

**Camden County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2010
6:00 P.M. – Closed Session
7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., with a closed session held at 6:00 p.m. in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall
Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs and Michael McLain

Also attending was County Manager Randell Woodruff, Interim Clerk to the Board Amy D. Barnett, and Attorney John Morrison.

Closed Session *Meeting with Turner Business Appraisers and Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), Consultation with Attorney*

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of a meeting with Turner Business Appraisers and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of consulting with the attorney. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gary Meiggs made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 7:10 p.m. and recessed until 7:15 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Gary Meiggs gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINT CLERK *Appointment And Swearing In Of Amy D. Barnett as Temporary Clerk To The Board of Commissioners*

Commissioner Michael McClain made a motion to appoint Amy D. Barnett as Temporary Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

John Morrison, County Attorney, prepared the oath of office to be administered. Paula J. Harrison, Clerk of Court administered said oath (see next page).

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR TEMPORARY CLERK TO THE
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

I, Amy Barnett, do solemnly swear to well and fully execute the office of temporary clerk to the Camden County Board of Commissioners until such time as the Board relieves me of my duties.

I do solemnly swear that I will protect, uphold, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of North Carolina in so far as the Same is not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.

Amy D. Barnett, Temporary Clerk
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Paula J. Harrison
Camden County Clerk of Court

**NORTH CAROLINA
CAMDEN COUNTY**

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notorial seal the ____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

COUNTY OF CAMDEN

Public Comments

No comments were heard from the public.

Consideration of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Sandra Duckwall asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, she called for consideration of the agenda. Commissioner Michael McClain made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Old Business

Amended Ordinance No. 2010-05-10, Chapter 90 of Camden County Code of Ordinances: Abandoned and Junked Vehicles

Dave Parks made a brief introduction to this amended ordinance:

- Current ordinance includes only repair or restore vehicle
- Current ordinance gives owner 12 month period to repair or restore
- Few instances where repair or restoration work has not been completed in allotted time frame
- Recommended changes are to break up the 12 month period into 3 month time periods in which owner must show Code Enforcement Officer adequate progress that work is progressing, if after the first 3 months the Code Enforcement Officer is shown that work is progressing, then owner can request (3) 3 month time period extensions one at a time, and at the end of each 3 month time period work is looked at to see that it is progressing.

Ordinance No. 2010-05-01

**An Ordinance
Amending the Camden County
Code of Ordinances**

Camden County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 90 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances of Camden County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the County Commissioners on July 1, 1987, and subsequently amended and as otherwise incorporated into the Camden County Code.

Article II. Construction

For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Ordinance language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. New language of proposed ordinance shall be shown in italics (*italics*) and underlined.

Article III. Amend Chapter 90 as amended of the Camden County Code which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 90: ABANDONED AND JUNKED VEHICLES

●90.05 EXCEPTIONS.

This chapter does not apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building, to any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the county or to a vehicle in the process of repair or restoration on property under the control of the owner of the vehicle or property under the control of the person repairing or restoring the vehicle; however, the repair or restoration shall be accomplished within ~~12~~ 3 months from the date of notification of violation from the county. *Violator's may request up to three (3), three month extensions if it is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer that significant progress has been made to comply with this chapter.* Military or civilian contractors (working with the military) stationed overseas shall be exempt from this chapter upon proof of assignment (i.e. copy of orders).

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden this 21st day of June, 2010.

County of Camden

Sandra J. Duckwall, Acting Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy Barnett
Interim Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Meiggs made a motion to approve Amended Ordinance No. 2010-05-01, Amending Chapter 90 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Old Business

FY2010-2011 Budget

(1) Consideration of Ordinance No. 2010-06-01, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, NC, Relating to the FY2010-2011 Budget

Clarann Mansfield made a brief introduction describing this ordinance. Commissioner Melvin Jeralds asked for an update on the changes to see if all commissioners were on the same page with regard to this ordinance. Ms. Mansfield gave the following information:

- Jail debt would be an increase of \$3,325.00
- Camden County's part of the Library is reduced by \$452.00
- Sheriff's oil and gas budget has been reduced by \$10,000.00
- Courtyard resurfacing (\$20,700.00) has been eliminated
- Taking these 4 items into consideration, the contingency fund would see a net increase of \$27,827.00, Board of Elections considerations notwithstanding.
- Ms. Mansfield asked the Board whether to change the budget section relating to Board of Elections or leave it as is.
 - Commissioner Duckwall asked if a Full Time Director and 500 hour Part Time worker were what was included in the budget prior to changes being made.
 - Commissioner McClain voiced concerns regarding the need for a part time employee for Board of Elections.
 - Ms. Mansfield pointed out that there is an election in November, and that the Director needs backup for when she goes on vacation, sick leave, or to any conferences she may be involved in.
 - Commissioner Jeralds pointed out that a letter from the State Board of Elections mandates the presence of a Full Time Director.
 - Commissioner Jeralds made a recommendation to go with a Full Time Director and 500 hour Part Time Employee.

Commissioner McClain made a motion to “leave the Board of Elections the same as it was”. [Meaning to leave the Director employed in her current capacity, which is part time, and not to hire any additional help for the Board of Elections.] The motion failed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, and Garry Meiggs voting no, Michael McLain voting aye; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Jeralds made a motion to “go with a Full Time Employee and 500 hours for the Part Time”. [Meaning to hire the Director employed in her current position as Full Time, and also to hire a part time 500 hour employee.] The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, and Garry Meiggs voting aye, Michael McLain voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner McClain voiced a concern that if the Elections budget has been increased by a great deal, that other cuts may need to be made to offset the increased spending.

Commissioner Jeralds asked Ms. Mansfield how much money the changes in the proposed budget amounted to. Ms. Mansfield responded that before the change in employee status of the Board of Elections Director, it was \$27,827.00 increase in the contingency fund; after the change, it drops by approximately \$16,000.00 which still means an increase of more than \$10,000.00 to the contingency fund.

Vice-Chairman Sandra Duckwall called for a motion regarding Consideration of Ordinance No. 2010-06-01. Hearing no motion, the County Manager, Randell Woodruff, spoke saying that if no motion was made and subsequently no budget passed this evening that another meeting would have to be scheduled prior to the end of June 2010, due to NC State Law requiring passage of a budget before close of the fiscal year.

Commissioner McClain made a motion to remove the Facilities Study (\$50,000.00) from the Budget in order to use the funds to compensate the Board of Elections. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain, voting aye, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Motion on Ordinance No. 2010-06-01:

Commissioner Jeralds made a motion to **approve** *Ordinance No. 2010-06-01, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, NC, Relating to the FY2010-2011 Budget.* The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, and Garry Meiggs voting aye, Michael McLain voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Vice-Chairman Sandra Duckwall called for a motion regarding Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-06-02.

Motion on Resolution No. 2010-06-02:

Commissioner Jeralds made a motion to **approve** *Resolution No. 2010-06-02, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County, NC, Relating to a Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.* The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye, no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Vice-Chairman Sandra Duckwall called for a motion regarding Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-06-03.

Motion on Resolution No. 2010-06-03:

Commissioner Jeralds made a motion to **approve** Resolution No. 2010-06-03, A Resolution of the Camden County Board of Commissioners to Establish Salaries and Compensation For Various Boards and Commissions For Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The motion passed with Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye, no Commissioner voting no; 1 Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Old Business

Consolidation Agreement - East Carolina Behavioral Health

Randell Woodruff gave a brief description of this item of old business.

- Newly constituted board of ECBH and old Albemarle Mental Health
- Their Board of Directors moved forward with adopting this consolidation agreement of the 2 entities,
- Did not allow Camden to get ownership of buildings previously owned by AMH
- State came forward and gave \$500,000.00 to go for employee retiree health benefits to protect the member counties from future obligations
- Appears there will be adequate funding to support the 19 remaining employees

There was some discussion regarding the former head of Albemarle Mental Health, also some discussion regarding the number of employees retained by East Carolina Behavioral Health who were prior employees of Albemarle Mental Health.