

**Camden County Board of Commissioners
April 2, 2018
2018-2019 Capital Improvement Projects – Work Session
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

MINUTES

The Camden County Board of Commissioners held a Capital Improvement Plan Work Session on April 2, 2018 in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina.

The session was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom White at 6:00 PM. Additional Board Members Present: Commissioners Garry Meiggs and Randy Krainiak. Chairman Clayton Riggs and Commissioner Ross Munro were absent due to work obligations.

Staff Present: Manager Ken Bowman, Finance Officer Stephanie Humphries, Clerk to the Board Karen Davis.

Projects included in the session discussion:

Approved/Funded

- Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant – Priority 1
(Contract awarded to Hatchell Concrete March 2018; completion scheduled June 2019)
- Camden Business Park – Wastewater Extension (Included with above contract)

It was the consensus of the Board to keep as Priority 1.

- Public Services Campus – Priority 1
 - Phase 1 - Planning and Design
 - Funding is approved/budgeted - \$358,555

Vice Chairman White and Commissioner Meiggs spoke in favor of keeping the Public Services Campus as Priority 1. Commissioner Krainiak spoke in opposition of keeping the Public Services Campus as Priority 1.

- South Mills Community Park – Priority 1
 - Phase 1 – Purchase Property – Budget to be determined.

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Recommended/Unfunded

- South Mills Wastewater Treatment Plant Filtration Pond Priority 2 – Manager Bowman recommended changing this to a Priority 1 because of Camden Plantation and Commerce Park. In addition, the lagoon liner is in need of repair/replacement. Estimated cost: \$135,000-\$250,000. The Board will consider all options at the June meeting.
- US 158 Sewer Extension – Country Club Area – (Need to establish Priority)

The consensus of the Board is to gather more information before moving forward.

Identified / Unfunded

- Camden High School – School Capital Improvements

Stephanie Humphries recommended moving the grant portion to the Approved/Funded Category and including those funds in the budget.

- Chantilly Road Community Park –Estimated Cost: TBD
 - Description: Obtain property and construct a small community park in the Camden Courthouse area.

Commissioner Krainiak spoke in favor of this project. Commissioner Meiggs spoke in opposition to this project. Vice Chairman White stated that it will be necessary to gather input from Chairman Riggs and Commissioner Munro.

- Treasure Point 4-H Facility

NC Cooperative Extension Cameron Lowe has submitted a proposal to include a 4,000 square-foot conference center to include office space, a conference room, workroom, insect lab, storage and auditorium. The approximate cost is \$800,000. The Foundation currently has \$16,000 and insurance funds of \$54,000.

The consensus of the Board is to support the construction of a basic structure for activity space, not to include offices.

- Construction of Additional Raw Water Wells
 - Planning and Engineering Design was completed in FY15/16.

The consensus of the Board is to take no action at this time.

- Dismal Swamp Canal Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Completion
 - A stakeholder meeting was held in May 2012 at which time the City of Chesapeake advised that funding for the Virginia portion was not approved. The consensus of the Board is to take no action at this time.

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- Broadband

The feasibility study is currently underway. A presentation of the results of the study will be made at the May 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Budget Meetings with Department Heads

The consensus of the Board is to allow the county manager and finance officer to meet with the department heads to review each department budget. The department heads will remain available to meet with the Board at the Board's request should there be questions concerning the budget.

With no further matters for discussion Vice Chairman Tom White closed the session at 6:50 PM.

Tom White, Acting Chair
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Karen M. Davis, Clerk to the Board