



**Board of County Commissioners**  
Office of the County Administrator  
P.O. Box 99 / 200 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Contact: Claire Feazel  
912-510-5703 (office)  
912-464-9476 (cell)  
[cyfeazel@co.camden.ga.us](mailto:cyfeazel@co.camden.ga.us)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Temporarily Pays Ridership Fees

**WOODBINE, Ga. – November 17, 2021** – At their November 16, 2021, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners approved the request to authorize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to temporarily pay ridership fees for the Coastal Regional Coaches in Camden County.

“This is an excellent opportunity to assist our neighbors that need transportation support,” said Gary Blount, Chairman, Camden County Board of Commissioners. “We are proud to partner with the City of St. Marys to provide funding for ridership fees for our local residents.”

The approval includes utilizing \$10,000 of the over \$10.6 million in ARPA funds provided to Camden County. By paying the ridership fees, Camden County is providing free access for essential services including, but not limited to, health appointments, employment services, and food security. Priority use of the funds set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s interim final rule on ARPA funding include:

- supporting the public health response,
- address negative economic impacts, and
- equity-focused services.

The Coastal Regional Coaches, operated by the Coastal Regional Commission, provide door-to-door services within Camden County for \$3.00 per trip. The \$10,000 contributed by the Camden County Board of Commissioners was matched by the City of St. Marys, for a total of \$20,000. This amount nearly equals all of the ridership fees spent by Camden County riders in 2020.

**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.

Find us on:



###

*“Award-Winning Government”*

STEVE L. HOWARD  
County Administrator

JOHN S. MYERS  
County Attorney

LANNIE E. BRANT  
Commissioner, District 1

CHUCK CLARK  
Commissioner, District 2

TREVOR READDICK  
Commissioner, District 3

GARY BLOUNT  
Commissioner, District 4

BEN L. CASEY  
Commissioner, District 5