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Camden County Receives Stellar Audit Report

WOODBINE, GEORGIA - January 23, 2015 – The January 20th, 2015 Board of County Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting provided an opportunity for a presentation on the County’s recently conducted financial audit. Mark Hardison, CPA and Partner with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC (Auditor) reported on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Hardison and his firm are responsible for expressing an opinion on the financial statements based on the audit. He reported that the County received an unmodified opinion (clean opinion) for FY2014. In addition, the audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that were considered to be material weaknesses. While it is the Auditor’s responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements, it is management’s responsibility to provide an accurate accounting and financial report that demonstrates a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story.

Camden County’s previous thirteen consecutive CAFR’s have been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious award to governments that demonstrate the highest caliber of financial reporting. Mr. Hardison stated that “less than 1% of all governments receive this award and its attainment demonstrates the highest caliber of financial reporting.”

The individual department designated by Camden County as primarily responsible for preparing the CAFR is Michael J. Fender, Director of Finance and Budget, and his staff. Mr. Fender has been the Director of Finance and Budget since August 1997. The preparation of this report and completion of the audit could not have been accomplished without the professional, efficient, and dedicated services of the County Finance Department in which Fender noted “it takes a great staff and hard work.” Fender also stated that “the Camden County Board of

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Commissioners, along with County Administrator Steve Howard, have played a vital role in establishing and updating policies that guide us in our quest to have the most efficient operations for the taxpayers of Camden County.”

Steve Howard commented that he is “remarkably proud of the accomplishments of the Finance Department under Mike Fender’s leadership and guidance. His unrelenting attempt for excellence is to be applauded.”

For additional information, please contact Camden County at 912.576.5601 or visit our website at www.camdencountyga.gov.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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