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**NACo High Performance Leadership Academy –
 Camden County Graduates Recognized**

WOODBINE, Ga. – November 22, 2021 – Five Camden County Department Heads have received a Master Certificate in Leadership as a part of the National Association of Counties (NACo) High Performance Leadership Academy (HPLA). Chief Financial Officer Nancy Clark-Gonzalez, Public Works Director Shalana McNamee, Senior Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Mike Spiers, Planning & Development Director Joey Yacobacci, and Facilities Maintenance Director Matthew Zink have completed the 12-week program.



*From Left:
 Facilities Maintenance Director Matthew Zink,
 Chief Financial Officer Nancy Clark-Gonzalez,
 Planning & Development Director Joey Yacobacci,
 Public Works Director Shalana McNamee, and Senior Director of
 Human Resources & Risk Management Mike Spiers*

“We are extremely proud of these local government leaders,” said Gary Blount, Chairman, Camden County Board of Commissioners. “Their commitment to serve the citizens of Camden County is commendable.”

NACo’s HPLA was created to equip frontline county government professionals with practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and communities. With a robust curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, HPLA was designed specifically for the unique challenges and opportunities of serving in county government.

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“This was an amazing opportunity for Camden County to participate in this innovative distance learning program with a world-class faculty,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. “I applaud the graduates on their commitment to professional development.”

Additionally, Chief Information Officer Louis Foltzer is scheduled to complete NACO’s Enterprise Cybersecurity Leadership Academy in December 2021. This program coaches participants on thinking and acting as county cybersecurity leaders.

About NACo High Performance Leadership Academy: The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is an innovative, completely online 12-week program created to equip frontline county government professionals with practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and communities. With a robust curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, HPLA was designed specifically for the unique challenges and opportunities of serving in county government.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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