



**CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

FEBRUARY 16, 2023 • 5:30 PM

Present: Chairman Terry Landreth; Vice-Chairman Stephen Haughn; Commissioner Lannie Brant; Mayor Kizzi Knight; Artie Jones, Jr.; June Maxwell; Jimmy Smith; Executive Director Buck Johnsen; Assistant Director Tara Ealy; Attorney Patrick Brooks and Secretary Teresa Patterson

Absent: Mayor Grayson Day and Matthew Turner

Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Landreth called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Landreth delivered the invocation.

Chairman Landreth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments

Vice-Chairman Haughn called to switch item #14, update on St Marys Rec Park construction with item, #3 ROW pricing for City of St Marys.

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Maxwell to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes

- January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Mayor Knight to approve Regular Meeting minutes from January 19, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously

Public Comments:

No public comments were offered during this time.

Regular Agenda Item 1:

Camden County School Board member, Mr. Jonathon Blount presented the board

with bids for new scoreboards, for Chris Gilman Stadium. Mr. Blount would like this to be a joint effort between the municipalities, and the county. There would be no financial commitment to the PSA. The board of education has spent 3.5 million dollars in the last 2 years on turf for the stadium, baseball and softball fields. They are pleased with the stance the PSA has taken on the plan moving forward for deferred maintenance.

The board requested additional bids and more time to review the current bids.

Regular Agenda Item 2:

Executive Director Johnsen provided the board with a proposed surplus list of broken mowers to be auctioned off, on govdeals.com

Vice-Chairman Haughn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to surplus the items.

The motion carried unanimously

Amended Agenda Item 3:

Executive Director Johnsen updated the board on the construction of St Marys Rec Park. Baseball fields 1, 2 and 3 will be completed in time for the spring baseball season, beginning in March.

Chairman Landreth inquired about the balance of SPLOST 8. Assistant Director Ealy will provide a summary before the next board meeting.

Regular Agenda Item 4:

Assistant Director Ealy provided the board with an invoice from AKM Surveying, Inc. The board of education will be funding the Phase II renovation. The invoice was billed to the PSA, due to the fields being on PSA property. The board of education has already reimbursed the PSA for the cost. Assistant Director Ealy needs approval to remit to AKM Surveying, Inc.

Jones made a motion, seconded by Maxwell to authorize the payment to AKM Surveying, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 5:

Discussion and vote on fencing for the Kingsland Catfish Creek Dog Park. Assistant Director Ealy presented a bid tabulation, and recommended going with AA Classic Fencing, as they are the lowest cost provider at \$9,900. The funding source will be SPLOST 8.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Jones to accept AA Classic Fencing.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 6:

Discussion and vote on St Marys Rec Park field 3 fencing. Assistant Director Ealy presented a bid tabulation and recommended going with AA Classic Fencing, as they are the lowest cost provider at \$26,999.34. The funding source will be SPLOST 8.

Jones made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brant to accept AA Classic Fencing.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 7:

Discussion and vote on new baseball equipment. Assistant Director Ealy presented a bid tabulation and recommended going with Thompson's Sporting Goods, as they are the lowest cost provider at \$6,056. The funding source will be General Fund.

Vice-Chairman Haughn made a motion, seconded by Mayor Knight to accept Thompson's Sporting Goods.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 8:

Executive Director Johnsen updated the board on the maintenance at the stadium. Pope Construction assessed the condition of Chris Gilman Stadium, and provided a list of maintenance to be completed.

Regular Agenda Item 9:

Assistant Director Ealy asked for a budget amendment to move \$10,000 from parks

to maintenance for the stadium.

Commissioner Brant made a motion, seconded by Jones to accept the budget amendment.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 10:

Discussion ensued of County park maintenance. Chairman Landreth would like the board to start thinking of long and short range goals for the parks. There are passive parks that don't require a lot of maintenance and active parks that do require a lot of maintenance.

Regular Agenda Item 11:

Discussion ensued of fees for athletics and other programs. Vice-Chairman Haughn conducted a cost analysis for the past basketball season and determined the PSA lost around \$4,000. Vice-Chairman Haughn said most recreation departments run revenue neutral.

Vice-Chairman Haughn said the PSA needs to review and revise all fees. Senior Memberships for members 62+ is \$88 for the year or \$7/month.

Regular Agenda Item 12:

Discussion ensued of fees for park rentals. Assistant Director Ealy stated the park rental fees are up by \$2,000 from this time last year.

Vice-Chairman Haughn would like to review the fee for the light usage at the Pickleball courts and host more tournaments.

Regular Agenda Item 13:

Discussion ensued on the Kingsland Catfish Creek Dog Park and the funding source SPLOST 8. SPLOST 8 was designated to replace the playground equipment. The park has been reimagined as a dog park. Chairman Landreth inquired to Attorney Brooks if there would be legal ramifications with the SPLOST 8 money. Since SPLOST 8 was designated for Catfish Creek park in general, Attorney Brooks doesn't see an issue.

Amended Agenda Item 14:

Executive Director Johnsen presented the board with a ROW bid for the City of St Marys. It would be 575 miles and 23 cycle cuts to include Kings Bay Road, St Marys

Road, Charlie Smith Hwy, Winding Road, Colerain Road and Hwy 40. The total cost would be 305,383.45.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Haughn to submit the bid to the City of St Marys.

The motion carried unanimously

Regular Agenda Item 15:

Assistant Director Ealy presented the board with the financial statements and asked if they had any questions

Regular Agenda Item 16:

Executive Director Johnsen, 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. The report can be found on the PSA website and Facebook page.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Haughn made a motion, seconded by Maxwell to adjourn the regular meeting.

The motion carried unanimously

Adjourn regular meeting at 7:27 PM.

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

TERRY LANDRETH, PSA CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TERESA PATTERSON, SECRETARY