

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
MAY 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Twitty, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer. Councilman Morgan arrived late.

City Manager Steve Sykes, City Attorney Tommy Coleman, and City Clerk Cheryl Ford were also present.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-in sheet attached.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Councilman Twitty gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Willingham, the May 10, 2021 agenda was approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Twitty, the minutes from the April 12, 2021 City Council Meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Mayor Owens stated we have four non-agenda speaker appearances. Mr. Eddie Williamson was recognized first and stated he is before the Mayor and Council because he needs their help financially. His father-in-law told him when he moved to Camilla he needed to give back. In 1970 Jim Baker asked about creating the Mitchell-Baker Training Center for handicapped citizens and that got done. About 25 years ago Barbara Hilliard asked about a Boys and Girls Club and that also got done. Both are terrific projects and in 1976 they created a tennis benefit and had no idea what it would grow in to. They have been able to give a tremendous amount of money to charities in Camilla and Mitchell County. They built three hard courts in 1983 at the Service Center and have since built play courts. The hard courts are used by the high schools and Boys and Girls Club and stay full. The ladies run the tennis programs and for the last three weeks Carol Shiver had 70+ kids at the courts playing junior T-tennis. For the past two Saturday's it has been packed. They need new hard courts and Carol has a quote of \$100,000. He has asked the county for that but is trying to get them some help. He has individual friends offering money to help, the City of Baconton to offer \$10,000 and is trying to make it as easy as possible on the county. He needs, if they will, support. Each year over \$300,000 is given to the Boys and Girls Club, the Service Center, Stitches, the food bank, and as far as he knows they will continue even

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though with COVID they were not able to have the tennis benefit last year. He plans on having it next April and it is an enormous amount of money. We have problems in our world and country today and he can't think of anything as important to our community as the Boys and Girls Club. Some of the kids do not have a father figure at home and without the Boys and Girls Club he can't imagine the amount of crime and other problems we would have that we don't have right now. Mayor Owens commended the work he and the organization have done and asked for a bottom-line number. Mr. Williamson replied he was asking for financial support and mentioned to the Mayor a number of \$20,000. Mayor Owens stated he appreciated him and at the appropriate time the Council will have a discussion regarding this. Mr. Williamson commented he will be meeting with the Fogg Trustees next week and they put a ton of money in this community.

Mayor Owens recognized Angela Key as the next scheduled non-agenda speaker. Ms. Key stated her concern is the two monthly sewage charges. Back in the day they were only charged one and now it is two and one of them is outrageous. One of the charges is \$9.00, the other \$44.00 and there is only one sewage that goes down one drain. The next charge is trimming. Last year she called the city manager three times about mowing the ditch. They have a lot of problems with the ditch and you can ride through other people's alley ways and they are mowed down to the dirt. They mowed Friday and it has grown back and they are having a problem with snakes. It will be three to four months before they mow again and she gets charged every month and it's not fair to them when it is not being done. She stated they have elderly people living there and something needs to be done about it. Mayor Owens thanked Ms. Key and commented he had a conversation with the city manager earlier today and some of those questions are directly related to the budget. They will have budget hearings and public hearings later in the year. Her coming tonight has started the conversation and to follow up at the budget hearings to make her opinion known. Ms. Keys stated they have been telling her this for five years and Mayor Owens recommended this time, in 2021, to keep an eye out when they are having budget talks and come back and have the conversation again. Councilman Pollard asked if two sewage bills were being charged on accounts. City Manager Sykes replied in 1995 the waste water treatment plant was expanded along with the land application system. The sewer surcharge, the second one referred to by Ms. Keys, was implemented. Today the sewer surcharge is \$11.50 per household and the sewer surcharge totals \$332,000 city-wide. The original service charge, the regular sewer bill that was there before the surcharge, totals \$1,090,000. Between the two, the sewer fee and surcharge, it is \$1.4 million. It costs \$1.5 million each year to operate the sewer system and takes both of those charges to operate. Currently the operating cost is \$940,000 and \$1,090,000 is collected which is 75% of the total sewer budget. The sewer surcharge is \$332,000 and is the \$11.50 but the city's debt service is \$560,000. We have to use money from the operating system to pay for the improvements. As referred to by the Mayor, this is really a budget issue. With the GEFA loan for the upgrades and corrections that need to be made to the land operating system and the waste water treatment plant, it is a good time to evaluate if the charge is appropriate and if the money should be in the sewer surcharge fee of \$11.50, should be higher or lower, and what the sewer rate should be. It is a good time to evaluate if the rates are right and sufficient to maintain for the next 5 to 10 years. The GEFA loan is a 20-year loan and we need to look out 5 years to see if rates will cover our costs. There has not been any rate increase in the past 10 years and it is a good time to look at the validity of the rates. Mayor Owens commented as mentioned by Steve

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and Ms. Key, it has started the conversation and it is important as we get to budget season those particular fees and other things need to be discussed going forward.

Mayor Owens recognized the next scheduled speaker D'Mitrea Wilkes. Ms. Wilkes was not present and the last scheduled speaker, Nicholas Rawls, was not present.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 – Code of Ethics, the Administrative and Public Works Committees reviewed and discussed appointments to the Board of Ethics as provided for in Sec. 2-8-5. The Mayor has appointed Vicki Hicks and the following appointments were offered for consideration: (1) City Council Appointment – Deborah Reiber; and (2) Mayor Appointment with Council approval – Jermaine King. All appointees meet requirements set forth in the code and each term is for two years effective May 10, 2021. The Administrative Committee recommends the appointment of Deborah Reiber and Jermaine King to the Board of Ethics. A motion was made by Councilman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Willingham to approve the appointments to the Board. Mayor Owens commented this is the first time the City of Camilla has activated this Board. Last year we started our strategic planning process and talked about our model and the things and words that represent our City. One of the words was transparency. Having this Board in place and an avenue for our citizens to voice their concerns to a third independent party is the way forward. He hopes for their favorable consideration of the motion and it says a lot about our City and how we are moving forward and serious about our commitment to transparency to our citizens. If there is an issue it creates an avenue for the Board, with their recommendation to the Council, to give access to due process to whomever may be the subject of a complaint. He thinks it is a win for the citizens of Camilla and a win for City officials which are members of the Council and the people appointed by the Council. He thinks this a good day in the city of Camilla with favorable consideration of the Board being enacted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

City Manager Sykes informed the Mayor and Council the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia annual meeting is scheduled at the same time of the July 12, 2021 council meeting. Due to this conflict he recommends the July council meeting be rescheduled to July 19, 2021. The Administrative Committee recommends approval to reschedule the July 12, 2021 council meeting to July 19, 2021. On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Pollard, the motion to approve the change of the July meeting to July 19th passed by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05-10-1 – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Public Works and Administrative Committees reviewed Ordinance No. 2021-05-10-1 authorizing the City to provide emergency management activities in the city. The ordinance provides for effective and coordinated responses to disasters and coordination of emergency management activities and response with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Mitchell County Emergency Management Agency. The Public Works Committee recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-05-10-1, to waive the second reading, and authorizes the Mayor

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to sign. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Pollard to adopt the ordinance, waive the second reading, and authorize the Mayor to sign. City Manager Sykes commented the City code review, which has now been completed by staff and the city attorney, identified several outdated sections needing replacement. One was the old emergency management, called civil defense, which was obsolete and outdated. It has since been replaced with Georgia Emergency Management and in that law it allows for localities to set up emergency management agencies and directors. He provided a revised copy of the ordinance which eliminates the old civil defense and replaces with a new Chapter 4 – Emergency Management. It allows us to prepare the city for emergencies and natural disasters and have a contingency plan for disasters. It allows him as manager to assign a director and he will be assigning Chief Jamie Sullivan as the City of Camilla Emergency Management Director. It does not allow us direct access to Georgia Emergency Management. That structure is set-up where emergency management in Georgia recognizes a director for all 159 counties, not 100 cities. Once the ordinance is enacted it will allow Chief Sullivan to work on our behalf to prepare for emergencies and to work through the county EMA Director to get access directly to Georgia Emergency Management. It is long overdue and very important for us to be up to date and ready to act to any disaster. Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY (CITY OF PELHAM UPDATE)

The Public Works and Administrative Committees received information from Deputy Director Barbara Reddick of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission regarding the City of Pelham's request to update the Mitchell County Service Delivery Strategy. Section IV of Form 1 is being changed to add Housing and Housing Rehabilitation as a new component along with the addition of grant funds as a funding method for Item 3 of Form 2 (Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements). The Public Works Committee authorizes the Mayor to sign the Service Delivery Strategy documents approving the City of Pelham's request. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilwoman Willingham. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2021

Mayor Owens stated during the Committee Meeting last week a request was received by the Clerk. The Proclamation does not require Council action; however, he likes to have Council input and give them an opportunity to speak any concerns or support. May is Mental Health Awareness month and Mayor Owens read the Proclamation for the record. Councilman Pollard asked if a hotline awareness is being displayed on the website and if not would be a great resource to add. Mayor Owens added that is a great point and we can enhance those numbers or do something extra to make sure our citizens have that information. He stated he would be signing the Proclamation after the meeting.

RADIO USER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Sykes commented during the Committee Meeting last Monday there was a request by the City of Pelham for a letter of support for a grant they are applying for to purchase radios so Pelham could become part of the Camilla-Mitchell County 800 MHz radio system. During the discussion it was pointed out before Pelham could join they would first need to appeal to the Radio User Board to gain approval before they could join. He has added an agenda item for their

RADIO USER BOARD APPOINTMENTS (cont.)

consideration and they can defer the discussion and the decision does not have to be made tonight. The other option is to make the appointments tonight. He has included the section of the Intergovernmental Agreement, Paragraph 8, which he read: The creation of the Radio User Board requires the City of Camilla to include the city manager and two elected officials from the Camilla City Council or their representatives, for a total of three board members. Tonight they can defer and make the appointments at a later date or appoint two members. Before the City of Pelham, or anybody, can be considered to be added this User Board has to be formed. Mitchell County also is required to appoint two members. They are in a position to defer or have discussion and nominate members to the Board. Councilman Palmer made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Willingham and Councilman Campbell to the Board so they can expedite the process and help Pelham out. He had city officials reach out to him and they need them to help get this done. Councilman Palmer asked Mayor Owens if he would sign the letter of support. Mayor Owens questioned if he was asking him if the Council authorized him to sign a document would he. He stated he thinks he would. Councilman Palmer stated he wanted to make that part of his motion, to authorize the Mayor to sign the document. The motion was seconded by Councilman Campbell. Councilman Pollard commented we did not talk about making appointments tonight and does not see appointing anyone tonight. Mitchell County has not discussed their appointments either. He is in a position to decline and discuss further at the next committee meeting. Mayor Owens commented that Councilman Palmer mentioned he would be signing and asked what he meant by 'he would be signing'. Councilman Palmer replied the letter that was sent from Pelham. Mayor Owens stated the letter Councilman Palmer is speaking of is when this letter was constructed, no one talked to him, no one asked him if he would support this letter. It was typed up and presented to him and he promptly rejected it for that reason. He does not know how a letter can be typed with his name at the bottom of it and no one would call him or ask his thoughts. He thinks it is important for the Council to understand that. When the letter showed up he relayed this information to Steve. It is not something he would even consider without someone from Pelham asking him to support it. That information was relayed and the Mayor from Pelham phoned him and they talked about it. He appreciated the call and that encouraged him to read deeper into the letter. The second paragraph of the letter did not, from his estimation, match the record as it relates to the reason of why Camilla got a radio tower. He asked the City Manager to remove that paragraph and it was removed. At that point he decided the only way he would sign the letter of support was if the Council authorized him to do so. He wants to make sure he is absolutely clear and what he meant by that is nothing less than a Resolution. This is not something he would want to sign attached to a motion to approve two members to the Radio Board. It does not seem appropriate to him. If we are going to send a letter to the United States Congress for \$225,000, and that covers the equipment and not other associated fees (ongoing operating costs), we do not know what that looks like for the City of Pelham. We want to take care of our friends and neighbors in our region, especially the City of Pelham, and it is about the process and it has been flawed and needs to be fixed. The first thing we need to do, and there is another part of the Intergovernmental Agreement that Steve did not mention, is the members of the Radio User Board also determine how much it will cost the City of Pelham and what we will charge them related to the infrastructure. It cost about \$2 million and our [City of Camilla] share was about \$800,000. He recommends before they make that kind of selection on that type of infrastructure and investment, they do their due diligence and pick folks, and perhaps the same folks, that are 100% locked in to the contract with Motorola and the Inter-

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governmental Agreement with the County. With a Resolution authorizing him to sign the letter from a majority of the Council, he will. That obviously is not happening tonight and he recommends they wait until the June committee meeting to have the discussion the right way. This is not protocol and serious business, serious infrastructure, and that is his point. Nothing less than a Resolution authorizing him to sign that letter which is not happening tonight and we should wait until June to have a conversation about the appointments and the way forward. Councilman Campbell commented he appreciates his opinion and asked Steve to clear up what the Mayor was talking about the \$2 million. City Manager Sykes responded first there is the cost to pay for the control center for the radio, which is a computer. A large piece of that cost was for the Motorola equipment purchased. The second large cost was the radio units. Mitchell County and Camilla have more radio units than Pelham would. Pelham has applied for a grant to pay for the hand-held and portable radios that would go in the vehicles. What will have to happen first is the Radio User Board needs to be appointed and then there will be a venue for Pelham or any other entity (Mitchell County Schools, Baconton) to apply to the Radio User Board so they can join the system. The benefit of an interoperable radio system is it is a jointly used system where the cost is spread out over multiple users so everyone is not paying for and building their own radio system. He thinks this is the proper place to go and what the Radio User Board will do is assign fees as to what is fair and reasonable for any entity to join and share those costs. As this was sold to the Council and Mitchell County Board of Commissioners, the more users that join the less cost per unit to maintain the system. Adding users will ultimately drive down our maintenance cost. Councilman Campbell asked if there was a deadline to which City Manager Sykes responded there is no deadline. The agenda item was placed so they could do one of two things: they could discuss and defer or make appointments tonight. Until the appointments are made there cannot be consideration of Pelham or any other entity to join the system. Councilwoman Willingham asked if the county has been contacted to make their appointments and City Manager Sykes responded they are supposed to be discussing this at their meeting tomorrow to make appointments. Mayor Owens stated there is only one name going at the bottom of the letter, which is his, and asks the Council to respect that. There is a process here. Councilman Twitty commented we need to follow the protocol and we already discussed at the committee meeting we need a Board and have two good candidates. There is no need to rush and he is fine waiting until June to discuss. It is not money we are looking to spend and have already spent it. If we get others in our costs go down. But there is a way to go about it and we need to go about it the right way and table it. Councilman Palmer stated he has a motion on the table. Councilman Campbell stated they can appoint the Board and have the discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Owens stated they need to amend the motion because Councilman Palmer attached the signature piece to the motion. He stated we do not have to get that complicated and can vote on it as presented. He does not think anyone in the room disagrees this is great for Pelham and great for Mitchell County. They will not be able to meet again until June and he will not be calling a meeting to discuss this before May is out. He does not think three councilmembers will do that and recommends they vote as submitted and if it does not receive favorable consideration, and he is for Pelham getting a radio system, he wants to do it the right way for the citizens of Camilla. There is nothing here that says this is a rush that will be benefiting the citizens of Camilla. Councilman Palmer stated he has a motion on the floor to appoint Councilwoman Willingham and Councilman Campbell to the Radio Board. The county is meeting tomorrow night to appoint their people and do not need to be waiting on us and we

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need to go ahead and vote. He called the question. Mayor Owens stated he would need to amend the motion. Councilman Palmer stated if all of this happens as it is supposed to and the letter is acceptable, would he sign the letter. Councilman Pollard commented if it was happening like it's supposed to they would not be talking about an appointment tonight because it violates open records law. They did not discuss they would take a vote on Board members tonight and it is not in writing and the public did not know nor did the Council know about voting tonight. They should not be considering voting on it. Mayor Owens stated the fact it is on the agenda, and he understands where Councilman Pollard is coming from, but it is on the agenda and they can vote on it if they like. What he is saying is the motion on the floor is to appoint the two members mentioned and authorize him to sign. It appears that Councilman Palmer is not willing to amend that motion. As mentioned before we need to discuss this again before they sign a letter heading to Congress. Councilman Palmer amended his motion to not require the Mayor to sign the letter but stated he needs to sign once acceptable. Mayor Owens commented he appreciates his opinion. Councilman Palmer called the question. The motion on the floor is to approve Councilwoman Willingham and Councilman Campbell to the Radio User Board. The motion passed by a 4 to 2 vote. Those voting in favor of the motion: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Twitty, and Councilman Palmer. Those voting against the motion: Councilman Morgan and Councilman Pollard. Councilman Pollard asked what the discussion would be next month. Mayor Owens stated it would eventually be a Resolution authorizing him to sign a letter in support of Pelham getting a radio station and will be the discussion at the committee meeting. If that moves forward a Resolution will be prepared for the following council meeting. At the end of the discussion, Mayor Owens commented if there is a Resolution from the majority of the Council and his name is at the bottom of the letter, he will sign it. But that discussion needs to be had first.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Sykes commented he included the weekly report in the packet and updated information concerning various projects going on. He also included follow-up information concerning the 21st Century Policing Presentation to be held at The Depot on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. and the public is invited. The final Edge Strategic Planning Session will be held June 29th at 9:00 a.m. at The Depot. As he mentioned earlier the project of going through and cleaning up the City's ordinances has been a long, but needed, process. He plans to distribute the ordinances currently on the books and changes to the ordinances. They will receive a book of the current ordinances and highlighted information for changes. In addition to highlighted changes he will include a summary of amendments and explanations. Most changes are minor but some are more significant such as the alcohol ordinance. Everything in the ordinance book had to be measured against the Charter and we are not proposing any changes to the Charter. What is being proposed is they look at the ordinances based on the Charter and make necessary changes to be in lock-step with the Charter. Proposed changes are highlighted but there may be sections not highlighted they may like to discuss.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Owens made the following comments: Stated tonight they asked citizens to come and talk and that is always a good thing. They also heard the Council have a robust conversation and that

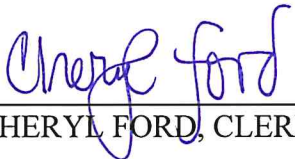
MAYOR'S COMMENTS (cont.)

is always a good thing. Serving with the Council is awesome and having these discussions to talk about very serious things and getting the work done for the people of Camilla is the highlight of this job for him and he appreciates them. For the people considering coming to talk to the Council about anything, he looks forward to hearing from them. Tonight they also witnessed the City Council, for the first time, approve a Board of Ethics, adding another layer of citizen oversight for what they do as elected and appointed officials. It is a good thing for the City and he is extremely excited and thanked the Council for their support. Lastly, city clerks throughout the State are being honored and he could not leave tonight without acknowledging our city clerk, Cheryl Ford. Working through Steve he has had an opportunity to work with her on many projects and can tell them first-hand the amount of commitment and professionalism she brings to the position and to everything they do here. During COVID, a time when they had to adjust to tragedy in our own family at City Hall, and he knows this phrase is used a lot, but time and time and time again she stepped up for the Council and people of Camilla. In this age of honoring city clerks throughout the State and country he thought it important as their Mayor to take the opportunity to do the same for our very own. Clerk Ford commented it is an honor and privilege to serve them.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Twitty, seconded by Councilman Campbell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

BY: 
KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
CHERYL FORD, CLERK

SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: MAY 10 2021

MEETING: COUNCIL MEETING

TIME: 6:30 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

NAME (please print)	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
1. <u>Eddie Williamson</u>		
2. <u>ANGELA KEY</u>		
3. <u>JONATHAN WALKER</u>		
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CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05-10-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA REVISING TITLE 4 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPLACING CHAPTER 4 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 4, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §§ 38-3-27 through 38-3-28 and 38-3-54 through 38-3-56 authorizes the City of Camilla to provide emergency management within the City of Camilla; and

WHEREAS, the city governing authority believes that an ordinance should be adopted to protect for the health and safety of persons and property during an emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia the Emergency Management Agency is the state agency assigned responsibility for the coordination of all organizations for emergency management activities within this state; and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell County Emergency Management Agency is an established emergency management agency; and

WHEREAS, to insure an effective and coordinated response to disasters the City of Camilla wishes to coordinate emergency management activities and response with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Mitchell County Emergency Management Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camilla is amended by creating a new Chapter 4 Emergency Management attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 1. Title 4 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended by adding a new Chapter 4, entitled "Emergency Management" attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinance of the City which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effectively immediately upon its approval.

SO ORDAINED, this 10th day of MAY, 2021.



CITY OF CAMILLA, GA

By: _____

Kelvin M. Owens, Mayor

Attest: _____

Cheryl Ford, City Clerk

FIRST READING: MAY 10, 2021
SECOND READING: WAIVED

Exhibit “A”

Chapter 4, entitled “Emergency Management”

Chapter 4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Article A.	In General	
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	Section 4-4-14	Overcharging Prohibited
	Section 4-4-15	Volunteers
	Sections 4-4-16 – 4-4-20	Reserved.

ARTICLE A. IN GENERAL

Sections 4-4-1 – 4-4-6

Reserved.

ARTICLE II. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Section 4-4-6 Definition of Emergency Management

As used herein, the term *Emergency management* shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 38-3-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended.

Section 4-4-7 Regulations Continued in Effect

All ordinances, resolutions, motions and orders pertaining to civil defense, emergency management and disaster relief, which are not in conflict with this chapter, are continued in full force and effect. Such ordinances, resolutions, motions, and orders are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 4-4-8 Office of the City Emergency Management Director

- (a) Pursuant to Section 38-3-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, there is established the City of Camilla emergency management office. The City Manager shall appoint an Emergency Management Director for the City. The Mitchell County Emergency Management Director shall serve as Director of Emergency Management for the entire County. The City Emergency Management Director shall serve as the liaison for the City of Camilla and assist the Mitchell County Emergency Management Director in carrying out the duties and obligations in response to a declared emergency. The Emergency Management Director must meet all the qualification and other requirements of applicable law, including those set forth in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-27. When appointed, the Emergency Management Director is charged with:
- (1) Representing the governing officials of the City on matters pertaining to emergency management.
 - (2) Assisting City officials in organizing City departments for emergency operations.
 - (3) Developing in conjunction with other City departments the plan for emergency functions/emergency operations plan. Such plan will be in consonant with the state emergency plan and shall be submitted to the City council for approval and thence to the state director for approval.
 - (4) Maintaining the emergency management office in carrying out the day-to-day administration of the emergency management and disaster program, including the rendering of required reports to the county emergency management office provided during the designation
 - (5) Rendering reports such as financial, daily activity, etc., as required by governing officials in keeping with good business practices.
 - (6) Procuring, with authority of governing officials, a facility to be used as the City

emergency operating center.

- (7) Coordinating, during periods of a declared emergency and under the supervision of governing officials, the activities of the City emergency operating center staff.

Section 4-4-9 **Emergency Management and Response Powers**

(a) *Declaration of local emergency.*

- (1) *Grant of authority.* In the event of an actual or threatened occurrence of a disaster or emergency, which may result in the large-scale loss of life, injury, property damage or destruction or in the major disruption of routine community affairs, business or governmental operations in the City and which is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant extraordinary assistance by federal, state and local departments and agencies to supplement the efforts of available public and private resources, the Mayor may declare a local emergency. The form of the declaration shall be similar to that provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.
- (2) *Request for state assistance.* Consistent with a declaration of local emergency, the Mayor may request the Governor to provide assistance, provided that the disaster or emergency is beyond the capacity of the City to meet adequately and state assistance is necessary to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property, public health and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster.
- (3) *Continuance.* The declaration of local emergency shall continue until the Mayor finds that emergency conditions no longer exist, at which time, the Mayor shall execute and file with the City Clerk a document marking the end of the state of emergency. No state of local emergency shall continue for longer than 30 days, unless renewed by the Mayor. The City governing authority may, by resolution, end a state of local emergency at any time.
- (4) *Effect of declaration of local emergency.*
 - a. *Activation of emergency operations plan.* A declaration of emergency by the Governor or a declaration of local emergency by the Mayor shall automatically activate the local emergency operations plan and shall be authority for the deployment of personnel and use of any forces to which the plan applies and for use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled or arranged to be made available pursuant to the Georgia Emergency Management Act or any other laws applicable to emergencies or disasters.
 1. The Emergency Management Director and his or her designees shall have the legal authority to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred by law, including the implementation of the applicable local emergency operations plan, coordination of the

emergency responses of public and private agencies and organizations, coordination of recovery efforts with county, state and federal officials, and inspection of emergency or disaster sites.

2. In responding to the emergency and conducting necessary and appropriate survey of the damages caused by the emergency, the Emergency Management Director or his/her designee is authorized to enter at a reasonable time upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of evaluating sites involved with emergency management functions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
 3. The Emergency Management Director is authorized to execute a right of entry and/or agreement to use property for these purposes on behalf of the city; however, any such document shall be later presented for ratification by the City governing authority.
 4. No person shall refuse entry or access to any authorized representative or agent of the City who requests entry for purposes of evaluating sites involved with emergency management functions to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and who presents appropriate credentials. Nor shall any person obstruct, hamper or interfere with any such representative while that individual is in the process of carrying out his or her official duties.
- b. *Emergency powers.* Following a declaration of emergency and during the continuance of such state of emergency, the Mayor is authorized to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control. In exercising this authority, the Mayor may cause to become effective any of the following sections of this chapter as appropriate: Section 4-4-12 regarding Registration of Building and Repair Services; Section 4-4-13 regarding Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews during Emergencies; Section 4-4-14 regarding prohibiting overcharging. If any of these sections is included in a declaration of local emergency, the same shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be in effect until the declaration of local emergency has terminated.
- c. *Authority to waive procedures and fees.* Pursuant to a declaration of emergency, the City Council is authorized to cause to be effective any of the subsections of Section 7.36 of this Chapter as appropriate. The implementation of such subsections shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

- d. *Additional emergency powers.* The Emergency Management Director shall have and may exercise for such period as the declared emergency exists or continues, the following additional emergency powers:
1. To direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area, for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery;
 2. To prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuation;
 3. To make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing, emergency shelters and/or emergency medical shelters.
 4. To transfer the direction, personnel or functions of any City departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services;
 5. To utilize all available resources of the City and subordinate agencies over which the City has budgetary control as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster;
 6. To utilize public property when necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster or when there is compelling necessity for the protection of lives, health and welfare; and/or the property of citizens;
 7. To suspend any law, code provision or regulation prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any City agency, if strict compliance with any ordinance, resolution, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster, provided that such suspension shall provide for the minimum deviation from the requirements under the circumstances and further provided that, when practicable, specialists shall be assigned to avoid adverse effects resulting from such suspension;
 8. To provide benefits to citizens upon execution of an intergovernmental agreement for grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by an emergency or disaster in cases where the individuals or families are unable to meet the expenses or needs from other means, provided that such grants are authorized only

when matching state or federal funds are available for such purposes;

9. To perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including individuals with household pets and service animals prior to, during, and following a major disaster or emergency.
- (b) *Form of declaration.* Upon the declaration of local emergency, an official “Declaration of Local Emergency,” in substantially the same form set forth below, shall be signed and filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be communicated to the citizens of the affected area using the most effective and efficient means available. The declaration shall state the nature of the emergency or disaster, the conditions that require the declaration and any sections of this chapter which shall be in effect.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Camilla, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of *[DESCRIPTION OF EVENT]* on *[DATE]*; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor, there exist emergency circumstances located in *[DESCRIBE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION]* requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City, including individuals with household pets and service animals; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicable local emergency operations plan is hereby activated;
- (2) That the following sections of the City Code of Ordinances be implemented: *[If deemed appropriate, choose from the following: Section 4-4-12, Registration of Building and Repair Services; Section 4-4-13, Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews; Section 4-4-14, Overcharging Prohibited]*; and
- (3) That the following measures also be implemented: *[If deemed appropriate, select items from Section 7.34(a)(4)(c), (d) or such other measures as appropriate.]*

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 2021 at [TIME].

Mayor

- (c) *Contracts with local governments.* In addition to the normal agreements embodied in the applicable local emergency operations plan for mutual emergency assistance, the City may contract with any municipality or county for the administration of a local emergency response program.

Section 4-4-10 **Enforcement and Remedies**

- (a) *Law enforcement.* In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-4, City police department shall be authorized to enforce the orders, rules and regulations contained in this chapter and/or implemented by the Emergency Management Director or local governing authority during a declared emergency.
- (b) *Penalties.* Failure to comply with any of the requirements or provisions of the regulations contained in this chapter, or with any code section, order, rule or regulation made effective by the Emergency Management Director or local governing authority upon or after the declaration of an emergency shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter. Any person who violates any provision in this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 180 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each violation. Each person assisting in the commission of a violation, shall be guilty of separate offenses. Each day during which a violation or failure to comply continues shall constitute a separate violation.
- (c) *Injunctive relief.* In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-5, in addition to the remedies prescribed in this section, the Emergency Management Director is authorized to obtain an injunction to restrain violation of laws, code sections, orders, rules and regulations which are contained in the Georgia Emergency Management Act and/or this code, and/or which are implemented by the local governing authority during a declared emergency.
- (d) *Enforcement.* Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this ordinance may be enforced by the City police department.

Section 4-4-11 **Authority to waive procedures and fee structures.**

- (a) *City business.* Upon declaration of an emergency or disaster by the Governor or Mayor, the affairs and business of the City may be conducted at places other than the regular or usual location, within or outside of the city, when it is not prudent, expedient or possible to conduct business at the regular location. When such meetings occur outside of the city, all actions taken by the City Council shall be as valid and binding as if performed within the city. Such meetings may be called by the presiding officer or any two members of the

governing body without regard to or compliance with time- consuming procedures and formalities otherwise required by law.

- (b) *Public works contracts.* Upon declaration of an emergency or disaster by the Governor or Mayor, the City may contract for public works without letting such contract out to the lowest, responsible bidder and without advertising and posting notification of such contract for four weeks; provided, however, that the emergency must be of such nature that immediate action is required and that the action is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Any public works contract entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be entered on the minutes of the City as soon as practical and the nature of the emergency described therein in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-91-22(e). Any E-Verify affidavit or other state required affidavit shall be obtained from any contractor if otherwise required by law.
- (c) *Purchasing.* Upon declaration of an emergency or disaster by the Governor or Mayor, the purchasing ordinances, regulations or policies may be suspended. City officials shall continue to seek to obtain the best prices during the state of local emergency.
- (d) *Code enforcement.* Upon declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the Governor or the Mayor, the City governing authority may temporarily suspend the enforcement of the ordinances of the city, or any portion thereof, where the emergency is of such nature that immediate action outside the code is required, such suspension is consistent with the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and such suspension is not inconsistent with any federal or state statutes or regulations.
- (e) *Fees.* Upon declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the Governor or the Mayor, the City may temporarily reduce or suspend any permit fees, application fees or other rate structures as necessary to encourage the rebuilding of the areas impacted by the disaster or emergency. The term “fees” include fees or rates charged by the City for building permits, land disturbance permits, zoning applications, special land use permits, temporary land use permits and other fees relating to the reconstruction, repair and cleanup of areas impacted by the disaster or emergency. The term “fees” does not include fees collected by the City on behalf of the state or federal government or fees charged by the city pursuant to a state or federal statute or regulation.
- (f) *Temporary dwellings.* Upon the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the Governor or Mayor, the City or its designees may issue temporary mobile home, trailer, recreational vehicle or other temporary dwelling structures or parks in any zoning district, even though not otherwise permitted by development code, while the primary dwelling is being repaired. The temporary permit shall not exceed six months in duration. Upon expiration of the temporary permit and/or extension, the temporary dwelling must be removed.

Section 4-4-12

Registration of Building and Repair Services

- (a) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-56, before building, constructing, repairing, renovating or making improvements to any real property, including dwellings, homes, buildings, structures or fixtures within an area in the City designated in a declared emergency or disaster, any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity must register with the City clerk and secure a building permit that is posted at the work site. Each day any such entity does business in the City without complying with this ordinance constitutes a separate offense.
- (b) The cost of registration fees in a declared emergency or disaster is fixed at \$50.00 per annum. Registration is nontransferable. The cost of the emergency building permit shall be equal to the cost for a building permit under existing regulations. The permit shall only be authorized for repairs.
- (c) When registering, any person, partnership, corporation or other entity making application must, under oath, complete an application, providing the following information:
 - (1) Name of applicant;
 - (2) Permanent address and phone number of applicant;
 - (3) Applicant's Social Security number or federal Employer Identification number;
 - (4) If applicant is a corporation, the state and date of incorporation;
 - (5) Tag registration information for each vehicle to be used in the business;
 - (6) List of cities and/or counties where the applicant has conducted business within the past 12 months;
 - (7) Georgia sales tax number or authorization;
 - (8) Georgia business license number, if required.
 - (9) Copy of license from Secretary of State, if required.
 - (10) A signed and sworn affidavit verifying the applicant's legal presence in the United States as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1.
 - (11) At least one secure and verifiable document as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2.
- (d) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect. Unless otherwise specified in the declaration of emergency or otherwise extended by the City governing authority, the provisions of this Code section shall remain in effect during the state of emergency and for a subsequent recover period of three months.

Section 4-4-13

Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews during Emergency

- (a) To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health, welfare or safety of persons, or their property, within a designated area under a declaration of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel, loiter, wander or stroll in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any other place during a declared emergency between hours specified by the Mayor until the curfew is lifted.
- (b) To promote order, protect lives, minimize the potential for looting and other crimes, and facilitate recovery operations during an emergency, the Mayor shall have discretion to impose reentry restrictions on certain areas. The Mayor shall exercise such discretion in accordance with the applicable local emergency operations plan, which shall be followed during emergencies.
- (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons acting in the following capacities:
 - (1) Authorized and essential law enforcement personnel;
 - (2) Authorized and essential health care providers;
 - (3) Authorized and essential personnel of the city;
 - (4) Authorized National Guard or federal military personnel;
 - (5) Authorized and essential firefighters;
 - (6) Authorized and essential emergency response personnel;
 - (7) Authorized and essential personnel or volunteers working with or through an emergency management agency (EMA);
 - (8) Authorized and essential utility repair crews;
 - (9) Citizens seeking to restore order to their homes or businesses while on their own property or place of business;
 - (10) Other authorized and essential persons as designated on a list compiled by the Emergency Management Director.
- (d) *Enforceability.* This section shall be enforced by officers of the law enforcement personnel approved to provide aid and assistance during the emergency. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from bringing other charges under state law.

- (e) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect.

Section 4-4-14 **Overcharging Prohibited**

- (a) To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health or safety of persons or property within a designated area upon the declaration of emergency or disaster, it shall be unlawful, during the duration of the emergency or subsequent recovery period, for any person, firm or corporation located or doing business in the City to overcharge for any goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses sold or rented within the county.
- (b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section shall have the meanings ascribed, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- (1) “Overcharging” means charging prices for goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses, which exceed the customary charges by at least 25 percent or, in applicable cases, which exceed by at least 25 percent the suppliers’ or providers’ costs for such goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses. The existence of overcharging shall be presumed from a 25 percent or greater increase in the price at which the merchandise or rate, fee or cost/rental of housing was offered in the usual course of business immediately prior to the onset of the emergency or disaster, but shall not include increases in cost to the supplier directly attributable to the higher cost of material, supplies and labor costs resulting from the emergency.
- (2) “Subsequent recovery period” means that period during which the emergency or disaster continues to cause disruptions in the area designated in the declaration of emergency, but shall not exceed three months after the declaration has been terminated, unless extended by action of the City governing authority.
- (c) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency as set out in this Chapter, stating this section is in effect. Unless otherwise specified in the declaration of emergency or otherwise extended by the governing authority of the city, the provisions of this Code section shall remain in effect during the state of emergency and for a subsequent recovery period of three months.

Section 4-4-15 **Volunteers**

All authorized persons, other than officers and employees of the city, performing emergency functions pursuant to this article shall serve with or without compensation. While engaged in such emergency functions, authorized volunteers shall have the same immunities as City officers and employees.

Sections 4-4-16 – 4-4-20 **Reserved.**



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: **MITCHELL COUNTY**

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. FORM 1 is required for **ALL** SDS submittals. Only one set of these forms should be submitted per county. The completed forms should clearly present the collective agreement reached by all cities and counties that were party to the service delivery strategy.
2. List each local government and/or authority that provides services included in the service delivery strategy in Section II below.
3. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county that are continuing *without change* in Section III, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.)

OPTION A Revising or Adding to the SDS	OPTION B Extending the Existing SDS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county which are revised or added to the SDS in Section IV, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.)5. For each service or service component listed in Section IV, complete a separate, updated <i>Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements</i> form (FORM 2).6. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications</i> form (FORM 4) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 4).]	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. In Section IV type, "NONE."5. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS</i> form (FORM 5) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of the participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 5).]6. Proceed to step 7, below. <div data-bbox="824 1192 1511 1430"><p><i>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.</i></p></div>

7. If any of the conditions described in the existing *Summary of Land Use Agreements* form (FORM 3) have changed or if it has been ten (10) or more years since the most recent FORM 3 was filed, update and include FORM 3 with the submittal.
8. Provide the completed forms and any attachments to your regional commission. The regional commission will upload digital copies of the SDS documents to the Department's password-protected web-server.

NOTE: ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THESE FORMS WILL REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL UPDATE OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AND SUBMITTAL OF REVISED FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE "OPTION A" PROCESS DESCRIBED, ABOVE.

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:

In this section, list all local governments (including cities located partially within the county) and authorities that provide services included in the service delivery strategy.

Mitchell County
Baconton
Camilla
Pelham
Sale City
Meigs
Mitchell County Economic Development Authority
Camilla Housing Authority
Pelham Housing Authority
Mitchell County Library Board

III. SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT ARE BEING EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE:

In this section, list each service or service component already included in the existing SDS which can continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

911 Emergency Dispatch
Animal Control
Airport
Building Inspection and Code Enforcement
Cemetery
Court Services
Economic Development
Electric Utility
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Protection
Jail
Library - Name changed from previous versions
Police Protection
Public Housing
Recreation
Roads and Bridges
Sheriff Department
Social Services - Name changed from previous versions
Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
Storm Water Management
Street Lighting
Tax Collection
Tax Digest Preparation
Voter Registration & Elections
Yard Waste Collection & Disposal

IV. SERVICES THAT ARE BEING REVISED OR ADDED IN THIS SUBMITTAL:

In this section, list each new service or new service component which is being added and each service or service component which is being revised in this submittal. For each item listed here, a separate Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements form (FORM 2) must be completed.

Services Being Added: Housing & Housing Rehabilitation



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements

Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on FORM 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on FORM 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

COUNTY: MITCHELL

Service: *Housing & Housing Rehabilitation*

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

- ☐ Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):
- ☐ Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):
- ☐ One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service):
- ☒ One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.): **Mitchell County and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City**
- ☐ Other (If this box is checked, attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.):

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

- ☐ **Yes** (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)
- ☒ **No**

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, attach an implementation schedule listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

SDS FORM 2, continued

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

Local Government or Authority	Funding Method
Mitchell	Grant Funds
Baconton	Grant Funds
Camilla	Grant Funds
Pelham	Grant Funds
Sale City	Grant Funds

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No Change. Housing and Housing Rehabilitation are new services and will be funded through grants.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

Agreement Name	Contracting Parties	Effective and Ending Dates

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

N/A

7. Person completing form: **Benjamin Hayward**

Phone number: **(229) 336-2000** Date completed: March 2021

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
FORM 4: Certifications


Instructions:

This form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

COUNTY: MITCHELL COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy and the attached forms provide an accurate depiction of our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
2. Our service delivery strategy promotes the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (1));
3. Our service delivery strategy provides that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2)); and
4. Our service delivery strategy ensures that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3)).

JURISDICTION	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>BACONTON</u>	Mayor	Annette Morman		
<u>CAMILLA</u>	Mayor	Kelvin Owens		05-10-2021
<u>MITCHELL COUNTY</u>	Chairman	Benjamin Hayward		
<u>PELHAM</u>	Mayor	James Eubanks		
<u>SALE CITY</u>	Mayor	Josh Davis		

Proclamation

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, events over the past year have caused extraordinary stress on all citizens; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is strong research that animal companionship, humor, spirituality, religion, recreation, social connections, and work-life balance can help all Americans protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment individuals with mental health and other chronic health conditions can work toward leading full, productive lives; and

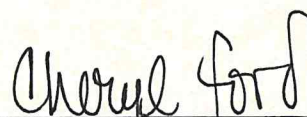
WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Camilla, Georgia and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Camilla to be affixed this 10th day of May, 2021.



Kelvin M. Owens, Mayor



Cheryl Ford, Clerk