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**APRIL 10, 1998**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9:00 A.M. - Commission Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Old Courthouse  
124 Bull Street  
Savannah, Georgia

#### **II. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Ben Price

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **IV. ROLL CALL**

**• At noon the County Commission will recess for approximately 30 minutes.**

**V. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

1. Action on Veto - Transfer of Youth Detention Center and Property Located behind Memorial Stadium to Chatham County Recreation Authority.

**VI. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

1. Weightlifting Center - Michael Cohen (Commissioner Murray). **Postponed from meeting of March 13, 1998.**
2. Verbatim minutes (Commissioner Jackel).
3. Compensation issues (Board).

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mystery Customer awards.

**Recess as County Commission and convene as Chatham Area Transit Authority.**

**I. Call to order.**

**II. Roll call.**

**III. Approval of minutes.**

**IV. New business.**

1. Update the Board on various legislative matters.
2. Request Board approve renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess coverage for 1998-99.
3. Request board approve renewal of auto liability insurance coverage for 1998-99 with Great American/American National Fire at a premium cost of \$139,800 with a deductible layer of \$10,000 and an upper limit of \$1,000,000 per claim.
4. Update the board on the annual CAT Bus Roadeo and April marketing activities.

**V. Adjourn.**

Reconvene as County Commission

## VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (\*).

1. Board consideration of action regarding advisory boards and committees. **Tabled at meeting of April 25, 1997. Further note: Assigned to committee at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
2. Board consideration on changing the County's fiscal year. **Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
3. Board consideration of modification to Employee Assistance Program regarding notification as to participating employees. **Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
4. Salary adjustments, Chairman Hair. **Tabled at meeting of October 24, 1997, until budget deliberations.**
- \* 5. Request Board approve admission fee program for Anderson/Cohen Weightlifting Center. **Note: Tabled at meeting of March 13, 1998.**

## **IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

1. Request Board approve the following: One Percent Sales Tax Road Program Fund (1985-1993) Reserve for Various County Roads transfer of \$245,000 for paving Cartwright, Lucas and Queenaire Drives.
2. Policy regarding fee waivers and a history of waivers to date.
3. Request from Jeff Cremo, Project Coordinator of Georgia's "Got Youth Covered," to waive the \$550 fee associated with the rental of the Tybee Pavilion for June 6, 1998.
4. Request from the Tybee Island Marine Science Foundation, Inc., to waive the \$550 fee associated with the rental of the Tybee Pavilion for May 24, 1998.
5. Request from the Town of Thunderbolt to use a portable band shell for three (3) days, April 17, 18, and 19, 1998, during the annual Blessing of the Fleet festivities and to waive the \$250 per day user fee (total \$750).
6. Request from the City of Tybee Island to use the Tybee Pavilion for nine (9) days for various activities and to waive the \$550 per day rental fee (total fee \$4,950).  
[District 4.]
7. Request from MPC to use a portable band shell in conjunction with Earth Day, April 19, 1998, and to waive the \$250 user fee.
8. Approval of the GMP change order (No. 10) with MTCB and confirmation of further building reductions. (See memo explaining need to delay for two weeks.)
9. Request Board concurrence for Jones, Hill and Mercer's (Chatham County's Third Party Administrator), to contract with St. Joseph's Candler Health System, through the Savannah Business Group as the primary health care provider for Chatham County employees, retirees and their families. (See supplemental information provided.) *Please note request from Commissioner Jackel to table item.*
10. Request Board adopt a resolution transmitting the updated Five-year Short-term Solid Waste Work Plan to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Commission and Department of Community Affairs for review. On the issue of open burning as well as the general contents of proposed changes, staff recommends Board schedule a workshop upon receipt of the position paper dealing with changes in the Solid Waste program.  
[All districts.]
11. Request Board approval to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise positions that the department deems more cost efficient to fill.
  - Tax Commissioner - Enforcement Technician (one position); Tax/Tag Processor I (one position); Tax/Tag Processor II (one position); Clerical Assistant III (one position)
  - Engineering - Civil Engineer I (one position)
  - Parks and Recreation - Equipment Operator I (one position); Maintenance Worker I (two positions); exemption from hiring freeze until September 1, 1998, for all current and upcoming vacancies in Parks and Recreation

- District Attorney - Administrative Assistant II (one position)

## **X. ACTION CALENDAR**

(The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 1998, as mailed.
2. Claims vs Chatham County for the period March 19 through April 1, 1998.
3. Request Board reaffirm the salary increase granted the EMS Medical Director in the 1998 EMS Budget, retroactive to January 1, 1998.
4. Request Board approve the following Georgia Department of Community Affairs Local Assistance Grants: \$5,000 for the purchase of recreation equipment for Georgetown, \$15,000 for the renovation of the Turning Point building, \$400,000 for renovation of the Old YMCA building, \$55,000 for the operation of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.
5. Request from Eagle Development Group of Savannah, Inc., to approve the construction of the required improvements and to reduce the subdivision bond by 50% for Betz Creek, Phase 4.  
[District 4.]
6. Request Board approval for installation of streetlights on Whitmarsh Island Road.  
[District 4.]
7. Request Board approval to amend the annual cost to maintain private dirt roads within the unincorporated areas of Chatham County.  
[All districts.]
8. Request Board authorize a quit claim deed to return ownership of the Lucas Theatre to Lucas Theatre for the Arts based on the organization's completion of fund-raising under its agreement with Chatham County.
9. Request Board approval of a space allocation and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Savannah Prop Twisters for the establishment and operation of a race course for radio controlled boats.
10. Request Board approval of a space allocation and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Savannah BMX, Inc., for the establishment and operation of a motorcross NBL/BMW racing facility.
11. Request for temporary alcoholic beverage license and waiver of fees for beer in connection with golf tournament for non-profit special event at Henderson Golf Club on April 22, 1998. Roger Wright represents the American Diabetes Association, located at 5105 Paulsen Street, Suite C-236.

12. Request Board approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT.</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDING</u></b>
A. First renewal option to the annual contract to provide food services for the inmates at the Detention Center	Detention Center	ABL Management	\$1,161,576	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
B. Deductive Change Order No. 5 to the contract for the construction of the Aquatic Center for minor fine tuning of the facility and construction contract	Aquatic Center	Braun Construction	(\$4,571.20)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Aquatic Center
C. Renew for one additional year contract for towing services	#Fleet Operations #Police	Sapp's Wrecker Service	No cost to the County	N/A
D. Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the construction of Juvenile Court to make changes as required by the State Fire Marshal	SPLOST	Adams Construction	\$39,296.73	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Juvenile Court Facility
E. Confirmation of Change Order No. 4 to the contract for the construction of Juvenile Court for additional work	SPLOST	Adams Construction	\$29,166.37	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Juvenile Court Facility
F. Award contract for the paving of Cartwright, Lucas and Queenaire Drives	SPLOST	Claco Construction	\$293,244	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Reserve for Various County Roads (pending transfer)

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G. Deductive Change Order No. 4 to the contract for LaRoach, Woodridge, Central, S.E. Timberlands Drainage Projects	SPLOST	Clemmons Engineering	(\$8,990)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Unincorporated Drainage Projects
H. Deductive Change Order No. 3 to the contract for Golden Isles, Winfield, and Middle Landings Drainage Projects	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	(\$7,500)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Unincorporated Drainage Projects
I. Deductive Change Order No. 2 to the contract for Whitmarsh Island Drainage Project	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	(\$1,375.50)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Unincorporated Drainage Projects
J. Deductive Change Order No. 3 to the contract for Summit Ridge Drainage Improvement Project	SPLOST	Triangle Construction	(\$8,526)	N/A
K. Award annual contract for miscellaneous computer parts and components	Various	Entré Computer Center	Varies	#General Fund/M & O - Various #SSD - Various #CIP - Various
L. Confirmation of the purchase of an upgrade to the telephone switch serving the Administrative Annex	SPLOST	Property Technology	\$19,257	#SPLOST (1993-1998) - Juvenile Court (\$9,628.50) #SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex (\$9,628.50)
M. First renewal option to the annual contract for janitorial services for the downtown offices	Building Maintenance and Operations	Basics Cleaning Company	\$141,220	General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations

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N. First renewal option to the annual contract for janitorial services for the Southside offices	Building Maintenance and Operations	Quality Cleaning Contractors	\$14,268	General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations
O. Award a contract to design and prepare technical specifications for the modification/repair/replacement of Judicial Courthouse HVAC control system	Building Maintenance and Operations	Rosser International	\$45,000	General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations
P. Change Order No. 7 to the contract to provide hydraulic analysis for Pipemakers Canal, to provide an archeological survey and a sediment and soil preliminary investigation associated with Pipemakers Canal	Engineering	EMC Engineering	\$15,952	CIP - 1998 Drainage
Q. Confirmation of Change Order No. 3 to the contract for design and engineering of additional water and sewer system improvements for the Isle of Hope area	Engineering	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$8,200	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
R. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for improvements to the water and sanitary sewer system in the Isle of Hope area	Engineering	Thomas Griffin Construction Company	Not to exceed \$150,000	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

## **XI. FIRST READINGS**

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

1. Petitioner, Fran Williams (Realty Executives), Agent (for Perry E. Luten, Owner) is requesting that a 0.7 acre tract of land located in the 7300 block of Skidaway Road between Montgomery Crossroads and Ferguson Avenue be rezoned from R-1 (One-Family Residential) to a P-B (Planned Business) zoning classification in order to allow a retail “dollar” store. The MPC recommended that the request be **denied**.  
MPC File No. 98-12104-C  
District 1.
2. Amendment to the Code of Chatham County, Georgia, Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance, Chapter 16, Article I, to allow for the regulation of massage therapists and massage therapy businesses.

## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

1. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Modify Certain Provisions in Accordance with the Georgia Emergency Management Act and Any Amendments Thereto; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes;" and to approve the accompanying "Declaration of Emergency" and "Declaration of Effective Ordinances During Emergency" forms.
2. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Prohibit Price Overcharging During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes."
3. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Temporary Mobile/Manufactured/Industrialized Homes, Travel Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, and Mobile/Manufactured/Industrialized Home Parks in Any Zoning District During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes."
4. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Emergency Business Licenses; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes."
5. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Emergency Building Permits; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes."
6. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Provide a Curfew and Closed or Restricted Areas During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes."
7. The MPC has reviewed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to identify the consistency of local parking standards with the federal regulations. The MPC recommends that a text amendment be approved regarding the handicapped accessible spaces.  
MPC File No. 98-12057-C  
No district - Unincorporated area

### **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Progress report on General Fund Contingency Account - M & O and the Special Service District (see attached).
2. List of purchasing items between \$2,500 and \$9,999 (see attached).
3. Status report on golf course and surplus property disposition.

#### **Recess to Executive Session, if necessary.**

Appointments - board and number of vacancies to be filled.

<b><u>Board</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>
A. South Georgia Hospital Authority Board of Trustees	1
B. Veterans Council of Chatham County	3
C. Housing Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals	3
D. Mosquito Control Commission	1
E. Development Authority of Chatham County	3
F. Handicapped Grievance Committee	4
G. Aging Services Advisory Council	1
H. Economic Opportunity Authority	1
I. Youth Futures Authority	2
J. Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals	1
K. Coastal Area District Development Authority	1