

**Camden County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2005  
7:00 P.M.**

**Camden County Courthouse  
Camden, North Carolina**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held Monday, November 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County Courthouse, Courthouse Complex, Camden, NC. 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, Attorney Herbert Mullen, Deputy Clerk to the Board Melissa Joines, and various staff members.

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

**Presentation – Register of Deeds Peggy Kight**

Register of Deeds Peggy Kight reviewed the work performed by the Register of Deeds' office and discussed the immediate need for space and additional employees.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

**Consideration of Minutes - October 27, 2005 Special Meeting and November 7, 2005 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs asked to comment on the minutes of the October 27, 2005 special meeting.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs stated the following: *"In reviewing the minutes it is unclear as to the intent of my statement. For the record I want to clarify that I was making the point that past boards had been accused of not following the law. I did not want to fall victim to that accusation, and had I not voted as I did, I would have been disregarding the law."*

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2005 Special Meeting and the November 7, 2005 Regular Meeting, subject to correction of typographical and technical errors. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Consideration of Agenda**

Chairman Jeralds added *Item X. New Business, 8. Consideration of UDO 2005-09-27-Norton and 9. Consideration of UDO 2005-09-35 – Insley.*

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested that *Item IX. Old Business, 2. Surplus Property Bids* be added to the agenda.

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

**Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2005-09-27 – Home Occupation – William C. Norton**

Chairman Jeralds read the rules and regulations regarding public hearings.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding UDO 2005-09-27. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Applicant William Norton was present.

Chairman Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Jennings made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2005-09-35 – Home Occupation – Marsha Insley**

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding UDO 2005-09-35. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Applicant Marsha Insley was present.

Chairman Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Jennings made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing – Rehabilitation and Demolition Contracts**

Planning Director Dan Porter stated that Holland Consultants received the following bids for rehabilitation and demolition of three (3) CDBG housing units:

Rehabilitation: Joe Braxton Home Repair - \$15,070.00  
Joe Braxton Home Repair- \$29,955.00  
Sutton's Home Improvement - \$25,650.00  
Demolition: Brays Equipment - \$24,800.00.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to award the rehabilitation contracts to lowest bidders Joe Braxton and Sutton's Home Improvement. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to award the demolition contract to lowest bidder Brays Equipment and authorize the Chairman, County Manager and necessary

staff to execute rehabilitation and demolition contracts per Holland Consultants recommendation. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Surplus Property Bids**

The sealed bids for the 1992 Ford F-150 pick up truck from J and J Wholesale for \$1,026.99, and Laura Martin for \$203.00 were presented to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to accept the highest bid from J and J Wholesale in the amount of \$1,026.99 for the 1992 Ford F-150 pick up truck. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Set Public Hearing - Special Use Permit – UDO 2005-09-46 – Home Occupation – Marsha Bridges**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to set public hearing for UDO 2005-09-46 for January 3, 2006. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Tax Releases, Pick Up and Refunds**

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the tax releases, pick ups, and refunds and refunds to be issued by Finance Office as submitted by the Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

David Hill	230.72	Release	Military Exempt
Benjamin Davis	185.09	Release	Military Exempt
Ashley Horn	112.60	Release	Military Exempt
Gordon Freeman	141.23	Release	Sold in 2001

**Authorization to Collect July 2005 Renewals**

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve the authorization to collect vehicle renewals as submitted by the Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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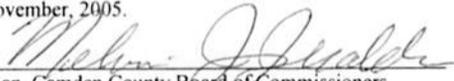
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

TO: The Tax Administrator of Camden County (July Renewals) Due 11/1/05

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Administrator and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon personal property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Camden, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell personal property of such taxpayers for and on account thereof, in accordance with the law.

<b>SOUTH MILLS</b>	<b>COURTHOUSE</b>	<b>SHILOH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
25,281.74	34,823.65	14,095.62	74,201.01

Witness my hand and official seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2005.

  
Chairman, Camden County Board of Commissioners

Attest:  
  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Camden County

This is to certify that I have received the tax receipts and duplicates for collection in the amounts as listed herein.

  
Tax Administrator of Camden County

**Register of Deeds- Resolution No. 2005-11-02 Relating to Preservation of Record Books**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-11-02. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2005-11-02 reads as follows:

**Resolution No. 2005-11-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RELATING TO PRESERVATION OF RECORD BOOKS  
IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved the funds to preserve several record books; and

**WHEREAS**, General Statute 132-7 provides that the Board may authorize removal of record books;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners approve the removal of Books L, R, 18 and 19 to be restored.

Approved by the Camden County Board of Commissioners this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2005.

(SEAL)

  
Melvin Jeralds, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

  
Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board

**Board Appointment – Albemarle Commission**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion for Chairman Jeralds to remain on the Albemarle Commission Board. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**NCDOT – Request for Comments regarding Bridge Replacement Projects**

Following discussion, Chairman Jeralds directed the County Manager to contract NCDOT regarding replacement of the bridge by the Middle School on Scotland Road.

**Resolution No. 2005-11-03 Regarding The Allocation of Pre-Trial Release Program Funding**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-11-03. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2005-11-03 reads as follows:

**Resolution No. 2005-11-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGARDING THE REALLOCATION  
OF  
PRE-TRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Legislature passed SB 622 on August 13, 2005, with Section 17.23 addressing the Criminal Justice Partnership Program; and one of the provisions in that section fully eliminates funding for the Pre-Trial Release Program (PTR) as of July 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the PTR Program has 30 active clients across the six county Albemarle area; and if the PTR Program were to disappear, all 30 of these clients would need to return to custody under another type of bond; as these defendants were released under an unsecured bond with PTR Program conditions; and if there is no PTR Program, then the bond must be changed to not include the

program and would involve rounding up each and every client and taking them to the Magistrate's Office in the county of their arrest to have their bond changed, which would most likely result in the bond becoming secured and that person going to jail until they either post bond or are adjudicated by the court, which would involve time by the Police and Sheriff's Departments to amass the participants scattered about six counties, and would also involve each county's Magistrate's Office, Clerk's Office, the District Attorney's Office and both District and Superior Court Judges to have all of the correct paperwork signed and filed; and

**WHEREAS**, to return each of the 30 participants to custody would also involve an influx at our 3 local county jails – Albemarle District Jail, Chowan County Jail and Currituck County Jail; and as the current population of each of these centers is already above capacity, it may result in inmates being housed-out at other jails at an additional cost to the county as each of these individuals would then cost the taxpayers an average of \$46.00 per day to house and feed; and the first day of incarceration alone would cost over \$1,300.00; and, additionally, when an individual is in custody, 100% of their medical costs are absorbed by the county and their taxpayers, regardless if they have their own personal medical insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, there would also be no assistance for the Judges and DA in court with 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance Hearings, as the PTR Program provides information regarding residence, employment/ school, ties to the community, arrest record, probation information, and information from the arresting officer; and with this information, more accurate decisions can be made regarding bond modifications and defendants would not be held in jail longer than they needed to be; and, additionally, the PTR

Program helps to find unserved warrants and informs Judges and DA's of sometimes unknown information about criminal records in counties outside their county of arrest; and since the PTR Program encompasses six counties, some defendants are known for having charges in a multitude of other counties including but not limited to the county they reside in; and

**WHEREAS**, any inmate that has been in custody for seven days or more for a misdemeanor charge is added onto a calendar to be taken to court to have his/her bond reviewed, and at that time, the PTR Program can facilitate a guilty plea if the defendant so chooses; and if the defendant does not want a lawyer and wants to plead guilty, the PTR Program then contacts victims for restitution information and runs a criminal history or driving record to provide to the DA and Judge when the defendant's case is called; and as the PTR Review Calendar is an add-on calendar, which means that victims are not notified of the change in court date, nor are criminal histories run by the DA's Office for this calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, not only does this calendar allow for a person to take care of their pending case, but it also allows for bed space to be freed at the jail, where this bed space could be more fruitfully used by a violent felon as opposed to charges such as misdemeanor larceny or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree trespass – charges that are almost always found on the Pre-Trial Release Review Calendar; and, additionally, inmates are provided with affidavits for court appointed attorneys at this hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, without the PTR Program providing these services, defendants may stay in jail until their originally set court date, which may be months in the future, without the ability to apply for a lawyer or take care of their case; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the PTR Program is not something that is being promoted or endorsed by the Albemarle Region Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) Advisory Board, but has been directed by statute; as it is a statewide mandate and will result in the closing of 32 pre-trial release programs across North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the conclusion of the Camden County Board of Commissioners that closure of the PTR Program will have a serious impact on the justice system across the six county Albemarle area, and will place an additional cost burden on the county, thus the taxpayers; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Camden County Board of Commissioners urgently request that funding for the PTR Program be restored, thus allowing the Albemarle Region Criminal Justice Partnership Program to continue be an asset to the taxpayers and to the justice system within the six county Albemarle area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and seal this 21st day of November 2005.

(SEAL)

  
Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
  
Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board

**Consideration of Special Use Permit Application - UDO 2005-09-27 – Home Occupation – William C. Norton**

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve UDO 2005-09-27 with conditions as recommended by staff. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Consideration of Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2005-09-35 – Home Occupation – Marsha Insley**

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve UDO 2005-09-35 with conditions as recommended by staff. The motion passed with Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Andrews, and Chairman Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**County Manager's Report**

County Manager Randell Woodruff discussed the following:

- Unified Government
- DENR – Sewer Project Collection and Treatment System
- Road behind Grandy School
- Gumberry Road
- NCDOT – Bridge elevation on US158
- Courthouse Renovations Update

**Closed Session**

**No Closed Session was held.**

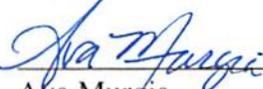
**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
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Melvin Jeralds  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ava Murgia  
Clerk to the Board