

**CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2020
5:30 PM**

Present: Chairman Lannie Brant; Commissioner Ben L. Casey; Mayor John Morrissey; Mayor Kizzi Knight; Lili High; Matthew Turner; Denise Levasseur; Executive Director Joey Cason; Attorney Patrick Brooks and Secretary Teresa Patterson

Absent: Vice-Chairman Grayson Day and Terry Landreth

Chairman Brant called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Chairman Brant delivered the invocation.

Chairman Brant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Amendments

Chairman Brant asked for proposed amendments to the agenda.

Chairman Brant asked for amendment to add Chuck Byerly to speak on the audit.

Chairman Brant asked for motion to amend the agenda.

Mayor Morrissey made a motion to add Chuck Byerly to the agenda.

Casey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Brant asked for motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Mayor Knight made a motion

Turner seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Brant asked for motion to approve minutes from regular board meeting on June 18, 2020.

Casey made a motion to approve minutes

Morrissey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered during this time.

Amendment Item

Chuck Byerly with the Camden County Sheriff's Office updated the board on the audit. The GBI conducted the initial investigation on the case and determined there had been at least two unauthorized wire transfers made by the former Director. The transfers were used to purchase two antique cars. The GBI opened a case, filed charges and closed the case.

The Camden County Sheriff's Office became more involved and launched an additional investigation where the GBI concluded. During their investigation they discovered three million dollars unaccounted for. The former Director and Assistant Director would write checks to each other and keep the money. Funds were also stolen from SPLOST accounts. The investigation also revealed money had been paid towards a grant to the Advance Learning Center. The school funding had been disguised as a grant that didn't exist. Also, employment taxes being withheld from employee paychecks were never sent to the IRS. The Camden County Sheriff's Office is waiting on sentencing, separate from the GBI.

Executive Director Cason stated the board has done everything they could to address every concern Major Byerly has pointed out. They have done everything they can to make sure there is proper accountability. All the records are being kept properly, and are available to the public at any time.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 1:

Discussion ensued concerning the purchase of athletic uniforms. Executive Director Cason presented a bid tabulation, and recommended going with Krown Sports, as they are the lowest cost provider at \$41,875. The bid tabulation included the total cost for all sports for the next two years. The funding source will be General Fund.

Lili High questioned how the uniforms were purchased in the past. Executive Director Cason stated the uniforms were purchased for every sport. The cost could vary widely from season to season. Over a two year period, the price will now be locked in. High also asked if there would be enough participant's, due to COVID-19, to cover the cost. Executive Director Cason said the price will be locked in, per piece.

Attorney Brooks questioned the ability of the board to be able to do a two year contract, considering the resident members are annual appointments. Future board members will be bound by a contract. Attorney Brooks will review it, and in the event there is an issue, he will notify the board at the next meeting.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve Krown Sports.

Morrissey made a motion to accept the recommendation for Krown Sports.

Casey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 2:

Discussion and vote on the purchase of mosquito control chemicals. Executive Director Cason presented a bid tabulation, and recommended going with Adapco as they are the lowest cost provider at \$25,707. The funding source will be General Fund.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve Adapco.

Turner made a motion to accept the recommendation for Adapco.

Casey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 3:

Discussion and vote on the purchase of a metal building for the St Mary's Rec Park. To continue revitalizing the park, this building will be used for maintenance purposes and electrical connections. Executive Director Cason presented a bid tabulation and recommended going with A&M Builders & Erectors, Inc., as they are the lowest cost provider at \$22,200. The funding source will be SPLOST VII.

Mayor Morrissey pointed out there could be some reimbursement due, to improving the ability to manage during COVID-19. Executive Director stated he will look into it. Mayor Morrissey also questioned if the upgrade would be robust enough to expand.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve A&M Builders & Erectors, Inc.

Turner made a motion to accept the recommendation for A&M Builders & Erectors, Inc.

Casey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 4:

Discussion ensued concerning the Rec Center technology upgrade. This upgrade will expand the wireless to a higher speed, throughout the building and pool. This will provide the ability to broadcast games, meets and meetings in the future. The two servers will allow athletic staff, who are now housed at the soccer complex, to register participants. The upgrade will also allow availability in the future to allow security cameras in parks, to begin outside surveillance. Executive Director Cason presented a bid tabulation and recommended going with MLBA, Inc as they are the lowest cost provider at \$38,237.05. The funding source will be SPLOST VIII.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve MLBA, Inc.

Casey made a motion to accept the recommendation for MLBA, Inc.

Turner seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 5:

Discussion and vote on the purchase of a new mower for Facility Maintenance. Executive Director Cason presented a bid tabulation and recommended going with Tait's Lawn Products,

as they are the lowest cost provider at \$7,590. The funding source will be Facility Maintenance.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve Tait's Lawn Products.

Casey made a motion to accept the recommendation for Tait's Lawn Products.

Knight seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6:

Vote on clinic usage. This will allow full time PSA employees to continue utilizing the clinic through the county. Executive Director Cason provided the board with a copy of the memorandum that would need to be signed, if approved.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to approve PSA clinic usage.

Casey made a motion to accept the PSA clinic usage.

Turner seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 7:

Discussion ensued concerning the resolution of Camden County PSA, to apply for funding through the Georgia Department of Natural Resource Land & Water Conservation Fund. This is a possible grant opportunity for the St Mary's Rec Park. The land and usage must be assured that it will be used for recreation for the life of the park. The grant requires a 50 percent match. There is already money allotted, that can be used as the match towards the grant. The grant could potentially be used to build a splash pad.

Chairman Brant asked for a motion to move forward with the application for the grant.

Turner made a motion to move forward with the grant.

Casey seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Cason, briefed the board on recent events at the PSA, including members scheduling appointments to use the facility, group fitness classes continue to be offered virtually, gymnasts and swimmers are entering the building through the back to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus, senior center is back and operating and will continue to provide meals, fall sports will continue to be monitored, Woodbine Dog Park is close to being finished, disc golf is ready and will be hosting their first tournament on August 29, Pickleball lights will be up next, Browntown restrooms can possibly be funded by grant from the county, construction of the fishing dock at Lake St Marys will begin soon and waiting for Attorney Brooks to finalize a MOU between the PSA and the Episcopal Church for the Honey Creek project.

Chairman Brant asked for motion to adjourn.

Turner motioned to adjourn.

Casey seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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

Lannie Brant, PSA CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TERESA PATTERSON, SECRETARY