

Camden County Board of Commissioners

Regular and Organizational Meeting

December 4, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Historic Courtroom

Camden, North Carolina

MINUTES

The regular and organizational meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Historic Courtroom, 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
Commissioner Elect Philip Faison

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

Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds called the meeting to order. Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for public comments stating public comments are an opportunity for citizens or property owners of Camden County wishing to present unscheduled items of concern or interest to the Commissioners. It is requested that comments be limited to (2-3) minutes.

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

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2006 regular meeting subject to correction of technical and typographical errors. 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.

Planning Dept. - Community Park

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that discussion of the Community Park would be held with the Board of Education.

Presentation of Plaque – Commissioner Clayton D. Riggs

Chairman Melvin Jeralds read and presented a plaque to Clayton Dale Riggs in grateful appreciation for four (4) years of outstanding service and dedication to the people of Camden County as a County Commissioner from December 2, 2002 to December 4, 2006.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs thanked the existing Commissioners and the previous Commissioners for their dedicated service to the citizens of Camden County and also thanked the citizens of the county for allowing him to serve them for the last four (4) years. Commissioner Clayton Riggs stated it had been an experience and a challenge and something he will always remember.

Recess at 9:07 p.m.

9:30 a.m. – Swearing In

Clerk of Superior Court Ann Davis Spivey administered the oath of office as County Commissioner to Commissioner Melvin J. Jeralds and Commissioner Elect Philip S. Faison.

10:00 a.m. – Reconvene

Chairman Melvin Jeralds reconvened the meeting.

Commissioner Philip Stephan Faison took his seat with the Board.

Organizational Meeting

At this time Chairman Melvin Jeralds turned the Organizational Meeting over to Ava Murgia, Clerk to the Board, to receive nominations and elections for the Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, Clerk to the Board, Deputy Clerk to the Board, County Attorney, review bonds and approve the 2007 Commissioners meeting calendar and holiday schedule.

Chairman of the Board

The Clerk to the Board stated at this time the Board would entertain nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to nominate Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

The Clerk asked for any further nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to nominate Commissioner Carolyn Riggs as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Clerk requested a vote for all in favor of Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings as Chairman of the Board. The nomination for Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds and Philip Faison voting aye; Commissioner Mike Andrews voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Vice Chairman

The Clerk stated at this time the Board would entertain nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to nominate Commissioner Philip Faison as Vice Chairman.

The Clerk asked for any further nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The motion

passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Clerk requested a vote for all in favor of Commissioner Philip Faison as Vice Chairman of the Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

County Attorney

The Clerk stated at this time the Board would entertain nominations for County Attorney.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to nominate John S. Morrison as County Attorney.

The Clerk asked for any further nominations for County Attorney.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to close the nominations for County Attorney. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Clerk requested a vote for all in favor of John S. Morrison as County Attorney. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Clerk to the Board

The Clerk stated at this time the Board would entertain nominations for Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to nominate Ava Murgia as Clerk to the Board.

The Clerk asked for any further nominations for Clerk to the Board.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Jeffrey B. Jennings made a motion to close the nominations for Clerk to the Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Clerk requested a vote for all in favor of Ava Murgia as Clerk to the Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Deputy Clerk to the Board

The Clerk stated at this time the Board would entertain nominations for Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to nominate Lori Tuss as Deputy Clerk to the Board.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to close the nominations for Deputy Clerk to the Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Clerk requested a vote for all in favor of Lori Tuss as Deputy Clerk to the Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Review Bonds

The Clerk stated the Board is required to review the bonds of the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Finance Officer and Tax Administrator.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to approve the bonds of the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Finance Officer and Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Camden County Board of Commissioners 2006 Meeting Calendar and Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs asked that the March 5, 2007 meeting not be held due to attending the NACCo conference.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds asked that the first meeting of each month be changed back to a day meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs stated that it was her understanding that the day meetings were very poorly attended and the meetings have been well attended since holding night meetings. Commissioner Carolyn Riggs further stated that she felt the time change would eliminate a lot of people from being able to run for Commissioner.

Commissioner Mike Andrews stated that the majority of people work during the day and can attend the night meetings.

Commissioner Philip Faison questioned Commissioner Melvin Jeralds reason for changing the meeting.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds replied that it is cheaper for the county regarding comp time for employees and other expenses related to holding two (2) night meetings. The employees are already present during the day, and also it allows senior citizens to attend a day meeting because they can not drive at night.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs stated that as far as the expense goes, she would rather be more open to the public for the amount of cost that is involved.

Commissioner Mike Andrews asked if they needed staff to attend every meeting or schedule them to come if they have an item on the agenda.

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that a department head does not attend the meeting unless they have an item on the agenda, except for the Finance Officer, who needs to be at all meetings.

Commissioner Mike Andrews stated that comp time is not a financing issue.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds stated that employees are still away from their desk when they take comp time and it still is a cost.

Commissioner Philip Faison asked County Manager Randell Woodruff if he typically had employees attending night meetings that are not needed.

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated no.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to change the first meeting of each month back to a day meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; Commissioners Carolyn Riggs and Mike Andrews voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve the 2007 Board of Commissioner meeting calendar and holiday schedule excluding Monday, March 5, 2007 and a retreat date to be announced at a later date in February. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Carolyn Riggs voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The approved 2007 Camden County Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar and Holiday Schedule is as follows:

**MEETING CALENDAR
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Camden County Board of Commissioners
2007**

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE HISTORIC COURTROOM, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED.

<u>DAY - DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY - DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tues. Jan. 2, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.	Mon. July 2, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
Tues. Jan. 16, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	Mon. July 16, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 5, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.	Mon. August 6, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
<i>A retreat date will be announced at a later date.</i>					
Mon. Feb. 19, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	No meeting on the Third Monday in August due to NCACC Conference.		
<u>NO MEETING ON Mon. Mar. 5, 2007</u>	CONFERENCE TBA		Tues. Sept. 4, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
Mon. Mar. 19, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	Mon. Sept. 17, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.
Mon. April 2, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.	Mon. Oct. 1, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
Mon. April 16, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	Mon. Oct. 15, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.
Mon. May 7, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.	Mon. Nov. 5, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
Mon. May 21, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	Mon. Nov. 19, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.
Mon. June 4, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.	Mon. Dec. 3, 2007	Board of Commissioners	8:00 a.m.
Mon. June 18, 2007	Board of Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	No meeting on the Third Monday in December.		
HOLIDAYS ALL COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED					
Monday, January 1, 2007			New Years Day (Office closed)		
Monday, January 15, 2007			Martin Luther King (Office closed)		
Friday, April 6, 2007			Good Friday (Office closed)		
Monday, May 28, 2007			Memorial Day (Office closed)		
Wednesday, July 4, 2007			Independence Day (Office closed)		
Monday, September 3, 2007			Labor Day (Office closed)		
Monday, November 12, 2007			Veterans Day (Office closed)		
Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, 2007			Thanksgiving (Office closed)		
Mon., Tues. & Wed., December 24, 25 & 26, 2007			Christmas Holidays (Office Closed)		

Consideration of Agenda

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested the addition of Request for Refund – George Berry be added to the agenda.

Mr. Woodruff explained the letter from the State Board of Election regarding the reasons why the Board of Education members were not sworn in after the Commissioners due to an appeal to the State Board of Elections that is still under consideration

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

Public Meeting - Resolution No. 2006-11-04 – A Resolution of the Camden County Board of Commissioners In Support of CAMA Public Beach and Coastal Water Access Grant Application for Crooked Creek Neighborhood Access

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go into public meeting to receive comments regarding Resolution No. 2006-11-04. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Parks & Recreation Department is seeking approval to apply for these funds to provide public access to the water and to move forward regarding a matching grant. NCDNER Division of Coastal Management has \$1.6 million in available grant funds to be awarded by January 2007. Local government must contribute at least a 25% local match of the total cost of the project and half of the match must be in cash with the remainder in-kind match.

The grant area of interest is Crooked Creek located off Garrington Island Road in Shiloh Township. The property owner is willing to enter into a lease agreement with the County for twenty five (25) years at a cost of \$500.00 per year.

In accordance with *Camden County Land Use Plan, Paragraph 3 with policies P1 through P5*, the County will maximize public access to the beaches and public trust waters emphasis on the Great Dismal Swamp and the Shiloh Township areas. Crooked Creek is located in the Shiloh Township area.

Debbie Leefe, Manager of Community Outreach spoke regarding the benefits of blueway/greenway trails from Florida to Maine, with the inter-coastal waterway coming thru Camden allows a major water trail recreation use. Mrs. Leefe updated the Board regarding projects in the surrounding areas and urged local officials, government agencies, businesses and the community to commit to water trail project goals. Successful water trails are the result of a cooperative effort between an active citizen group, a responsive public agency and a supportive community all of whom share a vision for the trail.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called for any comments from the public.

Tuck Blanchard, 261 One Mill Road, asked for clarification regarding posting of signs.

Kenny Stuart, stated it is for the county's best interest to post a warning or caution sign for power boats that the boats are taken out at owner's risk due to submerged objects.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds suggested the 25% matching funds be taken from the tourism fund.

County Manger Randell Woodruff confirmed that the 25% match funds would be paid by the developers for the county recreation fund, would not come out of county funds and further stated that the \$500.00 annual payment could come out of the tourism fund.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to closed public meeting. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds,

Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Amend the Agenda

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to amend the agenda to add Consideration of Resolution 2006-11-04. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Tax Releases, Pick Ups and Refunds

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to approve the tax releases, pick ups and refunds as submitted by the Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Michael Oviatt	144.74	Release	Military Exempt
Casey Kerberger	120.84	Release	Military Exempt
Michelle Carver	145.66	Release	Turned in Plates
William Fentress III	198.79	Release	Currituck Co.
Brantley Sawyer	118.97	Release	Sold Property
Barnhill Contracting	8,408.75	Release	Equip Disposal
	5,470.94	Pick Up	
	2,937.81	Adjustment	
Greater Bay Bank	32.67	Release	Add Equipment
	18.73	Pick Up	
	15.76	Adjustment	
Abner Hunter Jr.	184.02	Pick Up	Currituck Co.
Camden Yard Mat'l	2,555.59	Pick Up	Discovery

Sheriff Department – Travel Budget Request

Following discussion, Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to approve the Sheriff Department travel budget request in the amount of \$1,113.35 due to monies expended on the investigation and arrest of Willie Purcell Johnson in Florida. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; Commissioner Mike Andrews voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Harrell Medical Transport Franchise Agreement

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to approve renewal of the Harrell Medical Transport Franchise Agreement for December 1, 2006 through December 1, 2011. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Social Services - 2007-2009 Work First Plan

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve the 2007-2009 Work First Plan as submitted by DDS Director Sylvia Holley. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Voting Delegate Designation – Legislative Goals Conference

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to appoint Commissioner Carolyn Riggs as voting delegate for the legislative goals conference in Pinehurst on January 11 and 12, 2007. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews,

Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Change Commissioner's Meeting Time – January 2, 2007 Meeting

This matter was resolved when the 2007 Meeting Schedule was approved.

Board Appointments By Commissioners

South Mills Fire Commission

Chairman delayed appointment to the South Mills Fire Commission until January 2, 2007.

Albemarle Commission

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings, with the agreement of all Board members, reappointed Commissioner Melvin Jearlds to the Albemarle Commissioner Board.

Planning Director Dan Porter reminded the Board that an appointment of an alternate to the Board of Adjustment was needed.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated appointments to the Board of Adjustment Board will be on the January 2, 2007 agenda for consideration.

Recess - 10:31 a.m.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings recessed the regular meeting until 12 Noon for the joint meeting with the Board of Education at the Camden County High School.

**Camden County Board of Commissioners
Camden Board of Education**

**Joint Meeting
December 4, 2006
12:00PM**

**Media Center of the Camden County High School
Camden, North Carolina**

A joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education was held on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 12 noon in the Media Center of the Camden County High School, Camden, North Carolina.

The following Commissioners were present:

**Chairman Jeffrey B. Jennings
Vice Chairman Phil Faison
Commissioners Melvin J. Jeralds, Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews**

Also attending was County Manager Randell Woodruff and Deputy Clerk to the Board Lori Tuss.

The following Board of Education members were present:

Board of Education:

**Chairman Wayne White
Vice Chairman Chris M. Wilson
Members S. Clarence Jennings, Brenda Sawyer, and Terri Faison
School Superintendent Dr. Ron Melchiorre**

The joint meeting between the Camden County Commissioners and the Board of Education included a tour of the new CamTech High School facilities. The tour was

intended to allow the Commissioners and Board an opportunity to view the new additions (Modulars) and learn about the technology and its applications offered to the students at Camden County High. Following the tour, a lunch and joint meeting was held.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings called the joint meeting to order.

Board of Education Chairman Wayne White called joint meeting to order.

The following items were discussed:

Community Park Extension

Camden County Planning Director, Dan Porter, gave a presentation concerning the Community Park Expansion program. The following summary was presented for discussion: The Camden County Commissioners approved \$300,000.00 matching funds and submittal of applications to both PARTF & LWCG for the Community Park project January 3, 2005 and March 21, 2005, respectively. Both applications were successful, with PARTF approving \$300,000.00 and LWCF approving \$95,366.00, subject to an environmental assessment of the property. Prior to issuing a project agreement an additional archeological study was required to determine if special treatment needed to be included to accommodate potential historic artifacts. The study was completed at a non-reimbursable cost of \$6,449.75 and submitted to the state. The state determined that the site had no significant historical requirements, and the project was released for approval.

Project agreements were received on December 1, 2005, which is the official start date. The project must be completed within three (3) years, December 1, 2008. A timeline of activities is attached showing actions to date and a very general breakdown of those yet to occur.

Both grants are 50% reimbursing in nature, so the county must pay invoices and submit to the agencies for reimbursement with a turn around time of approximately sixty (60) days. With the three (3) year completion date, it was determined that the county should stretch the project over the three (3) year period in order to minimize the financial impact of the local match on one or another fiscal year budget. The FY 2006 budget included \$50,000.00, and the FY 2007 budget includes \$100,000.00, for a total of \$150,000.00 of the \$300,000.00 matching requirement.

It is important to note that at the time a construction contract is awarded, sufficient funds must be available to complete the project. The project has moved slowly in the initial stage in order for the local matching funds to accumulate.

Much of the design and engineering for the park project is being provided by a local firm as a contribution to the project. A recent estimate from another firm indicated a cost for engineering and project management services to be in excess of \$160,000.00. The "Fit Together" grant from the Blue Cross\Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina has been awarded and includes \$20,000.00 for engineering services related to the park project.

The initial storm water management plans for the project were submitted to DENR and denied because the school project showed a detention pond already planned on the park property. After meeting with school project officials and discussions with DENR staff, it was agreed that the school's pond could be expanded and moved slightly to accommodate a portion of the park's storm water, as long as it would not delay the school project. Engineering for the pond is complete and has been submitted for an official permit modification.

Due to the topography and layout of the park, a second detention pond will be needed at the far end of the park. A contract has been executed at a cost of \$1,850.00 (reimbursable) to delineate wetlands on the park site, and field work has been completed. The storm water plans will be submitted as soon as the school's permit modification is approved. Upon approval of the park's permit, a small clearing and grubbing contract will be executed to begin the park.

The current goal is to have construction plans for the park completed by January 1, 2007; begin construction of fields and track as early in the year as weather permits; and complete the project by summer 2007. If portions of the project can be contracted separately within local matching funds availability, the project may proceed a little quicker.

Middle School Lighting Project

Camden County Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Stuart submitted two (2) cost estimates from *Musco's Light Structure Green*. The following quotes do not include the actual install of electrical services. These estimates are for the actual lighting hardware (structures).

The first estimate covers the cost to install lighting to the entire Camden Middle School Athletic Complex. The actual monetary estimate is \$149,296.00. The second estimate is \$108,973.00. The price of this estimate would only cover the two (2) baseball fields at the Camden Middle School Athletic Complex rather the entire complex in the first estimate above.

Mr. Stuart stated that *Musco's Light Structure Green* estimates that the cost to install the electrical service could run \$35,000.00-\$41,000.00 through their company. In an effort to negotiate a better price, Mr. Stuart will be meeting with Albemarle Electric in order to discuss the possibility of a cost reduction on the installation of the actual electrical service. In addition, Mr. Stuart will take the opportunity to discuss with Albemarle Electric the possibility of adding the electrical hookup needed for the Community Park Extension Program with the hope of saving time and money.

The Effects of Student Growth on the School System- Presenter: Superintendent of Schools, Ron Melchiorre

Ron Melchiorre gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the effects that student growth will have in Camden County.

Paul LeSieur, Director, School Business Services North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. LeSieur gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the different types of funding available for small counties. Mr. Lesieur provided information that featured Low Wealth Supplemental Funding and Small County Supplemental Funding. The PowerPoint presentation addressed the issues of the counties revaluation of property and the impact that can result in the Counties ability to provide educational facilities. The handouts provide formulas that relate to taxes and how it relates to what funding the County can receive based on tax income.

Intermediate School

Larry Lawrence gave a brief update concerning the progress on the Intermediate School project. According to Mr. Lawrence, a Change Order has been requested by the construction company, MB Kahn, to cover the cost of fencing required around the retention pond for safety reasons.

Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated that he feels the company is responsible for the cost of the fencing and any fee violations that have occurred as a result of their oversight. Chairman Jeffrey Jennings stated that the County should not be responsible financially for MB Kahn's error. Furthermore, Chairman Jeffery Jennings stated that any additional charges to the County should only occur when the County has made an additional order or change to the contract.

Board of Education Chairman Wayne White requested that this issue be dealt with immediately.

Larry Lawrence stated that the footings and sprinkler pipes are being installed at this time.

Board of Education member Clarence Jennings asked where the top soil will be stored and stated that the County should reserve it for future use in order to save the County any additional costs for resources it already has.

Superintendent of Schools, Ron Melchiorre, wanted to remind the Boards that a new school is being built and with it will come other financial responsibilities like heating, and maintenance.

QZAB

At this time, the Board of Education asked the Board of Commissioners to help pay for an advertisement to be placed in the paper thanking the Community of Camden County for their support in helping the County meet their requirements for the QZAB funding. People in the community rallied together and saved the County \$15-20 Million in volunteer time and resources.

Bond

Wayne White recommended that there be representatives from both the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners to attend the public Forum in Edenton, NC on January 18, 2007 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The meeting is concerning the State Bond and it is called Everybody's Business.

Athletic School Bus

Board of Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings stated that he felt that the County should provide bus transportation for each traveling event for the High School Cheerleaders as part of their participation in school sports. The matter has been turned over to Superintendent of Schools Ron Melchiorre.

Adjourn

Board of Education Chairman Wayne White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

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

Reconvene

After the joint meeting with the Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners returned to the Historic Courtroom to reconvene their regular meeting.

Request for Refund – George Berry

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds asked to be recused from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to recuse Commissioner Melvin Jeralds from voting due to conflict of interest. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Philip Faison made a motion to approve the refund request by George Berry for \$300.00 due to Mr. Berry not being aware that the zoning had been changed from HC to R3-2. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Mike

Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; Commissioner Melvin Jeralds recused from voting; and no Commissioner not voting.

Consideration of Resolution No. 2006-11-04 – A Resolution of the Camden County Board of Commissioners In Support of CAMA Public Beach and Coastal Water Access Grant Application for Crooked Creek Neighborhood Access

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-11-04 contingent upon the \$500.00 yearly fee being paid from the tourism fund and the 25% (\$9,000.00) match will be taken out of the developer's recreation fund.

Resolution No. 2006-11-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN SUPPORT OF CAMA PUBLIC BEACH AND COASTAL
WATER ACCESS GRANT APPLICATION FOR
CROOKED CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS PROJECT**

Whereas, during a regular meeting on December 4, 2006, the Camden County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to take comments on the proposed Crooked Creek Neighborhood Access Project to be constructed on Garrington Island Road; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners in compliance with the County's CAMA Land Use Plan desires to improve public access to its surface waters; and

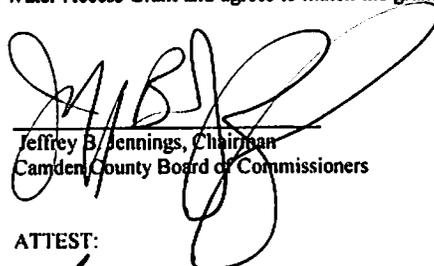
Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners desires to improve access to Crooked Creek by constructing a canoe launch with bulkhead, piers and parking area for cars, trailers, and handicap parking.

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners is submitting a grant application to the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management requesting funds in the amount of approximately \$37,500.00.

Whereas, Camden County will match the grant with a combination of cash and in-kind services totaling twenty-five percent (25%) or approximately \$9,375.00

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, after receiving public comments on the proposed improvements to Crooked Creek supports the CAMA Public Beach and Coastal Water Access Grant and agrees to match the grant with twenty-five percent (25%) in cash and in-kind services.

(SEAL)


Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Issued Discussed During Joint Meeting with Board of Education

Advertisement

Hearing no objections, Chairman Jennings so ordered the County Manager to ascertain the cost for full and half page advertisement costs in the Daily Advance to help pay for an advertisement to be placed in the paper thanking the Community of Camden County for their support in helping the County meet their requirements for the QZAB funding.

Other Matters

Commissioner Philip Faison stated that he would go to the Legislative Goals Conference in Pinehurst on January 11 and 12, 2007 instead of Commissioner Carolyn Riggs.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to remove Commissioner Carolyn Riggs as the designated voting delegate and replaced with Commissioner Philip Faison. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Closed Session

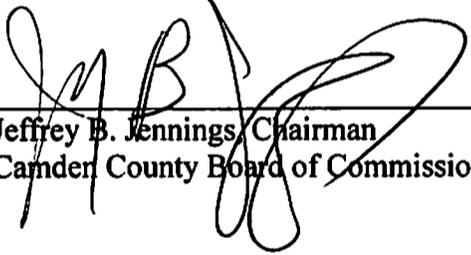
Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of discussing industrial recruitment. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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

Adjournment

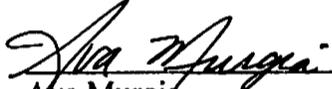
Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioners Carolyn Riggs, Melvin Jeralds, Mike Andrews, Philip Faison and Chairman Jeffrey Jennings voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Jeffrey B. Jennings, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board