



# BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

## AGENDA

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Michael Shelton, Pastor - Cornerstone Pentecostal Church
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1. Resolution No. 10-26, a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of a 2" Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay from the 2026 Improvement Fund.
  - 2. Resolution No. 11-26, a resolution amending the Operating Budget for 2026; and for other purposes.
  - 3. Resolution No. 12-26, a resolution confirming the appointment of Katherine Beckham to the Airport Commission as an Ex-Officio member.
  - 4. Resolution No. 13-26, a resolution declaring a Pontoon Boat obsolete and authorizing its donation to the Chidester Volunteer Fire Department.
  - 5. Resolution No. 14-26, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase an excavator through an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; authorizing equipment to be traded in towards the purchase; and for other purposes.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,  
AWARDING THE BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 2” HOT MIX ASPHALT  
OVERLAY FROM THE 2026 IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden desires to purchase the product and installation of 2” hot mix asphalt overlay on designated City streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City authorized the issuance and sale of capital improvement revenue bonds in Ordinance 15-25; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue from the sale of the capital improvement revenue bonds was placed in the “2026 Improvement Fund” held by the trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to expend funds from the “2026 Improvement Fund” for street improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden solicited sealed bids for the purchase of the 2” hot mix asphalt overlay for City streets; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) contractors submitted responsive bids to said solicitation; and

**WHEREAS**, Arkansas State Statute 14-58-303 Subsection 2A(iii) states, “The mayor or the mayor’s authorized representative shall have exclusive power to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, but may reject any and all bids received.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Camden Code Section 2-53 provides that purchases exceeding Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) shall be purchased after securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, following a review and evaluation of the bid received, the City has determined that the bid from Smackover Paving Co., Inc. will provide the maximum benefit for the City of Camden.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Smackover Paving Co., Inc., P.O. Box 8, Smackover, AR 71762, is awarded the bid for the purchase and installation of the 2” hot mix asphalt overlay at the price of \$202.00 per installed ton, as shown on the attached bid proposal.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS  
AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Commission consistently reviews its operating budget and compares it to actual current income and expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 annual operating budget did not include any anticipated expenses for website development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport desires to modernize and improve its website; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport has determined that an updated website will be beneficial to overall airport operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Commission approved an amendment to its budget by transferring \$6,500.00 from line item 05-52620 to line item 05-52900; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Commission has requested that the City Council approve the amendment to the 2026 annual operating budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The 2026 annual operating budget is amended by transferring \$6,500.00 from line item number 05-52620 (Airport - repairs and maintenance) to line item 05-52900 (Airport - contractual services).

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE BECKHAM TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 19-86 created the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance states that the members of the Airport Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City and confirmed by three-fourths <sup>(3/4<sup>th</sup>)</sup> vote of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance also provides for the appointment of non-voting Ex-Officio members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Commission has requested that Katherine Beckham be appointed to serve a five-year term as a non-voting Ex-Officio member, to expire on March 10, 2031; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine Beckham has expressed a willingness to serve the City of Camden as a non-voting Ex-Officio Commissioner of the Camden Airport Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, does hereby confirm the Mayor's appointment of Katherine Beckham to serve a five-year term as a non-voting Ex-Officio member on the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas that will run through March 10, 2031.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, DECLARING A PONTOON BOAT  
OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO THE  
CHIDESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-54-302, municipal corporations are empowered and authorized to buy, sell, convey, lease, rent or let any real estate or personal property owned or controlled by the municipal corporations; and

**WHEREAS**, A.C.A. § 14-58-306 authorizes the disposal of personal property belonging to a municipality that has become obsolete or no longer used; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden owns a 1993 Playbuoy Supreme pontoon boat; and

**WHEREAS**, the equipment has become obsolete and is no longer used by the City Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chidester Volunteer Fire Department is a governmental entity within the State of Arkansas;

**WHEREAS**, the Chidester Volunteer Fire Department is able to utilize the equipment for its use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby declares the 1993 Playbuoy Supreme pontoon boat to be obsolete and no longer used by the City.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to donate and transfer the 1993 Playbuoy Supreme pontoon boat to the Chidester Volunteer Fire Department.

**SECTION 3.** The City's fixed asset listing shall be amended to reflect the disposal of the 1993 Playbuoy Supreme pontoon boat.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-26**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT TO BE TRADED IN TOWRDS THE PURCHASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Camden Public Works Department is in need of an excavator for solid waste operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the public works director sought out proposals for a compatible excavator that will satisfy the needs of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, the public works director located a suitable 2024 excavator available from ERS Equipment through a contract negotiated by Sourcewell; and

**WHEREAS**, A.C.A. § 19-11-249 authorizes a city to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of commodities; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell is a government to government procurement service that uses mass circulation and minority emphasis print media and internet services to post legal notices and bid solicitations which satisfy formal competitive bid processes for local government; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell obtained a contract for a 2024 XCMG XE225U excavator from ERS Equipment for the negotiated price of \$ 204,999.99; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns a 1988 Cat EL300 excavator and a 2003 Kamatsu D39-X-21 dozer that are obsolete, non-functional and are no longer used by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, A.C.A. § 14-58-306 authorizes the disposal of personal property belonging to a municipality that has become obsolete or no longer used; and

**WHEREAS**, the obsolete equipment can be traded in for \$7,000.00 towards the purchase of the new excavator; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 annual operating budget for public works solid waste disposal included \$350,000.00 for the purchase of a landfill excavator under line item 09-560-59410 (capital outlay/equipment).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby declares the 1988 Cat EL300 excavator and 2003 Kamatsu D39-X-21 dozer to be obsolete and no longer used by the City.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to trade in the 1988 Cat EL300 excavator and 2003 Kamatsu D39-X-21 dozer to ERS Equipment for \$7,000.00 towards the purchase of a new excavator.

**SECTION 3.** The City's fixed asset listing shall be amended to reflect the disposal of the 1988 Cat EL300 excavator and 2003 Kamatsu D39-X-21 dozer.

**SECTION 4.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase the 2024 XCMG XE225U excavator from ERS Equipment, 1024 N. Edgar Street, Fordyce, Arkansas, for the negotiated price of \$204,999.99, less a trade-in credit of \$7,000.00, for a total price of \$197,999.99, as shown on the attached quote.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**