



Camden County Finance and Budget Director, Mike Fender

Mike was born in Tampa, Florida and grew up in a small town just north of Tampa. After graduation, he moved with his family to Moultrie, Georgia to farm with his father while attending college. He graduated from Valdosta State University in 1986 with a BS in Accounting and Finance then moved to St. Marys.

Mike began his new career as the Utilities Administrator for the City of St. Marys. After a year he was appointed the Finance Director, transforming the position into an updated and dependable liaison for both the Council and Department Heads. Ten years later on August 18, 1997, Mike accepted the position of Finance and Budget Director with Camden County.



As Director of Finance and Budget, Mike is responsible for the financial services and general financial operations of the County. The Director manages the County's debt, fixed assets, and investments. He also analyzes revenue requirements for cash flow, accumulates data to evaluate programs and services. He provides planning and monitoring of the County Budget, prepares and evaluates policies and procedures, as well as preparing reports to measure results from operations for all County activities. He has consistently received awards for the annual Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR), containing the annual audit, for the past thirteen years.

In 2007 he received his Master of Business Administration from Brenau University. He resides in the Harriett's Bluff area with his wife, Caroline. They have been married for almost 30 years. His son and daughter are married and reside in Camden County. He also has one granddaughter. He and his wife are members at Kings Pasture Church.