



CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2024 • 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blount called the regular meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chairman Blount delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Blount led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Alex Blount – Present
Vice-Chairman Jimmy Smith – Present
Commissioner Lannie Brant – Present
Mayor Kizzi Knight – Absent
Councilman Artie Jones Jr. – Present
Stephen Haughn – Present
Terry Landreth – Present
June Maxwell – Present
Ernesto Herring Jr. - Absent

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Haughn, to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 21, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Maxwell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Janet Heath, Woodbine

Ms. Heath thanked PSA employee, Jeremy Bailey for single handily repairing the roof on the Satilla Waterfront Pavilion, in time for the Crawfish Festival.

Patrick Currey, St Marys

Mr. Currey addressed the board with the following concerns: membership rate increases, weight room equipment repairs, healthier choices for vending machines and locker rentals.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A.** Discussion ensued on the MOU with the Board of Education concerning the transfer of athletic facilities. Attorney Brooks reviewed the MOU and suggested some modifications.

Maxwell said she has concerns about the future of the PSA that hasn't been addressed. She questioned if there had been any conversations whatsoever to share land. Maxwell said the PSA doesn't have money to buy land and build a new facility.

Chairman Blount said by relinquishing the property, the PSA can focus on the umpteen other properties and continue to make progress on the SPLOST items. Chairman Blount said what we're giving up is a financial liability in that stadium that has not had the maintenance it needs for many years. The school system is positioned to take it in its current state and make those improvements, where we absolutely cannot. We don't have enough money in our SPLOST just to get the press box up to speed. That just one project in that stadium, and we can't do that. There is something we're giving up but there's something the school system is taking on. There's a burden they're taking off of the Public Service Authority's plate.

Councilman Jones added the kids will still have usage of the facilities. We aren't getting rid of anything but the liability and the maintenance.

Haughn noted that the PSA didn't purchase the properties. It was deeded to the PSA. They were deeded for 50 years from Camden County Schools. Part of the property also came from the City of Kingsland. Haughn stated nothing will change the PSA will still have access to the same fields they have now. Regardless, if we keep it or not, an influx of people in the county is going to require more facilities and land. We aren't giving anything away we are just allowing them to take it and improve it when we can't.

Chairman Blount ask for a motion to approve the MOU with the modifications.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Landreth to accept the MOU with the corrections and additions by Attorney Brooks.

So voted:

Chairman Blount – Yes

Vice-Chairman Smith – Yes

Commissioner Brant – No

Councilman Artie Jones, Sr. – Yes

Stephen Haughn – Yes

Terry Landreth – Yes

June Maxwell – No

The motion carried 5-2

- B.** Chairman Blount read a letter of acceptance of the congregate meal services contract. Ms. Kaye Jones from the Camden County Senior Center was awarded a bid from Coastal Regional Commission. The PSA has been selected to deliver congregate meals services in Camden County beginning July 1, 2024. Chairman Blount thanked Ms. Jones and the staff for their work at the Senior Center.
- C.** The City of Kingsland Finance Director Filiz Morrow presented the board with a PSA financial report and asked if they had any questions.

- D. Executive Director Wilcox, presented the board with a report of recent happenings at the PSA, including an update on the parks, special programs/events, aquatics, gymnastics and athletics.

ADJOURNMENT

Haughn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn regular meeting at 6:27PM

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

ALEX BLOUNT, CHAIRMAN

TERESA PATTERSON, SECRETARY