WHAT IS PUBLIC WORKS?

Public Works consist of two divisions;

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The primary function of the Capital Improvements Division is to oversee design and construction of new and renovated buildings owned by Camden County.

ROADS AND BRIDGES DIVISION

The primary function of this division is to maintain, repair, and drain paved and unpaved roads owned by Camden County. We also maintain traffic and safety signage along those roadways.

Capital Improvements;

Currently we are constructing the jail expansion which is a dormitory type expansion and a new kitchen area at a cost of about $1.9 million. This project has been award to Bent Pines, a local contractor and should be completed within 1 year.

We are also constructing the Sheriff's office shooting range project located in southwest Camden on Ga. Hwy 110. This project consists of clearing and grubbing of approximately 35 acres and the installation of three shooting ranges. We are using the Ga. Dept. of Corrections inmate labor program on this project which will save Camden County about 45% of total cost or near $100,000.

We have used this inmate program in the past on the Atkinson Building renovation, which houses Adult probation and the Re-Entry programs, with a cost savings of about $50,000. They renovated the Labor Dept. office building in St. Mary's saving about $40,000. And also, this program renovated the Public Defenders building in Woodbine saving about $60,000.

Roads and Bridges :

HOW MANY MILES OF PUBLIC ROAD ARE THERE IN CAMDEN COUNTY?

- There are 720 miles of public roads in the county.
- 180 miles are maintained by the City of Kingsland;
- 126 miles are maintained by Georgia Department of Transportation (I-95,HWY 17, Spur25, Hwy 40, Spur40, & Hwy 252);
- 96 miles are maintained by the City of St. Marys;
- 18 miles are maintained by the City of Woodbine; and,
- 300 miles are maintained by the Camden County Roads and Bridges Division of which,
    - 169 miles of public paved roads, and
    - 131 miles of public unpaved roads

HOW ARE THESE ROADS MAINTAINED?

- Our first priority is keeping water off the roads.
- Repairing potholes and washouts
- Trimming tree limbs and clearing vegetation from county right-of-ways
- Mowing county roadsides
- Litter control
- Maintain traffic and safety signage on roads

Additionally we;

- Maintain unpaved county roads by grading at an approximate cost of $138 per mile.
- Install and inspects drainage culverts; in 2014 replaced 30 cross drains and installed 19 new driveway culverts. An 18" +1 load of dirt culvert cost about $600.
- We are continuously cleaning drainage ditches 600 miles along roadsides plus unknown amount of outfalls to enhance the storm water management.

RECENT ROAD PROJECTS INCLUDE;

Resurfacing of,

- Kinlaw Road, Powderhorn, Liberty Tree and Sheffield Island Rd.
- We also resurfaced short areas on Elliott's Plantation Rd., Refugee Rd. curve, Dover Bluff Rd. 2 locations.
- We are beginning the ROW clearing and paving of Powell, Jody and Kayla off Clarkes Bluff Road.

OTHER AREAS

- We have saved in recent years by refurbishing a motor grader with a savings over $99,000
- Another savings has been in the purchase of a 2012 Boom Mower (with less than 400 hrs.) at a cost of $70,000 and new cost is $139,000