

AGENDA
Camden County Board of Commissioners
Government Services Building, (Courthouse Square)
200 East 4th Street, 2nd Floor, Room 252,
Commissioners' Meeting Chambers
Woodbine, Georgia
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Convene Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Agenda Amendments

Added item under Presentation:

- Camden Mobile Canteen presented by Salvation Army Service Center Director Charlene Sears

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- [August 16, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes; August 18, 2016 Public Hearing held at 10:00 AM; August 18, 2016 Public Hearing held at 5:30 PM & August 25, 2016 Public Hearing held at 6:00 PM.](#)

Presentation

- [Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2016 as National Surgical Technologist Month](#)
- Camden Mobile Canteen presented by Salvation Army Service Center Director Charlene Sears

Public Comments

Regular Agenda

Grants Manager Julie Haigler

1. [Approval to submit a grant application for the “319 h grant – Clean Water Act” through Georgia Environmental Protection Division.](#)

Finance and Budget Director Mike Fender

2. [Consideration of approval of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendments.](#)
3. [Consideration to set the 2016 County Millage Rates.](#)
4. [Consideration of adoption of 2016 School Board Millage Rate.](#)

Reports

- [Calendar – September / October 2016](#)
- County Administrator Comments

Adjourn Regular Meeting & Convene Executive Session – Litigation

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Additional Public Comments

Adjourn BOC Meeting

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MILLAGE RATE
200 EAST FOURTH STREET, WOODBINE, GEORGIA 31569
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016 AT 10:00 AM**

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Complex, Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Commissioner Chuck Clark; Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

- **Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate**

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

He reminded the audience that additional Public Hearings will be held this evening, Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM, and Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Clark opened the floor to comments from the public regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

Public Comments:

No comments from the public were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark adjourned the Public Hearing at 10:05 AM.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MILLAGE RATE
200 EAST FOURTH STREET, WOODBINE, GEORGIA 31569
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016 AT 5:30 PM

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Complex, Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Commissioner Chuck Clark; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers; Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

- **Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate**

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

He reminded the audience that an additional Public Hearing will be held this evening, Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM followed by the consideration of adoption on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Starline opened the floor to comments from the public regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

Public Comments:

Steve Brine, Kingsland

Mr. Brine stated that he runs a business and is concerned about the collection rate of 80 % of tax bills due. He explained that he read in the local newspaper that there is uncollected money out there and he understands there is new employee who is more aggressive in collecting overdue taxes. He asked how much in overdue taxes is there; is there anything being done regarding this issue, and he understands that only 7 years prior can be collected.

Chairman Starline stated that he would break from the traditional public hearing format since there is only a few people in the audience. He replied to Mr. Brine and explained that although he is not aware of the exact total of unpaid taxes the County budget is based on a collection rate of 92 % - 94 %. He explained that the Board has no control over the collection of taxes and that duty is strictly the job of the elected Tax Commissioner. He stated that in the past the Board saw a number of statute of limitations, but recently that number has decreased. He stated that the information regarding the total of unpaid taxes is public record.

John Wojcik, Kingsland

Mr. Wojcik stated that he is an appointed member on the Board of Assessors. He explained that he understands the bind the Board is in, and he is here tonight to educate himself in how the process works. He asked about the numbers in the PowerPoint presentation regarding Economic Development, as well as mobile home, timber, and vehicle numbers that decreased from prior years.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender responded to Mr. Wojcik and explained that those numbers go through the State.

Chairman Starline explained that the decrease in vehicles is due to the Tavit Tax replacing the ad valorem tax on vehicles.

Adjournment:

Chairman Starline adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:52 PM.

CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MILLAGE RATE
200 EAST FOURTH STREET, WOODBINE, GEORGIA 31569
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Complex, Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers; Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

- **Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate**

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

He reminded the audience that the consideration of adoption will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Starline opened the floor to comments from the public regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

Public Comments:

Rueben Gomez, Kingsland

Mr. Gomez stated that he opposes the increase to the millage rate and any increase of any kind. He recommended to the Board that they disband the Joint Development Authority, forget about Spaceport, cut the County Administrator's salary in half, and learn how to live within their means. He asked for someone to ask him about a fancy project called Cumberland Coast way.

Ann Shelton, St. Marys

Mrs. Shelton stated that she is opposed to the millage rate increase. She explained that she retired and moved to Camden County in March of 2014, and when she received the tax bill she was shocked. She stated that she moved here from Tennessee where they lived on seven times more acreage. She stated that recently her husband was looking for a space to have a woodshop. She explained that after looking for a property or space it was determined that the rent and taxes would be too high. She further stated that looking at empty buildings around town, one in particular named Shark Bites, closed due to the rent increasing because of property higher taxes. She stated that not a lot of people are coming to this area because the tax rate is prohibitive and she

would like to see the taxes decreased. She stated that it is very expensive for her to live here.

Steve Weinkle, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Weinkle stated that he is opposed to the millage rate increase. He explained that he moved here from Gwinnett County where he was involved with a tax issue. He stated that Spaceport is a speculative project and will cause the County to be bankrupt. He stated that the answer is not a year by year mil at a time increase. He stated that most people don't understand it is cheaper to own a home in Gwinnett County than in Camden.

April Douglas, Harriett's Bluff

Ms. Douglas stated that last year her taxes increased by two percent and this year by one percent. She explained that she owns several properties rather than one and this makes the increase substantial to her. She stated that she that Economic Development doesn't understand and wants them to do something that will finally benefit Camden County. She asked if the increase was in anticipation of the Spaceport project, if so, this needs to be put out to a vote by the taxpayers. She explained that she doesn't want to increase taxes on a pipe dream.

Adjournment:

Chairman Starline adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM.

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2016, 6:02 PM**

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Vice-Chairman Gary Blount; Commissioner Willis R. Keene, Jr.; Commissioner Chuck Clark; Commissioner Tony Sheppard; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers and Administrative Assistant Renee' Crews.

Absent: County Clerk Kathryn A. Bishop

Chairman Starline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender delivered the invocation.

Chairman Starline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments:

Removal of item under regular agenda and renumber the agenda accordingly:

8. Approval to submit a grant application for the "319 h grant – Clean Water Act" through Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
9. Approval of contract proposal with Leidos.

Amend consent agenda Item 4 to include the addition of the following:

4. Approval of Fiscal Year 2016 **and Fiscal Year 2017** Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded Commissioner Sheppard to approve the agenda amendments as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

- August 2, 2016 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve August 2, 2016 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- Proclamation recognizing the Employee of the 4th Quarter

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented the employee of the Fourth Quarter to Janice Beckham.

WHEREAS, *the Employee Recognition Committee is pleased to announce that Janice Beckham has been named Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *Janice's commitment to the Camden County Office of Finance & Budget began on March 23, 2015 where she currently serves as Senior Accountant. Her willing attitude, and diligent work ethic have played an important role in the growth and success of this organization; and*

WHEREAS, *Janice's motto is "Give it to me, I can do that." She is always willing to do get the job done regardless if it is her direct responsibility or not; and*

WHEREAS, *she has been described by her peers as having impeccable attention to detail, a greater understanding of the job, a sense of teamwork, and a positive attitude; and*

WHEREAS, *it has been said that Janice thinks outside of the box, and tries to discover new and better ways of getting the job done. She does all of this with a professional, pleasant attitude; focusing on achieving the goal even during very stressful times; and*

WHEREAS, *when faced with a problem she always comes to management with suggestions for a solution. Janice goes above and beyond every day and sets a high bar for being efficient, effective, accurate, and does it all with a smile; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *that the members of this body recognize Janice Beckham as Employee of the Quarter for Camden County Government, and, we hereby express our gratitude for her continued efforts and commitment.*

- Review of the Tax Digest for calendar year 2016 presented by Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the Tax Digest for calendar year 2016.

Public Comments

Brice Hill, St. Marys

Mr. Hill stated that he supports the gun range. He explained that he believes the public likes to shoot at a range where it is controlled and there is a need for a range in the County. He stated the nearest ranges are located in Florida and Waycross.

Commissioner Keene made a motion seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:18 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Starline convened the Public Hearing at 6:18 PM.

Convene Public Hearing

To receive comments from the public regarding the following item:

- Seeking public comment and input regarding the construction of a public target shooting range in Camden County

Joe, Kingsland

He expressed his concerns about safety, and needing to work with Sheriff's Office. He asked if there are possible Federal grants for target ranges. He stated that the best environment for a shooting range are those that are properly staffed.

DNR Rep. Walter Lane said they were looking for partners to help with the expenses for the gun range. This is a \$1 million project DNR will contribute \$750,000 and County is responsible for \$250,000. By charging a daily or annual fee, this will provide revenue for operating costs.

Tony, unknown address / location

He stated the gun range in Charlotte, NC is a state/county partnership. Waycross Dixie Memorial gun range is not staffed, and he feels it is not safe for the public.

Walter Lane said a good many ranges are rural ran by DNR, and are not staffed. He explained that someone just comes by from time to time to check on things. Camden's gun range would be the 1st county run range. He further stated that the noise issue, is really not an issue. At the current site noise only travels approximately one (1) mile, and no residents are impacted. He stated that only hand guns and rifles will be allowed at the County range.

Rick Winters, Kingsland

Mr. Winters expressed his support for the gun range.

John Wojcik, Kingsland

Mr. Wojcik stated that while yes he believes the County needs a range for the public, there are gun shots being heard all over the County and that is not safe for the communities.

Joe Perry, St. Marys

Mr. Perry stated that he is In favor of the range, and currently he travels to Waycross. He explained he feels this gun range would have a high usage, but he would like to see it open from sunrise to sunset.

Robert Sweatt, Sr., Woodbine

Mr. Sweatt stated that he has a house located the closest to the site, and he would like the county to look for property somewhere else. He expressed that he is not in favor of the range.

Ben Casey, Kingsland

Mr. Casey stated that while he is concerned about the noise the range will produce, the noise would be based on the number of guns being shot at the same time. He explained the more shooting at once will give out more noise. He stated that Gateway Gun Club is in a residential area, and while it has not always been residential over time they built homes around it along with an airport. He explained that there are ways to eliminate the noise from the range.

Jamie Bekler, Kingsland

Mr. Bekler stated that there is nowhere else to go, and he hears people shooting all around his neighborhood. He explained that when he calls the police nothing is really done.

Dwight Don, St. Marys

He stated that there is nowhere to shoot in Camden County. He explained that he wants to make sure a Ranger Officer is there at all times when it is open to keep everyone safe. He stated that everyone needs a place to learn how to shoot, and how to handle a gun. He stated that he bought his wife a hand gun for home defense, and finding indoor ranges can be limited. He informed the Board that the nearest range is at Gateway in Jacksonville.

Steve Walker, Harriett's Bluff

Mr. Walker explained that when he is sitting outside in his yard he can hear gun shots coming from every direction. He stated that people are shooting in uncontrolled environments which is a liability, and that is why he feels we need a gun range.

Brian Taylor, Kingsland

He asked if there are States that give grants to do projects like this.

DNR Walter Lane replied yes, and explained that DNR awards (2) \$25,000 grants a year.

Sheriff Proctor replied yes Camden County received \$25,000 for the range already.

Mr. On' House, Kingsland

He stated that we need to think outside the box and plant more trees to help buffer the noise. He explained that construction sound barriers can help alleviate the noise issue. He stated that he would like to see this range open before he dies and urged everyone to get the ball rolling, and enough will all the discussion.

Curt Lacey, Woodbine

He asked what is the estimated number of people needed to fund the cost of running the range of this size?

DNR Walter Lane replied that if you charge \$10 per person that could generate \$90,000 per year to maintain the range.

Savannah Suniga, St. Marys

She stated that the views on the noise issue are short sided, and that car radios are so loud going down her street they rattles the windows in her home. She explained that with all the traffic the noise is an issue from that, and the range is a great idea if used correctly. She stated that this would benefit the next generation.

Howard Davis, Kingsland

Mr. Davis stated that he is in favor of the gun range.

Chairman Starline reminded everyone that this will be voted on at a later date.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the Public Hearings at 6:41 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.
2. Approval of Resolution regarding O.C.G.A. §36-80-20 (b) (2) - Decal or seal required on vehicles owned or leased by any county, municipality, regional commission, school system, commission, board, or public authority.
3. Joint Resolution to establish the 2018 Camden County, City of Kingsland, City of St. Marys, City of Woodbine Joint Comprehensive Plan Workgroup.
4. Approval of Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

5. Consideration of approval of the Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc Work Authorization 12722, SA #2.

Commissioner Keene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. Work Authorization 12722, SA #2.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval to submit a Firehouse Subs Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) equipment grant.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to submit a Firehouse Subs Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) equipment grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval to submit a grant to the State Farm Foundation.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the submittal of a grant to the State Farm Foundation.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Bid award for boom mower.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keene to approve the bid award for a boom mower to Reynolds – Warren Equipment Company.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of Online Bill Payment Processing for the Offices of Curbside Collection and Planning and Development.

Vice-Chairman Blount made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the contract for Online Bill Payment Processing for the Offices of Curbside Collection and Planning and Development with Acculynk, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- **Calendar – August & September 2016**

Ms. Crews stated there were no changes to the calendar at this time.

- **County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Steve Howard announced that he will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in the coming weeks with Commissioner Clark and Vice-Chairman Blount to present a Spaceport Camden presentation for U.S. Representative Jack Kingston.

Executive Session – Litigation

The Executive Session was cancelled.

Additional Public Comments

No additional public comments were offered during this time.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn the August 16, 2016 regular meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Proclamation

NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, surgical technology has grown to meet the ever-increasing demand for well-educated, highly-skilled and versatile surgical technologists;

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are entrusted with the lives and well-being of patients and provide a critical service during surgical procedures;

WHEREAS, over 90,000 surgical technologists nationwide are an integral part of the surgical team committed to providing the highest quality of surgical care to patients;

WHEREAS, surgical technologists are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic technique in the operating room, ensuring that equipment functions properly and facilitating safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures;

WHEREAS, surgical technologists strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections and maximize patient safety;

WHEREAS, Certified Surgical Technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification conferred by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting based upon passage of the national examination;

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist's motto "Aeger Primo, the patient first" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy;

The people of Georgia are honored to join with our nation in recognizing National Surgical Technologist Week. NOW, THEREFORE, I, [FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME], of [position] do hereby proclaim September 2016 as:

National Surgical Technologist Week

across State of Georgia and I and urge all my fellow citizens to join me in acknowledging the important role of surgical technologists in the care and recovery of their patients. We honor these men and women.

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM: 1

SUBJECT: Approval to submit a grant application for the "319 h grant – Clean Water Act" through Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

- Recommendation
- Policy Discussion
- Status Report
- Action Item
- Other

DATE: August 29, 2016

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES: \$361,775

EXPENSES: \$361,775

FUNDING SOURCE: Grant request and in-kind sources

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 6th

PURPOSE:

To request that the Board of Commissioners:

- a. To consider the grant submittal of the 319 h grant to Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Funds will be used to repair/replace septic systems in the Browntown area.

HISTORY:

- 1. This grant was successfully applied for and received in 2012. We are applying again this year to continue septic tank repair in the area.

FACTS & ISSUES:

- 1. Approximately 30 septic systems will be repaired or replaced.
- 2. The request amount is \$361,775
- 3. A 40% match is required and will come from in-kind sources including labor/material costs from public works department and volunteer hours. The grant managers' salary will be reimbursed by the grant funding.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Motion to approve the submittal of the grant application for the "319 h grant – Clean Water Act" through Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
- 2. Motion to deny this item.
- 3. Motion to table this item.
- 4. Other action by the Board.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. To be determined by the Board.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

*Julie Haigler,
Grants Manager*

IF APPLICABLE:

County Attorney Review:

Attorney John S. Myers

IF APPLICABLE:

Finance Review:

Mike Fender, Director

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: Budget Amendments for the FY 2016 budget.

- Recommendation
- Policy Discussion
- Status Report
- Action Item

DATE: August 30, 2016

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Revenues: See attached

Expenses: See attached

Funding Source: See attached for possible future funding

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 6, 2016

PURPOSE:

To request that the Board of Commissioners:

- a. To consider the budget amendments regarding the changes needed to the FY 2016 budget.

HISTORY:

- 1. The amounts reflected are based on various cost additions during the fiscal year such as computer equipment, historical preservation, health claims, performance bonus, etc.
- 2. These type of amendments are done each year at this time to better reflect the actual collections and expenses for the fiscal year.

FACTS & ISSUES:

- 1. Please see the attached detail by line item recommended amendments for the General Fund.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Motion to approve the FY 2016 budget amendments.
- 2. Motion to deny this item.
- 3. Motion to table this item.
- 4. Other action by the Board.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the FY 2016 budget amendments as presented.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Mike Fender, Director

IF APPLICABLE:

County Attorney Review:

N/A

IF APPLICABLE:

Finance Review:

N/A

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015 - 2016 FISCAL
BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Camden County, Georgia in regular session lawfully assembled for County purposes :
That it is necessary to recognize the receipt of additional revenue collections and correct expenses for the fiscal year,
That the above transactions can be fulfilled by changing the following budget accounts in the General Fund :

<u>Budget Acct</u>	<u>Adopted Bud</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Proposed Bud</u>	<u>Description of Change</u>
0000 - 39.9999	\$ 4,082,221	\$ 23,200	\$ 4,105,421	Proceeds Carried Forward - Fund Balance
1110 - 53.1102	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	Postage - Board of Commissioners
1320 - 52.3300	2,000	950	2,950	Advertising - Administration
1530 - 52.1201	40,700	11,500	52,200	Legal Fees - additional costs for cases
1556 - 52.1201	40,000	150	40,150	Legal Fees - Worker's Compensation
1558 - 52.3300	-	150	150	Advertising - Wellness Clinic
1565 - 52.1254	53,100	2,800	55,900	Contract Serv - Facilities (PSA contract)
3300 - 51.1300	69,430	1,900	71,330	Overtime - Sheriff
3600 - 51.1300	544,555	5,550	550,105	Overtime - EMS
3910 - 51.1300	1,250	150	1,400	Overtime - Animal Control
		<u>\$ 23,200</u>		

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby ordain, resolve, and enact the foregoing budget amendments for Camden County, Georgia.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James H. Starline, Chairman

Attest :

Katie Bishop, County Clerk

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Approval to set the annual 2016 millage rates.

- Recommendation
- Policy Discussion
- Status Report
- Action Item
- Other

DATE: August 30, 2016

BUDGET INFORMATION: See attached Resolution

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 06, 2016

PURPOSE:

To request that the Board of Commissioners:

1. To consider action regarding the approval of setting the annual millage rates.

HISTORY:

1. The millage rate for the countywide is requested to increase by 1 mil to 13.94 due to the continued decrease in the overall digest.
2. The unincorporated millage is requested to remain the same as last year at .67 mils.
3. The digest has dropped 30% or approximately \$5.4 Million over the last 6 years.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The digest has been properly advertised per State requirement.
2. The digest and millage rates have been compared to the budget and are approximately the same based on the digest reduction and the 1 mil increase calculated in the adopted FY 2017 budget.
3. The digest has dropped again this year by \$1.8 million or approximately \$22,800, a relief from previous years.
4. A quick comparison of City exemptions verses County exemptions reveals that the "freeze values" (approximately \$98M, worth \$1.3 million) are causing a disproportionate value of the same property within the County.
5. The County's exemptions (besides the freeze) are also growing. The total exemptions are costing just over 6% of the billing value of the digest or over \$2.7 million.
6. Attached are the millage rate resolution and the required 5 year comparison ad.

OPTIONS:

1. Motion to approve the 2016 millage rates.
2. Motion to deny this item.
3. Motion to table this item.
4. Other action by the Board.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve the 2016 annual millage rates as presented.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Mike Fender, Director

IF APPLICABLE:

County Attorney Review:

John S. Myers

IF APPLICABLE:

Finance Review:

N/A

A Resolution to Adopt A County Millage Rate For Camden County, Georgia

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, that the County hereby adopt the millage rates based on one dollar (\$1.00) of the taxable property of Camden County which appears on the Tax Digest for the year 2016 and on all property in said County that is subject to taxation, but is not returned for taxes and is not on the Tax Digest as provided by law, the same being levied and the same shall be collected by the Tax Commissioner for the following purposes;

General Fund Countywide millage rate.

1. 13.94 mils for the general operating budget for the County.

Tax Service District millage rate.

1. 1.40 mils for the Incorporated Service District.
2. .67 mils for the Unincorporated Service District.

In accordance with the State of Georgia, the following millage rate has been set.

1. .00 mils for the general State budget

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt, resolve and enact the foregoing millage rates for Camden County, Georgia.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Camden County Board of Commissioners

James H. Starline, Chairman

Attest:

Katie Bishop, County Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR
ADOPTING A 2016 MILLAGE RATE**

The Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at the Commissioners Meeting Room, Government Services Building (Woodbine), on September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM. A public hearing will be held on August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy is published along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years. The Public is invited to attend and comment at this public meeting.

CURRENT 2015 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Real & Personal	\$ 1,688,539,996	\$ 1,529,263,169	\$ 1,408,971,293	\$ 1,381,032,177	\$ 1,343,194,415	\$ 1,371,990,206
Motor Vehicles	96,080,110	97,987,400	105,078,580	91,639,450	66,465,060	49,726,490
Mobile Homes	8,374,803	8,723,809	8,474,048	7,947,223	9,094,997	9,039,894
Timber - 100%	5,398,389	4,995,205	6,729,999	10,208,012	18,390,671	14,580,352
Heavy Duty Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Digest	1,798,393,298	1,640,969,583	1,529,253,920	1,490,826,862	1,437,145,143	1,445,336,942
Less M& O Exemptions	262,640,026	220,551,598	202,308,124	198,606,103	185,149,068	196,887,071
Net M & O Digest	1,535,753,272	1,420,417,985	1,326,945,796	1,292,220,759	1,251,996,075	1,248,449,871
State Forest Land						
Assistance Grant Value	1,035,836	1,242,071	2,206,563	2,933,818	3,478,146	5,260,604
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	1,536,789,108	1,421,660,056	1,329,152,359	1,295,154,577	1,255,474,221	1,253,710,475
Gross M&O Millage	13.960	14.150	14.320	15.600	15.720	16.570
Less Rollbacks	2.260	2.450	2.620	2.660	2.780	2.630
Net M&O Millage	11.700	11.700	11.700	12.940	12.940	13.940
Total County Taxes Levied	\$17,980,433	\$16,633,423	\$15,551,083	\$16,759,300	\$16,245,836	\$17,476,724
Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$1,111,936	-\$1,347,010	-\$1,082,340	\$1,208,218	-\$513,464	\$1,230,888
Net Taxes % Increase	5.82%	-7.49%	-6.51%	7.77%	-3.06%	7.58%

Additional Millage Information :

The incorporated fire tax millage rate is 1.40 mils and the unincorporated fire tax millage rate is .67 mils. Countywide Rollback consists of Local Option Sales Tax of \$3,294,044 (2.63 mils). Unincorporated Rollback includes Life Insurance Premium Tax of \$841,365 for Unincorporated Fire and Recreation (PSA) Services. Total unincorporated rollback is 2.11 mils.

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Adoption of the annual 2016 school board millage rate.

- Recommendation
- Policy Discussion
- Status Report
- Action Item
- Other

DATE: August 30, 2016

BUDGET INFORMATION: See attached Resolution

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 06, 2016

PURPOSE:

To request that the Board of Commissioners:

1. To consider action regarding the approval of setting the annual millage rate for the School Board as requested.

HISTORY:

1. The State required rollback was calculated at 15.96 mils.
2. The State of Georgia requires the Board of Commissioners to adopt the School Board's millage rate as set at their meeting.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The digest has been properly advertised per State requirement.
2. The millage rate for the Camden County School Board remained the same at 16 mils.
3. Attached are the millage rate resolution and the required 5 year comparison ad.

OPTIONS:

1. Motion to approve the 2016 School Board millage rate.
2. Motion to deny this item.
3. Motion to table this item.
4. Other action by the Board.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. None

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Mike Fender, Director

IF APPLICABLE:

County Attorney Review:

John S. Myers

IF APPLICABLE:

Finance Review:

N/A

A Resolution to Adopt A County Millage Rate For Camden County, Georgia

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, that the County hereby adopt the millage rates based on one dollar (\$1.00) of the taxable property of Camden County which appears on the Tax Digest for the year 2016 and on all property in said County that is subject to taxation, but is not returned for taxes and is not on the Tax Digest as provided by law, the same being levied and the same shall be collected by the Tax Commissioner for the following purposes;

In accordance with the Camden County School Board, the following millage was adopted at their September 1, 2016, meeting.

1. 16.00 mils for the maintenance and operations budget

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt, resolve and enact the foregoing millage rates for Camden County, Georgia.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Camden County Board of Commissioners

James H. Starline, Chairman

Attest:

Katie Bishop, County Clerk

NOTICE

The Camden County School Board does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Administration Building (311 S East St.) Kingsland, GA on September 1, 2016 at 6 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2016 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY SCHOOL	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Real & Personal	1,688,539,996	1,529,263,169	1,408,971,293	1,381,032,177	1,343,194,415	1,371,990,206
Motor Vehicles	96,080,110	97,987,400	105,078,580	91,639,450	66,465,060	49,726,490
Mobile Homes	8,374,803	8,723,809	8,474,048	7,947,223	9,094,997	9,039,894
Timber - 100%	5,398,389	4,995,205	6,729,999	10,208,012	18,390,671	14,580,352
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	1,798,393,298	1,640,969,583	1,529,253,920	1,490,826,862	1,437,145,143	1,445,336,942
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Gross M&O Millage	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.82	16.00	16.00
Less Rollbacks						
Net M&O Millage	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.82	16.00	16.00
Total School Taxes Levied	\$23,051,837	\$22,035,731	\$20,601,862	\$20,489,345	\$20,087,588	\$20,059,368
Net Taxes \$ Increase	-\$1,425,559	-\$1,016,106	-\$1,433,869	-\$112,516	-\$401,758	-\$28,220
Net Taxes % Increase	-5.82%	-4.41%	-6.51%	-0.55%	-1.96%	-0.14%

Board of County Commissioners September 2016 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Sept 1 Board of Assessor Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine Cancelled due to weather	Sept 2
Sept 5 County Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day	Sept 6 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9
Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15 Public Service Authority Meeting 5:30 PM, Kingsland Board of Assessor Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	Sept 16 Joint Development Authority Meeting, Kingsland, 9:00 AM
Sept 19	Sept 20 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28 Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM Annex - Kingsland	Sept 29	Sept 30

Board of County Commissioners October 2016 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 3	October 4 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	October 5	October 6 Board of Assessor Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	October 7
October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14
October 17	October 18 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	October 19	October 20 Board of Assessor Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, Woodbine	October 21
October 24	October 25	October 26 Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM Annex - Kingsland	October 27	October 28
October 31				