens. Through their efforts, they are encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important concerns of Camden County citizens is the availability of housing to them as individuals and families. By supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of our County and our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as "**Fair Housing Month**" in Camden County, and urge our citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and citizens are protected against discrimination.

ADOPTED, this 3rd day of April 2006.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Proclamation - Spring Litter Sweep 2006

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve a proclamation for Spring Litter Sweep 2006. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING APRIL 17 – 30, 2006 AS CAMDEN COUNTY SPRING 2006 LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation annually organizes a spring statewide roadside litter cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Spring 2006 LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup will take place April 17 – 30, 2006, and encourage local government leaders, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families, businesses and individual citizens to participate by organizing cleanups in Camden County; and

Whereas, local government leaders, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families, businesses and individual citizens may receive certificates of appreciation for their efforts; and

Whereas, the LITTER SWEEP cleanup will educate and encourage the children of Camden County the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life North Carolinians enjoy; and

Whereas, the great natural beauty of Camden County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

Whereas, the cleanup will raise awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

Whereas, the Spring 2006 cleanup will celebrate the 18th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and the thousands of volunteers who contribute their time and labor year round to keep our roadsides clean.

Now, Therefore, I, Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman of the Camden County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Spring 2006 LITTER SWEEP Roadside Cleanup on April 17– 30, 2006.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2006.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia, Clerk to the Board

Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 9 – 15, 2006

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve a proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9, 2006 – April 15, 2006. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELCOMMUNICATIONS WEEK
APRIL 9, 2006 – APRIL 15, 2006**

WHEREAS, thousands of dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of the United States by answering millions of telephone calls for police, sheriff, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel also include those related to other governmental divisions providing public safety telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, professional public safety telecommunications personnel work to improve the emergency response capabilities of these communication systems through their leadership and participation in training programs and other activities provided by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Internal (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA); and

WHEREAS, APCO and NENA are organizations of nearly 24,000 persons engaged in the design, installation and operation of emergency response telecommunications systems, has set aside the second week of April to recognize public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in protecting life and property.

THEREFORE, Camden County does hereby proclaims the week of April 9-15, 2006 as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week" in Camden County to recognize and honor our public safety telecommunications personnel and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.

THIS the 3rd day of April, 2006.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia, Clerk to the Board

Letter to Northeast Partnership

Following discussion, Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion for the County Manager to draft a letter to the NE Partnership Board for the Chairman's signature and add *all employees* to the list of suggestions as recommended by the County Manager's Group. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

County Manager's Miscellaneous Oral Report

County Manager Randell Woodruff reported on the following:

- Received confirmation from NCDENR regarding the aquatic weed control program. Additional areas were added. \$100.00 increase from last year.
- Executed Water Agreement received from Currituck County.
- National County Government Week April 23 – 29, 2006
- Department Heads have submitted their budgets.
- Met with NCDOT officials regarding changes to US158 to elevate bridge on April 18, 2006 in Raleigh and May 25, 2006 there will be an NCDOT agency meeting.

South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors

Chairman Melvin Jeralds recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting and called the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors to order at 9:05 p.m.

Upon adjournment of the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting by member Mike Andrews at 9:47 p.m., Chairman Melvin Jeralds reconvened the regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Reports from Commissioners Serving on Other Boards

Commissioner Mike Andrews reported on a trip to Washington, DC with 2 other members of South Mills Fire Department to attend a seminar on homeland security.

Closed Session – Pursuant to G.S. 143-318-11(a)(2)

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(2) to consult with the attorney regarding the suit brought by the City of

Chesapeake, the Lewis Family Ltd. Partnership, Camden County Action League, William Bland and wife Tracy Bland, Mike Elliot and wife Mary Lu Elliot, Lokie Flythe Jr. and wife Dawn Flythe, Marvin Myers, Robert E. Nobles, David Kravhak, and Richard Light Jr. against Camden County, the Camden County Board of Commissioner individually, and the County Manager The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 9:47 p.m.

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

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 10:12 p.m.

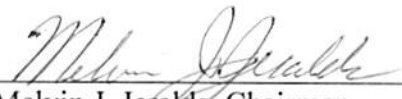
Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any motions.

Hearing no motions, Chairman Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.



Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board