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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Receives \$1 Million Grant to Construct New Health Department

**WOODBINE, Ga. – February 22, 2022** – At their February 15, 2022, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners accepted \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding for the construction of a new health department facility. With an estimated total cost of \$4.5 million, the new health department will be funded from Federal, State, and Local appropriations.

“We are excited to receive this grant to be used towards the construction costs of a new health department facility,” said Grants Manager Julie Haigler. “The new facility will better meet the needs of our growing community.”

Utilizing funding available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the CARES Act, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is administering the CDBG-CV funds for public assistance activities which includes the construction, rehabilitation or enhancement of public facilities which may include capital expenses for rural health care facilities. Through this grant, Camden County seeks to construct a new Health Department building to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus in addition to continuing to provide other services to low and moderate-income persons in a safe environment.



From Left: Terry Ferrell, Coastal Georgia Public Health; Commissioner Lannie Brant; Melissa Perkins, Coastal Georgia Public Health; Chairman Gary Blount; Vice-Chair Ben Casey; Grants Manager Julie Haigler; Rhonda Gilbert; and Purchasing Officer Kelsey Kelley

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Funding for the new facility will also come from the Camden County Board of Commissioners, along with Coastal Georgia Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Additionally, \$1.2 million in funding was included as part of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VIII. Camden County voters approved SPLOST VIII in March 2019. This one-cent sales tax is paid by all residents and visitors that purchase goods in Camden County. SPLOST VIII began collection in July 2019 and concludes in June 2025.

**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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