



**CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 2023 • 5:30 PM**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Landreth delivered the invocation

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Landreth led the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Terry Landreth – Present

Vice-Chairman Stephen Haughn – Absent

Commissioner Lannie Brant – Present

Mayor Kizzi Knight – Absent

Alex Blount – Present

Artie Jones, Jr. – Present

Jimmy Smith – Present

June Maxwell – Present

Matthew Turner – Absent

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Maxwell made a motion, seconded by Jones to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 20, 2023.

So voted:

Chairman Landreth – Yes

Commissioner Brant – Abstained

Artie Jones – Yes

Alex Blount – Yes

June Maxwell – Yes

Jimmy Smith – Yes

The motion carried 5-1, Commissioner Brant abstained.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

Trey Scott, CPA with Mauldin & Jenkins was the partner who oversaw the financial audit of the September 30, 2022 financial statements. Mr. Scott presented the board with a power point presentation of the results of the audit. The Authority is responsible for financial statements and the auditor

provides opinions based on the audit. Mr. Scott was able to issue an unmodified (clean) opinion on the September 30, 2022 audit. One significant deficiency was identified as segregation of duties.

Blount questioned if the segregation of duties falls in line with bank reconciliation or statements. Assistant Director Ealy would like to see the note removed from the next audit. Her recommendation is to outsource bank reconciliation and monthly financial statement preparations.

## **VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor John Morrissey, St Marys

Mayor Morrissey thanked the current and previous board members as well as the PSA staff members, who helped create the audit for FY2022. Mayor Morrissey said today is a monumental piece of work for the people who didn't think we were going to make it. He stated that this is the beginning of the new future for the PSA. We accomplished what we said we would over the last 3-4 years. The ship was righted and it is once again moving forward. Everyone connected with the PSA should help to get people talking about the new PSA, as opposed to the events which took place in the past. Mayor Morrissey challenged the PSA board, PSA staff members and the organization as a whole to take control of the message, get it out there to the public to understand what we're doing and how great it is and he too will work that message wherever he can. Lastly, the PSA board needs to work on its communication to the cities and county regarding the needs of the organization. Mayor Morrissey suggested starting with extraordinary items outside of the budget. Discussions should be had to determine how to approach the cities and the county regarding these extraordinary items.

## **VIII. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

Chairman Landreth welcomed new board member Alex Blount. Mr. Blount on behalf of Bennett Automotive Group applied for a promotion through one of the Chevrolet stores and was successful. He donated t-ball sets, pitching screens, first aid kits etc. A check was presented to Assistant Director Ealy.

Attorney Brooks addressed the board with a couple of things to make sure the board is well informed, well advised and on the same page from his perspective. Attorney Brooks gave advice regarding an issue that had arisen with questions concerning membership on the board. One has been resolved with the introduction of Alex Blount who will

be replacing the vacancy of Mayor Day, who resigned at the Kingsland City council meeting. The Kingsland City Council attempted to fill another Vacancy on the board, created by the absence of Terry Landreth, with another resident member. Upon that vote Stephen Haughn was asked by Landreth to fill the role as Chairman until some clarity could be provided. Haughn contacted Attorney Brooks and asked him to look at the enabling act for the entity by laws, and any other relevant information, and provide clarity on the validity of such a move. Attorney Brooks spoke with Haughn and said he didn't think it was wise to pretend as if nothing happened when everyone had heard how the Kingsland City council voted. After reviewing the applicable documents, it was determined that there is a provision in the enabling act that states a member may be removed from office for failure to perform the appropriate duties of membership. That is the only line in the enabling act that deals with the removal of a board member. The ultimate conclusion in Attorney Brooks opinion was that the vote to appoint the other individual to the board, was for a vacancy which did not exist. The reported action of the Kingsland City Council did not effectively create a vacancy, or remove Chairman Landreth from the board.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Assistant Director Ealy presented the board with financial statements and asked if they had any questions. The revenues and expenses are hovering around 40%. Everything is in line and cash is strong rolling into busy season with summer camp.

The Board of Commissioners voted to sponsor 30 underprivileged children for a week of summer camp.

Maxwell inquired about the guidelines for the no cost summer camp. The income level is at \$35,000 and below. Teresa Patterson and Timothy Bessent are involved in the selection process. Maxwell suggested that the guidelines be posted upfront on the application.

**C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Assistant Director Ealy, 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.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourn regular meeting at 6:02 PM

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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TERRY LANDRETH, PSA CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TERESA PATTERSON, SECRETARY