

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON JANUARY 23, 1998, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Billy Hair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 23, 1998.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Martin S. Jackel introduced The Reverend Charlie Cooper, Burkhalter Baptist Church, who gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT:	Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four David L. Saussy, District One Joe Murray Rivers, District Two Martin S. Jackel, District Three Harris Odell, Jr., District Five Ben Price, District Six Eddie W. DeLoach, District Seven
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IN ATTENDANCE:	Russ Abolt, County Manager R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk
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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Hair said, I'd like to welcome our Youth Commissioners who are with us this morning. We have Courtney Pennington from Memorial Day School and we have Marisa Drexel from St. Vincent's Academy. Good morning. We're glad to have you with us.

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V. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VI. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. REQUEST FROM CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH REGARDING CHEROKEE APARTMENTS BACK TAXES (COMMISSIONER DELOACH).

Commissioner DeLoach said, I'm bringing this before you today. Apparently, whenever Port Wentworth took over the Cherokee Apartments there was a year of taxes involved in that and at that time they have put this to use for drainage and that type thing, and they're asking if they could to be forgiven as far as those taxes are concerned since it is for public use and public good.

Chairman Hair said, I believe we have something in your packet from the Attorney about the proper way to do this if the Commission so desires in terms of really basically passing this on, the lien on, to the City of Port Wentworth, I believe. Is that correct? Mr. Jonathan Hart said, basically. We've got to do a little agreement to get it done, that needs to be done —. Chairman Hair said, okay, the Chair will entertain a motion.

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved that, pursuant to the request from City of Port Wentworth to forgive taxes on Cherokee Apartments for the years 1992 and 1993, Chatham County enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Port Wentworth whereby the County would transfer and convey any interest in the real property lien rights under the tax fi fa to the City of Wentworth with the City agreeing that the property would be used for a public use and open to the citizens of Port Wentworth and other residents of Chatham County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VII. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 1998, AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN WEEK.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

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2. MYSTERY CUSTOMER AWARD

Chairman Hair said, we now have our Mystery Customer Award.

Mrs. Beverly Whitehead said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Thomas and other Commissioners. We are pleased to present the Mystery Customer Award for the month of January, 1998, to an employee in the County Manager's office, Deborah (Dee) Pettus. Deborah has served in that capacity for several months now. Prior to that her service was with Inspections. In both instances we have seen her superior customer service, her ability to work well and respond to the public and their inquiries, either by phone or in person. Also to mitigate some tough situations that can occur in the oval office, as I'll call it. At this point, I'll ask the County Manager if he will both present the check and to make comments regarding his staff.

Mr. Russ Abolt said, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, you know as well as I the stress that can develop just a few feet away from here to my left, to your right. It has been driven by a lot of things. We consider ourselves to be very much customer service driven. We also have responded to needs in the past to cut staff based on budget limitations and, to say the least, I am proud of a very lean staff, but a staff that is very productive and sensitive yet again in those times of stress. Dee [Pettus], as Beverly [Whitehead] said, is the latest addition of our staff, has moved into a pressure cooker of a job, has performed so well. This is not a conflict of interest because I had nothing to do with it, but I think the decision was well made and I am proud to present Dee with a check for \$50 plus her certificate.

Ms. Pettus said, thank you very much, Mr. Abolt and Commissioners. It was really surprising and a great pleasure, and what you don't know is that Mr. Abolt every morning wants a rigid position of attention in front of his desk. Thank you.

Commissioner Price said, I thought that's where that stress was coming from.

Chairman Hair said, I would like to offer my personal congratulations to Dee. I talk to Dee about eight or nine times a day and I see her all the time coming in and out and she also greets the people that come to my office, and she has done an absolutely wonderful job and she always does it with a smile, and I really appreciate what you do as well, Dee. Ms. Pettus said, thank you.

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VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$55,000 FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PERFORM CERTIFICATION, OUTREACH AND TRAINING FOR MINORITY, FEMALE AND LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES; REQUEST BOARD TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION, OUTREACH AND TRAINING SERVICES TO MINORITY, FEMALE AND LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ON BEHALF OF CHATHAM COUNTY. (NOTE: At the time of agenda preparation a meeting of Dr. Thomas' committee is pending.) Tabled at meeting of January 24, 1997. Further note: Committee has been unable to meet in intervening period. Tabled at the meeting of February 21, 1997.**

Chairman Hair said, at the next meeting I think we will be ready to take the minority enterprise item off. Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Chairman Hair said, but not today.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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- 2. **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.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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- 3. **BOARD CONSIDERATION ON CHANGING THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR. Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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- 4. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGARDING NOTIFICATION AS TO PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES. Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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- 5. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR FINE COLLECTION. Tabled at meeting of June 13, 1997. Please see memo from Clerk of Superior Court asking that item remain on the table.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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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: GENERAL FUND M & O BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE AN ADDITIONAL \$25,880 INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM SPLOST, GENERAL FUND M & O TRANSFERS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME SPENT ON SPLOST PROJECTS OF \$17,220 TO COUNTY MANAGER FOR TRAVEL, TRAINING, PRINT SHOP AND EQUIPMENT, \$2,500 FOR FLEET OPERATIONS FOR VEHICLE PARTS AND VEHICLE REPAIRS, \$4,150 FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AND \$2,010 FOR PURCHASING ADVERTISING AND POSTAGE, TRANSFERS TOTALING \$72,180 FOR RECLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO PRESENTATION OF THE FY 1998 BUDGET OF \$5,000 MAGISTRATE COURT, \$7,820 MOSQUITO CONTROL, \$11,190 TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, \$10,590 SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY, \$3,250 TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, \$5,790 TO STATE COURT JUDGES, AND \$28,540 TO STATE COURT CLERK; TRANSFERS OF \$14,460 FOR THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE 1997 DEDICATED HAZMAT TEAM EXPENSES AND \$31,060 FOR GRANTS-IN-AID FINAL ALLOCATION; A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT RETURN TO CONTINGENCY OF \$31,060 FROM GRANTS-IN-AID FINAL ALLOCATION AND A INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF \$6,850 FOR PUBLIC WORKS SECTION RE-ORGANIZATION PLAN FROM PROFESSIONAL FEES; A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX ROAD PROGRAM FUND (1985-1993) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$11,900 FOR A COPY MACHINE REPLACEMENT AND A RESERVE FOR VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS TRANSFER OF \$1,880 TO THE DOWNING PIER; A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX EXTENSION FUND (1993-1998) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$25,880 TO GENERAL FUND M & O FOR TIME SPENT ON SPLOST PROJECTS.**

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second.

Commissioner Rivers asked, Mr. Chairman, why couldn't we tie those two \$25,880 together that have been separated? Mr. Abolt said, because they're two separate entries that's why. Commissioner Rivers said, okay. Mr. Abolt said, same amount of money, but two entries.

Chairman Hair said, okay, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the following: General Fund M & O Budget Amendment to recognize an additional \$25,880 interfund transfer from SPLOST, General Fund M & O transfers for additional staff time spent on SPLOST projects of \$17,220 to County Manager for travel, training, Print Shop and equipment, \$2,500 for Fleet Operations for vehicle parts and vehicle repairs, \$4,150 for Building Maintenance and Operations other contractual services and \$2,010 for Purchasing advertising and postage, transfers totaling \$72,180 for reclassifications and salary adjustments approved subsequent to presentation of the FY 1998 budget of \$5,000 Magistrate Court, \$7,820 Mosquito Control, \$11,190 to Administrative Services, \$10,590 Superior Court Judiciary, \$3,250 to County Commissioners, \$5,790 to State Court Judges, and \$28,540 to State Court Clerk; transfers of \$14,460 for the County's share of the 1997 Dedicated HazMat Team expenses and \$31,060 for Grants-in-Aid final allocation; A Special Service District return to Contingency of \$31,060 from Grants-in-Aid final allocation and a intra-departmental transfer of \$6,850 for Public Works Section Re-organization Plan from Professional Fees; a One Percent Sales Tax Road Program Fund (1985-1993) Contingency transfer of \$11,900 for a copy machine replacement and a Reserve for Various County Roads transfer of \$1,880 to the Downing Pier; a One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1993-1998) Contingency transfer of \$25,880 to General fund M & O for time spent on SPLOST Projects. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND TO WAIVE THE \$550 FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL OF THE TYBEE PAVILION.**

Mr. Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, you may recall that you did receive a request from the Administrator for the City of Tybee to waive certain fees to recognize events that the City of Tybee would have scheduled at Tybee Pier and Pavilion for the balance of this entire calendar year. We're making a recommendation to waive that fee. We are stopping short of the last request from Dr. Farmer which was to give carte blanche approval and authority for Mr. Golden to waive other fees. We feel that is rightfully your decision and in the event that the City of Tybee wishes other fees to be waived, they must go through this process, but this process is accurate to the extent that they have identified events on weekends that they wish to sponsor for which, if you wish, you can waive the fee.

Commissioner Price said, Mr. Chairman, I move for waiver of the fee. Chairman Hair said, okay. Do we have a second? Commissioners Saussy and Murray said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from the City of Tybee Island to waive the \$550 fee associated with the rental of the Tybee Pavilion. Commissioners Saussy and Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. 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.

- CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT - CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (2 POSITIONS)
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I (1 POSITION)
- PARKS AND RECREATION - MAINTENANCE WORKER I (1 POSITION)
- ICS - COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR (1 POSITION); COMPUTER NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR (1 POSITION)

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do I have a second. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following positions: Child Support Enforcement, Child Support Specialist I (2 positions); District Attorney's Office, Administrative Assistant I (1 position); Parks and Recreation, Maintenance Worker I (1 position); and ICS, Computer Systems Administrator (1 position) and Computer Network Administrator (1 position). Commissioner Odell seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one.

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4. SCHOOL DISTRICT'S POSITION ON SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM.

Chairman Hair said, we actually have a contract in your packets that the School Board has already approved where they will pay for the officers for April and May, and that takes us through the end of the school year. The Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman said, motion and a second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Price said, I'd like to make a comment. Chairman Hair said, okay, sir. Commissioner Price said, I'm going to vote in favor of this. I do think when you recognize the fact that the largest —, you know, we're all so concerned about taxes and about the effect on property owners and what have you, but what we're doing in effect here is we're loading up the largest impact on what we have to pay in property taxes by transferring this cost to the Board of Education. Now there are philosophical reasons that many of you have, Mr. Chairman, why we should do this, and I understand that and I respect that, but if we're trying to really decrease property taxes, all we're doing is making it be where the school system is going to have to keep it at the maximum millage rate. I just want you to take that into consideration. Chairman Hair asked, any other discussion?

Commissioner Murray said, you know, Russ [Abolt], it was not clear when Martin [Jackel] and I met with some of the School Board members after April what is going to happen. Does anyone know? Mr. Abolt said, after May you mean, sir. Commissioner Murray said, I mean after May, yes. Mr. Abolt said, sir, I had a conversation as recently as yesterday with Dr. Russo, and in the transition, of course he realizes the significance of being able to answer that question. In response to it I have asked Chief Sprague that as soon as the Board were to approve this there will be earnest discussion with Tom Wagoner on the staff of the School Board to deal with that very question because we have a contractual obligation, if you approve it, to do everything that the Board wishes on the School Resource Officer up till the end of May. Now the issue is what happens after, and we want that issue solved fairly quickly. Commissioner Murray said, okay.

Commissioner Jackel said, let me make something clear here. We put together a committee and we had a meeting and we discussed this thing, and the same thing that I've been saying up here is still true, and I've been saying it a year now. No one has come forward to furnish us with a mission statement, no one has told us what these officers do, no one can tell me whether they're there Thanksgiving, whether they're there Spring recess, what they do during the Summers, how long a day they work, what their training consists of, who they report to, who supervises them. No one on the School Board knew that, but they're going to retain them. Now how can we vote for a project that we know nothing about except some people tell us its wonderful. I've got some land in Florida that's pretty wonderful. Do you want to spend your money on that? Commissioner Price said, this was a project —. Commissioner Jackel said, it's probably under water with all this rain we're having.

Chairman Hair said, well, I think —, I really think that we have ample time —, I think all the comments have been pertinent comments, but I think we will, you know, if there is something brought to us in the future we'll have ample time to discuss this.

It is my --, certainly a hope that the School Board will pick up continuous and not bring this back to us, but if they do we will have to deal with it at that time. Commissioner Price said, I call the question. Chairman Hair said, I think really it's pretty much, at this point in time I don't see a lot of advantage in discussing it.

Commissioner Rivers said, call the question, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hair said, I would also like to commend Commissioner Jackel and Commissioner Murray. If you remember, those of you that attend the meetings regularly, if you remember about four or five months ago I appointed a committee of three people to discuss with the School Board and come back with a solution, and I think they've done a real good job. They met with School Board members, and I commend you for the work you folks did. Y'all did a really good job I think.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the School Board wherein Chatham County will continue the School Resource Officer program through May 1998, the end of the present school year. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FINAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO GRANTS-IN-AID AGENCIES FOR THE 1998 YEAR AND APPROVE THE REQUIRED CONTINGENCY ADJUSTMENTS FOR GENERAL M & O AND SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Commissioner Murray asked, do we have to do anything on Item 5? Chairman Hair said, no, that's been pulled from the agenda. The County Manager pulled that from the agenda. Commissioner Murray said, all right. Evidently, the committees that serve on these did not know anything about it because they showed up and said they were ready to present it. That's the only reason I'm asking the question. Mr. Abolt said, I apologize, sir. I was not aware they were not notified. I requested a delay to the 20th of February. We feel that based on evaluation of the work to date, they could do a better job of allocating across-the-board cuts, and there are some other reasons presented by Mrs. Whitehead.

Chairman Hair said, I also agree with Commissioner Murray. I think they definitely should have been notified and that was a snafu that we —. Mr. Abolt said, thank you, I appreciate your comments.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was removed from the agenda by the County Manager. Therefore, no action was taken by the Board.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR A RECLASSIFICATION (DOWNGRADE) IN THE JAIL MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Price asked, did we approve Item 5? Chairman Hair said, Item 5 has just —. Commissioner Murray said, that's just been pulled.

Commissioner Thomas said, I move approval, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Jackel said, I'll second. Chairman Hair said, this is for a downgrade. Russ [Abolt], do you want to explain this?

Mr. Abolt said, yes sir. It comes under Mr. Lynch's department actually. It's not a department in and of itself. There are maintenance folks assigned to the Jail. Because of tightening the budget, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Thompson have come up with an innovative way by downgrading and create more versatility in the new position to allow us to deal with the needs out at the Detention Center without any increase in budget.

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, I already seconded it, I mean, moved it. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request by the Jail Maintenance Division for a reclassification to downgrade an Electronic Technician I position from range 120 to a Building Maintenance Mechanic position range 117. Commissioner Jackel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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.)

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to pull anything off the Action Calendar? Anybody? Okay, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar. Commissioner Thomas said, I move for approval, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Price said, that is a record. That is a record.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 15-N, be approved in its entirety. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 1998, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 9, 1998, as mailed. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 11, 1997, THROUGH JANUARY 14, 1998.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period December 11, 1997, through January 14, 1998, in the amount of \$15,756,135. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**3. REQUEST FROM ENGINEER FOR GREAT AMERICAN HOMES, INC., DEVELOPER, TO RELEASE THE REMAINING BOND AND TO ACCEPT THE PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE FOR BETZ CREEK PLANTATION, PHASE 3, SUBDIVISION.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request from engineer for Great American Homes, Inc., developer, to release the remaining bond and to accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance for Betz Creek Plantation, Phase 3, subdivision. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF OEMLER LOOP AND WALTHOUR ROADS.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request for installation of streetlights at the intersections of Oemler Loop and Walthour Roads. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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5. REQUEST BOARD ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (COE) TO ESTABLISH A MUTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNING THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE COE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN THE WORK ORDERS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to establish a mutual framework for governing the respective responsibilities of Chatham County and the COE and authorize the County Engineer to sign the work orders. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF SAVANNAH ON ROAD PROJECTS NOW COMPLETED BY CHATHAM COUNTY. [ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Savannah those certain parcels of land in the City of Savannah on road projects now completed by Chatham County. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 7. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, CLERK OF COMMISSION AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SECURING AND EXECUTING A COUNTY CONTRACT WITH GDOT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 80 AND WHITEMARSH ISLAND ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents necessary for securing and executing a County Contract with GDOT for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 80 and Whitemarsh Island Road. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 8. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN POWER FOR CHATHAM COUNTY'S 1993-1998 EXTENSION OF THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the exercise of eminent domain power for Chatham County's 1993-1998 Extension of the One Percent Sales Tax Road Improvement Program to acquire rights-of-way as required for the following projects: Middleground Road - widen to four lanes; Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension - new alignment (U.S.80 TO Bloomingdale Cross Road); Jimmy DeLoach Interchange at S.R.21 and Extension - new alignment to S.R.25; Pooler Parkway Extension Phase II to Quacco Road - new alignment; Poler Parkway - interchange at U.S.80; Pooler Parkway - interchange at I-16; White Bluff Road (Ogeechee River to Willow Drive) - widen to four lanes; Hutchinson Island Perimeter Road; Skidaway Road Widening (Ferguson to Victory Drive); Science Drive - relocation; and Abercorn Safety Projects: Intersections with Apache, Largo, Tibet, Mall Boulevard and Derenne. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MPC TO OBTAIN AND PROCESS DIGITIZED TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING INFORMATION FOR THE PIPEMAKERS AND HARBIN DRAINAGE BASINS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve an agreement with MPC to obtain and process digitized topographic mapping information for the Pipemakers and Harbin Drainage Basins. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CABLE TV FRANCHISE HELD BY JONES COMMUNICATIONS OF GEORGIA/SOUTH CAROLINA TO APRIL 24, 1998.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the extension of the expiration date of the cable TV franchise held by Jones Communications of Georgia/South Carolina to April 24, 1998. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP UPDATED HURRICANE STORM SURGE INUNDATION MAPS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request to apply for a Coastal Incentive Grant from the Georgia Coastal Management Program to develop updated Hurricane Storm Surge Inundation Maps for Chatham County. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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12. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 1998. PETITIONER: HORACE MITCHELL SPIVEY, D/B/A BP OIL COMPANY, LOCATED AT 1006 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 6.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request of petitioner, Horace Mitchell Spivey, d/b/a BP Oil Company, located at 1006 King George Boulevard, for a new beer and wine retail license for 1998. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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13. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADOPT-A-ROADWAY PROGRAM WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request to establish an Adopt-A-Roadway Program within the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH AUGUSTA/RICHMOND COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a mutual aid agreement with Augusta/Richmond County. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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15. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS:
(Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Confirmation of emergency purchase of an auditorium presentation system	SPLOST	Stage Front Presentation Systems of Savannah	\$37,388	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex
B. Renewal of maintenance agreement for book theft detection systems in libraries	Library	3M	\$11,677	General Fund/M & O - Library
C. Confirmation of emergency purchase of lane lines	SPLOST	Recreonics	\$11,534	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Aquatic Center
D. One (1) dispatch control station and ten (10) "Smartzone" portable radios with accessories	CNT	Motorola Communications (sole source)	\$61,385.40	Confiscated Funds - CNT
E. Change Order No. 3 to contract to provide design, engineering and construction administration services for design modification of the Administrative Annex/ Police Headquarters	SPLOST	Hansen Architects	\$4,950	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex
F. Contract to complete the construction of the Burnside Island Drainage Improvement <i>and</i> terminate the current contract for this project	SPLOST	•Award contract to Southern Champion •Terminate contract with South Newport Construction Co., Inc.	\$361,441.60	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Burnside Island
G. Contract for raising the dikes for DMCA's 14A and 14B	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$1,097,928.45	General Fund/M & O - Harbor Maintenance (100% reimbursable by GDOT)
H. Confirmation Change Order No. 2 for the Downing Pier Restoration Project to install additional guardrail required on the bridge located on the Diamond Causeway near the Downing Pier	SPLOST	Myrick Marine Contracting Corp.	\$1,875	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Reserve for Various County Roads
I. Confirmation of sale of surplus inoperable computers, printers and parts	Central Services	Carolyn Guilford	\$600	Revenue Producing
J. Change Order No. 1 to contract for the Southwest Bypass High Mast Lighting project for additional piling and concrete	SPLOST	Brooks-Berry-Haynie and Associates	\$84,025	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Southwest Bypass
K. Copy machine	SPLOST	Herrin Business Products	\$11,900	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Administrative Expenditures (pending Board approval of contingency transfer)
L. Change Order No. 3 for additional anchors and interlock controls for the 50-Meter Indoor Pool	SPLOST	Braun Construction	\$3,428	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Aquatic Center
M. Change Order No. 4 to provide and install the aluminum commemorative plaque for the 50-Meter Indoor Pool	SPLOST	Braun Construction	\$2,511.96	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Aquatic Center

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
N. Six (6) month service agreement to provide therapeutic services for employees	Human Resources	Lennox Seales	Not to exceed \$1,400 per month	General Fund/M & O - Human Resources

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 15-A through 15-N, both inclusive. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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. 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. Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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- 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." Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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- 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. Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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- 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. Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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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. Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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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. Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

First reading held until response is received from each of the municipalities.

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7. **PETITIONER, J. DANIEL FALLIGANT, AGENT (FOR THE SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY, INC., AND JACK STAFFORD, OWNERS) IS REQUESTING THAT TWO PARCELS LOCATED ON THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF KING GEORGE BOULEVARD AND ABERCORN STREET BE REZONED FROM THE CURRENT PUD-C (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-COMMUNITY) TO A PUD-B(B-N) (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-BUSINESS: NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GROCERY STORE AND SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL CENTER. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. 97-11970-C
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, I know this is first reading, but we have Item 7 here and I had talked with the County Attorney about this Item 7 and we have a very big difference of opinion on what the language says, and I would like an opportunity to express my opinion. Chairman Hair said, we don't accept debate on first readings, Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner Jackel said, this is calling for a legal question and I want to explain on the record to the County Attorney. Chairman Hair said, certainly if you're asking for a legal opinion, that's appropriate.

Commissioner Price asked, may I offer a solution. We have a second reading coming up. We can always table the second reading. You'll have ample opportunity between the first reading and the second reading to offer your opinion to the rest of us, Martin [Jackel], and I don't see any reason to delay this today. We have tabled so many second readings we couldn't count them. I mean, that's not something that is going to automatically go through because we read it on first reading.

Chairman Hair said, I also will remind you, Commissioner Jackel, you and I had a long discussion about this yesterday. I discussed this with the County Attorney on three or four occasions since yesterday. He has ruled that there is no motion that would be appropriate to delay this, but if you would like to ask for a different legal opinion, I'd be more than happy to recognize you to do that at this time. Commissioner Jackel said, well, that's what I would like to do. Chairman Hair said, Jon [Hart], would you issue the —.

Commissioner Jackel said, let me formulate my question to him and then maybe he can answer the question. All right. We know that a legal action has been filed against the MPC in the Superior Court of Chatham County. It wasn't against us, it was against the MPC. On the 3rd of June there was a decision ruled on by Judge Mikell. The court's ruling —, after the MPC's 3rd June decision, Judge Mikell on just this past October 15th issued an order. The court ruling states, and here it quotes, that an interlocutory injunction shall issue, which it did in fact issue, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission is hereby ordered not to accept or consider any petition about this case brought directly before them by the intervenors with the request for site plan approval or other action by the MPC which would have the effect of changing the permitted uses of the intervenors' land in Georgetown. So I don't think there's any question that the MPC is restrained from taking further action as I read that. Do you agree with that? Mr. Hart said, no sir, I do not. Commissioner Jackel said, so where it says that they are —, the MPC is restrained by this you don't think they are restrained? Mr. Hart said, well, I think the MPC is restrained in accordance with the terms of the order. This is a particular case that arose —. Commissioner Jackel said, that's my question now. Okay, let me formulate another question. You agree then that the MPC is restrained? Mr. Hart said, no, I said I agree that the MPC must comply with the interlocutory order, which —. Commissioner Jackel said, which restrains them from taking further action. Mr. Hart said, which is maintaining the status quo for matters appearing before the MPC. From a practical standpoint, Mr. Jackel, this is a matter that arose before I became the County Attorney. This is also a matter that Mr. Mahoney, I believe, when he left as the County Attorney took that matter with him. It is my understanding, and it is contained in the report, that the present status of this matter before the Commission has been ruled by the attorney handling that matter for the County and has ruled that this petition of first reading is properly before the court. From the background —. Commissioner Jackel said, but we don't have that in our material. Mr. Hart said, from the background I do not personally have knowledge of that with going out and looking at it. It is my understanding though that this procedurally, a first reading is before the court. As a policy, this Commission has not accepted debate on first reading. That does not mean two weeks from now, when this

matter is on second reading, that this all can't be discussed. That's all I can tell you now. Commissioner Jackel said, I understand that. Now —.

Chairman Hair asked, what is your question? We need to get to your question. This is not debate you said. Give him a specific question —. Commissioner Jackel said, I am asking questions. Chairman Hair said, give him a specific question. Commissioner Jackel said, nothing in this order it says is intended to prohibit the MPC from considering such petitions or applications, and here's the key word, if they are referred to the MPC by the County Commission for recommendation pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 11. We have never referred this to the MPC. Chairman Hair asked, what's your question? Commissioner Jackel asked, can I —, can you give me just a little grace here. Chairman Hair said, I want to make sure that this is not debate. Commissioner Jackel asked, are we in a time crunch here? Chairman Hair said, I do not want to violate —. Commissioner Jackel said, [inaudible] professional courtesy here. Chairman Hair said, I do not want to violate the policy —. Commissioner Jackel said, my question to you is, if I can speak to you, is do you think that if controls? Do you think —, what do you think? Mr. Hart said, I don't have an —. Commissioner Jackel said, it says if, if they're referred to the MPC by the County Commission for a recommendation. Has that been done, and do you think that if controls? Those are two questions. Mr. Hart said, Mr. Jackel, I'm going to be perfectly honest with you. I'm going to have to look at how this matter arose procedurally. If you're going to ask me for that opinion, this is on a first reading and as a matter of tradition we have not discussed debate —. Commissioner Jackel said, well, it —. Mr. Hart said, all I can tell you is the County Attorney —. Commissioner Jackel said, if this thing is not properly here, we shouldn't even consider it for the first reading and I think that has to be determined whether this thing is legally properly here and not in violation of court order.

Commissioner DeLoach said, we're fixing to make the opinion right now. Come on, let's vote. Mr. Hart said, all I can tell you is —. Commissioner Price said, we can't vote. Commissioner DeLoach said, oh, that's right. Mr. Hart said, the matter has been reviewed by the County Attorney that is handling the matter. Chairman Hair said, one at a time, one at a time please. One at a time.

Mr. Hart said, Mr. Jackel, all I can tell you that the County Attorney that was handling the matter before the MPC is handling the action in the Superior Court has indicated that this matter is properly before this body on first reading? Commissioner Jackel asked, do we have that in writing? Mr. Hart said, no. All I can rely on —, I do not know. All I know is what the MPC report tells me there. Chairman Hair asked, but as the County Attorney you're saying that this is legally before us. Mr. Hart said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Chairman Hair said, that answers the question. Commissioner Jackel said, he just said he didn't know. Chairman Hair said, he just said he didn't have it in writing, Commissioner Jackel. He said in his opinion that —, he makes opinions all the time but not in writing. Mr. Hart said, Mr. Jackel, in the interim period of time I'll look at that and I'll be happy to address that question to you at the next meeting and give you an opinion on that, sir. I apologize for not knowing that, but I did not expect that to come up today.

Chairman Hair then read Item 7 into the record as first reading.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into record as first reading.

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8. AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS IN ORDER TO BETTER ENSURE COLLOCATION AND AESTHETIC COMPATIBILITY. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. 96-11484-C.2 NO DISTRICT/TEXT AMENDMENT/UNINCORPORATED AREA

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into the record as first reading.

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9. AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY SANITATION ORDINANCE TO ALLOW GARBAGE AND REFUSE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD OR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TO LIMIT THE TIME THAT RECEPTACLES MAY REMAIN AT THE ROADSIDE OR RIGHT-OF-WAY AFTER COLLECTION.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into the record as first reading.

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE, SECTION 17-115, CERTIFICATION OF SUNDAY SALES ELIGIBILITY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into the record as first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- PETITIONERS, HILDA WHITAKER, FRANK L. BOURNE, JR., JAMES SHEPPARD, RONALD KOLMAN, MARTIN J. HEIMES AND MARIANNE M. HEIMES, ARE REQUESTING THAT THE TEXT OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS BE AMENDED BY REPEALING THE CURRENT ORDINANCE AND ENACTING A NEW ONE IN ITS PLACE. GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS UNDERTAKING, THE MPC RECOMMENDED THAT THE REQUEST BE APPROVED AND THAT THE COUNTY FUND THE ACTIVITY AS A LINE ITEM IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS' BUDGETS.**

MPC FILE NO. 97-11982-C

NO DISTRICT/TEXT AMENDMENT/UNINCORPORATED AREA

Commissioner Murray said, move for approval with discussion. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second, but we do have discussion. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yes, I understand there's a fund from rezonings that people pay into. Is that right? Mr. Bill Saxman said, right. They pay the County a fee to advertise or to carry out —. Commissioner Murray said, right, and that money is restricted to use with what? Mr. Saxman said, well the County uses it for advertisements and they pay their postage and the newspaper announcements and putting up the signs. They pay for the signs out of that fund. Commissioner Murray asked, do you know how much we have in that fund? Mr. Abolt said, no sir. I'm not aware of any County funds that could be diverted to the amount of the \$75,000 to \$100,000 that's identified in the MPC report. Commissioner Murray said, because if those funds are there and if we can use them, I would recommend we do that. Mr. Saxman said, I'm not sure of any funds you're referring to either. Commissioner Murray said, [inaudible] ask somebody to check into it.

Chairman Hair said, one of my problems, Commissioner Murray, with this is I think it does need to be done, but the way this motion is structured, the way this reading is structured, first of all, we don't know how much it's going to cost. There is no fixed dollar amount. We did not budget for this in our current budget, so even if we approved it, we would have to find money for it, which means we've got to cut something else. Also, in the past we have shared funding with the City 50/50 on MPC items, and there is no provision at this point to do that. I don't know why the County should fund a hundred percent of it, and my major problem with it is there is no fixed dollar amount to this and it is not in the current budget, so I have a problem with just in essence passing a blank check here. I think it's definitely something needs to be done, but I do not think the way this is structured with no funding budgeted and no amount budgeted, I have a real problem with this.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm concerned about that aspect of it too. Not knowing exactly where the money is going to come from and how much it's going to be, I would be a little reluctant about wanting to approve this at this time the way it is, you know, written.

Chairman Hair asked, any other discussion? Commissioner Murray asked, do you have any idea what the cost of this would be? Mr. Saxman said, well, based on conversations we've had since this issue came up, it looks like it's going to be around, based on other comparable communities, around \$100,000 as a minimum. It's according to how much time. It could be handled on two or three levels. The staff could do it as a sort of, fit it in as we can on the work program. That's going to spread it out over a longer time period. We could hire a special staff to come on board and budget it as a staff position to work with it, or you could, you know, hire it out as a consultant basis. In either case it's going to take a lot of time. It's more difficult to go back in and revise an existing ordinance in a lot of cases than it is to create a new ordinance because you've got to work with all the issues that have been created over the years as far as legitimizing land uses, and people don't like to become non-conforming, so we'll have to have a lot of committee meetings, work with the home builders, the real estate people, the tree commission, all those bodies in order to come up with an item that's going to be acceptable. So I'm just giving an off-the-head comment. Based on the consultants I've talked with it, \$100,000 is basically the minimum, two-year minimum time period.

Chairman Hair asked, Mrs. Whitaker, would you like to make a comment?

Mrs. Hilda Whitaker said, yes sir, I would. My name is Hilda Whitaker and I am a petitioner in this adventure [sic] because since 1989 and the issues that have faced Chatham County there is a very distinct need that the Zoning Ordinance be simplified and people should be able to understand it, especially the average citizen. Number two, it needs to be clarified so each and every citizen of this County will know what they can and cannot do. They need to be updated to utilize new technology. The figure that has been stated is because —, is a guesstimate because it has not gone out for bids to see what it actually would cost us. Mr. Chairman, your comments, if you're concerned about the reading of the word city in there, I agree with you because it was not a city petition. This petition was filed for the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance and has nothing to do with the City, but sometime a petition may be filed with the City to do the same thing. This pertains only with Chatham County. Chairman Hair said, but, Mrs. Whitaker, can I ask you a question. Mrs. Whitaker said, yes sir. Chairman Hair asked, you are aware though that this has not been budgeted in the budget we just passed two weeks ago? Mrs. Whitaker said, very aware, but I've not —. Chairman Hair asked, so how are we going to come up with the money? Mrs. Whitaker said, well, if you'll allow me, Mr. Chairman, I think if the County Attorney researches it and finds that a lot of the areas who collection inspection fees. We have the Zoning Administrator in the Inspections Department. They administer the zoning decisions. If a legal opinion could be determined if in fact that is not an appropriate use of the money that is collected, and I think that's the first place we start. Other areas funds their entire planning by the use of such fees, and I think that it's an appropriate use of the funds and I think that it will be hard for someone to show me that it's not. Chairman Hair said, but there is no current source of funding for this. Mrs. Whitaker said, no sir. This was to move it off of dead center. As I said, I've been coming since 1989. If you don't take some action, we're always hanging out there, and the longer we wait the more convoluted the ordinance gets. It's always making something put in place or amend something so someone can get something. It depends on who they are.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray has a question, I believe. Do you have a question? Commissioner Murray said, I've got one in a minute. Let Joe [Rivers] go ahead.

Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman, my thing is that I'm going to probably move to table this item simply because we don't have the money, and as we go down the road we can look for the funds to do that. I will not disburse anything that we don't have the money for. Chairman Hair said, all right. We have a motion to table. Do I have a second? Commissioner Murray said, wait a minute. Did you make the motion just then because I wanted to ask a question before we vote. Commissioner Rivers said, I'll wait until you ask the question. Chairman Hair said, you'll wait until he asks the question. Okay, Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I was going to do the same thing, but I wanted before we did that to let the County Attorney research this restricted fund, or whatever they call it, and see how much money is in there and if those funds can be used for something like this. Mr. Hart asked, for reviewing the Zoning Ordinance or funding the Zoning Ordinance? Commissioner Murray said, yes.

Mrs. Whitaker asked, may I make one other statement, Mr. Chairman? I may be able to get some information for the County Attorney that I have read if he would be interested in reading it, but I'd like to say that it's not something that I want to die or the citizens want to die. We had representatives to do this because if we're going to get to sustain the development into terms of growth, we're going to have to address it because that ordinance won't allow us to do it.

Chairman Hair said, I don't think there's any question everybody probably up here unanimously agrees that it has to be done. It definitely needs to be changed. I just think that we just need to get a handle on how it's going to be funded and that sort of thing. Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Rivers, are you ready to make your motion? Commissioner Rivers said, I'm going to let the —, I think the Colonel wants to say something before I —.

Mr. Frank L. Bourne, Jr., said, I'm one of the petitioners. I'd like to call to the Commission's attention just for a minute to put [inaudible] to your brains this morning. The first reading Item #8 was concerning communication towers. This is a classic example of rezoning following the action. Communication Towers Zoning Ordinance, you know, has been --, about eight years ago we started using cell phones and the towers started going up. Today, eight years, eight or nine years later, we still don't any ordinances towers, on communication towers. One of the big complaints among the citizens is the fact that the City of Savannah is starting to look like a porcupine during the daytime and the night looks like a Christmas tree, and this is a classic example of why we need change the zoning ordinance.

Chairman Hair said, again, Colonel, I don't think anybody disagrees with that. Everybody agrees it's got to be done. We just need to find a source of funding. Mr. Bourne said, please don't let it die. Chairman Hair said, I agree. I agree totally. The Chair will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved to table. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion and a second to table. The motion to table is not debatable. All those in favor vote yes. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Mrs. Whitaker asked, is that tabled to a time certain, Mr. Chairman? Chairman Hair said, it was not tabled to —, the motion did not table it to a time —. Commissioner Rivers said, we can pull it back up. As we go through and find the funds, we can pull it up. Chairman Hair said, it can be pulled back up at any meeting. Mrs. Whitaker said, point of order, Mr. Chairman. Will the County Attorney be ready by the next meeting? Chairman Hair said, I don't know if he will have —. Jon [Hart], when are you going to be able to get that data, that ruling on the source to Commissioner Murray's question? Mr. Hart said, yes, I'll be glad to have it by next meeting. Chairman Hair said, okay. We'll probably have it by then. We can bring it up at any —, we can take it off the table at any meeting. Mrs. Whitaker said, thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, okay, what's the date —, particularly, we also need, Russ [Abolt], we need to work with the MPC and try to find a source of funds. That's the main thing. We need to find a specific source of funding and if we get the ruling from the County Attorney and also the source of funding from the County Manager, we'll be ready to deal with this.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Murray moved to approve the petition of Hilda Whitaker, Frank L. Bourne, Jr., James Sheppard, Ronald Kolman, Martin J. Heimes and Marianne M. Heimes, requesting that the text of the Chatham County Zoning Regulations be amended by repealing the current ordinance and enacting a new one in its place, and that the County fund the activity as a line item in the next two years' budgets. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Rivers moved that this item be tabled and to be placed before the Commissioners when certain information has been obtained regarding funding. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **PETITIONER, ROBERT W. LEE, OWNER, IS REQUESTING THAT A 34.84 ACRE PORTION OF A 52.45 ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF FORT ARGYLE ROAD BE REZONED FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO A PD-R-SM (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RECLAMATION-SURFACE MINING) ZONING CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A BORROW PIT ON THE SITE. THE MPC RECOMMENDED THAT THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST AND THE GENERAL SITE PLAN WHICH SHOWS ULTIMATE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AS A FISH POND AND THREE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS BE APPROVED.**
MPC FILE NO. 97-11984-C
[DISTRICT 7.]

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Price said, I'll make a motion just to get it on the floor. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, second, okay. Any discussion?

Commissioner DeLoach said, I've got some. Chairman Hair said, okay. Mr. Saxman, do you want to --.

Mr. Bill Saxman said, well, petitioner is requesting to establish a borrow pit, which eventually will be a fish pond for the three single family houses that would back up to the existing single family houses that front along Fort Argyle Road. There's a map on your —, in your report on page 10 of the report which shows the outline. They meet all the Code requirements for a 75-foot buffer, and it actually, where they're siting back adjacent to those residential properties it would be about a 200-foot buffer between the adjoining residential properties. This would have to be monitored and approved by the County Engineering Department over the three years that they propose to dig this dirt out of this particular borrow pit. It does meet Code requirements and they are —, in the long range they'll be complying with the land use plans for this area.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I've got a question. If they're in compliance, then they're in compliance if we change the —. Mr. Saxman said, I mean, the long use plan calls for residential use of this property. Commissioner DeLoach said, it's residential use out there, not borrow pit. Mr. Saxman said, well, then —. Commissioner DeLoach said, let me speak. At the present time it is for residential —. Mr. Saxman said, R-A, Agriculture —. Commissioner DeLoach said, not borrow pit. Mr. Saxman said, right. Commissioner DeLoach said, so they're not in compliance with the long term plan if we do this. Now if we decide to make a change and open a borrow pit here and vote in favor of that, then they would be long term, but right now they are not in compliance. Mr. Saxman said, their long term plan would be in compliance with the County's long term plan. Commissioner DeLoach said, a borrow pit there is based on what —? Mr. Saxman said, a fishing pond with residential lots would be the long term. During the three years they're digging the borrow pit, that would not necessarily be in compliance with a residential classification in that area, but the buffers and the setbacks and the County control over the dust and things of this nature with borrow pits, it's proven to be adequate in most cases. They have not been adequate and the County's been able to close them down where they do create a nuisance or problems. The long range plan of this —, after three years would be for three residential lots with another seven or eight acres adjacent to this property that they also own which potentially will be developed for residential with a large fish pond. Commissioner DeLoach asked, for who? Their own personal place? Is it their own personal land or what? Mr. Saxman said, it would be the people that actually live in this subdivision, yes. Commissioner Price said, probably the developer. Mr. Saxman said, the developer and the ones that buy lots in the subdivision. Commissioner DeLoach asked, well, who's supposed to inspect these? Mr. Saxman said, the County Engineering Department and the State. Commissioner DeLoach said, I need somebody from the County Engineering Department. You got somebody here, Russ [Abolt]? Mr. Abolt said, I'll get someone, sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, I need somebody on this. I'd like to table this until we get to that or we get somebody up here. Mr. Abolt said, we'll get them right now, sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Commissioner Price said, second.

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second to table until a later time on the agenda. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. We'll come back to it..

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Chairman Hair said, we need to take this off the table. Commissioner DeLoach said, I move to take it off the table. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second to take it off the table. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion is off the table. Okay, Mr. Bungard, would you come forward please. Commissioner DeLoach has a question.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, who handles the borrow pits? Who's responsible for inspecting borrow pits to make sure they're in compliance? Mr. Al Bungard said, well, if it's on one for a contract we're doing, the County, and if it's one that the DOT is borrowing from, the DOT inspectors inspect it. I was, in fact, trying to check out this one when you handed me a note of Galbreath Paving Company —. Commissioner DeLoach said, right. Mr. Bungard said, and I think Vince [Grevemberg] might know something about it.

Mr. Vincent Grevemberg said, that's a DOT pit right now. I'm in communication with DOT right now, and they're looking into the complaints that were raised at the MPC meeting on Tuesday.

Commissioner DeLoach said, all right. My concern is we're passing a zoning ordinance right now for dirt or whatever. If by chance these folks contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for funds and dirt and all that, at that time we automatically come off the inspections and we're not responsible for that pit. Is that correct? Mr. Grevemberg said, it's DOT. we cannot enforce it. Commissioner DeLoach said, I mean, and a DOT is based on whether we contract with DOT. It can open us as one then and then eventually become another. Based on the fact that, you know, DOT comes out there and says, yes, this dirt qualifies for what we want, they can automatically become DOT pits. That's my understanding. Is that correct? Mr. Grevemberg said, that's my understanding. Commissioner DeLoach said, all right, at that time who handles the inspecting? Galbreath, when Galbreath opened this pit base back in 1996, did he open it up as a DOT pit? Mr. Grevemberg said, we do not have enforcement authority in that. The answer is no, we do not, DOT does. Mr. Bungard said, the DOT does. Mr. Grevemberg said, DOT is responsible. Mr. Bungard asked, was it opened as a DOT pit? Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Mr. Bungard said, yes. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, so it was specifically opened as a DOT pit. So we have no business over there, we have not done anything there, it's not our responsibility as you know it today? We're not responsible for that pit? Mr. Grevemberg said, well, if we get complaints we will check it out and we will notify the DOT of the complaint for them to handle. Commissioner DeLoach said, see, this is where we've got —, this is my problem with this whole deal. Nobody's looking after what's important to us. DOT is getting the dirt. We don't have a clue what's going on. I went and looked at one last night that was opened for a 20-foot pit and a 20-acre location. That son of a gun is a Grand Canyon. I'm telling you, that son of a gun —, it has dropped the water table around that area an unbelievable amount, and the place —, I'm not kidding you, I couldn't see the bottom of it. I looked. I got binoculars. I could not see the bottom it's so deep. Commissioner Price said, now because of all the rain. Commissioner DeLoach said, no, they didn't have rain. They've got the pump going, steady going. It's cranking, it's going. They've got a trench dug around it and all this stuff, but it's supposed

to be 20 feet. Honestly, you could put this building in it. Mr. Bungard said, okay, I'll check that out and find out what their control —.

Commissioner DeLoach said, my problem is there are supposed to be lots around there and there are supposed to be all these different things that's supposed to be happened as far as our —, we're passing here today, that's there's supposed to be —. This pit I understand today is going to be closed in three years. Is that correct? The one I'm voting on right now? Mr. Saxman said, yes sir, that's what [inaudible]. Commissioner DeLoach said, all right. They're going to open and they're going to close and we're going to have clean lots. Everything's going to be up to snuff in three years, is that right, Bill [Saxman]? Mr. Saxman said, if all the reviews and everything are in place, that's the way it's supposed to work out. On the other one, if I can give a background on the Galbreath pit, they came in to get a petition to rezone. They were supposed to go back to the MPC with specific development plans. They just went back last Tuesday and that's two years later. I spoke with the legal staff a year or so ago and was told that if the DOT actually owns the land and controls it, then they are exempt from the local regulations, but the information I was given, and I just talked with Jon Hart on this and he is going to verify this with Ms. Garrard, if the State actually is a third party and they go in and lease the land from somebody else, then they've got to comply with local regulations. And that's the understanding I have. Commissioner DeLoach said, when we passed the original specs on this thing, it was passed with so-called Galbreath in charge, but there's a group of three men that actually own this land. We made the agreement not with the State. We made it with this group —. Mr. Saxman said, this was private individuals. The way I understand, and I'm not an attorney, but the way I understand Ms. Garrard's ruling a year or so ago, if the State doesn't actually own the land and they actually just third-party contract, then whoever owns the land has got to comply with local regulations. There's a court decision on 17 where the County Commission turned down a borrow pit, the owner went and leased the land to the DOT and they carried it to court and the court did rule that the DOT could run it, but there was some misunderstanding there that they thought the State actually owned the land or actually had a lease, and they were actually a sub-lessor there, but Emily's [Garrard] come and we'll get back with Mr. Hart and verify that before the next meeting. The way I understand it, someone that's not —, someone's running the borrow pit that's not owned by the DOT, then they've got to follow the local rules just like anybody else. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, basically —, and those local rules had a set of covenants that went with that whole area these people bought homes in that back up to this, the Grand Canyon there. Mr. Saxman said, well, the covenants would be a civil matter, but at the same time they do —, are required when they get this zoning, if they get the zoning, they are required to come in with a specific development plan. The County Engineer signs off on it, the MPC signs off on it, the Health Department signs off on it and the owner signs. They have specific development standards, the buffers, the depth of it, how much materials can be hauled out, where the haul road is going to be and the time period. All that's spelled out and recorded in the courthouse, and if that's put in place and recorded and enforced, then there should be no problems. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Well, obviously, none of this was done on this one. We need —, I need all that information on that. I want everything —. Anyway, I need to get that information on that.

Chairman Hair asked, do you want to table or you want to just —, what do you want to do? Commissioner DeLoach said, no, I'll just go ahead and passed this based on —, but I want the information on Galbreath, that outfit out there. Chairman Hair said, all right. Sybil [Tillman], do we have a motion already on the floor? The Clerk said, yes. Chairman Hair said, okay. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the petition of Robert W. Lee, Owner, requesting that a 34.84 acre portion of a 52.45 acre tract located on the east side of Fort Argyle Road be rezoned from R-A (Residential-Agriculture) to a PD-R-SM (Planned Development-Reclamation-Surface Mining) zoning classification in order to develop a borrow pit on the site, and to approve the general site plan, which shows ultimate redevelopment of the site as a fish pond and three single-family residential lots. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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XIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information status report.

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2. POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS, PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information status report.

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3. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999.

Chairman Hair said, I want to point out, primarily for the public, if you look at #3, the list of purchasing items between \$2,500 and \$9,999, remember at the last meeting we approved a motion that allowed that I would sign only above \$10,000, and we agreed that they would come back as information items. This particular meeting they were put in our agenda book, but they were not put in the public's section. I've requested the County Manager, and Dr. Thomas agreed with me on this at our agenda review, that in the future starting next meeting this will also be in the public portion of the agenda so the public will also have access to these purchasing items between \$2,500 and \$9,999. So, starting next Board meeting we'll all —, they'll be in the public section, not just in our book.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information status report.

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4. STATUS REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF INSPECTIONS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS WITH THOSE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information status report.

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5. POOL OPENING STATUS.

Commissioner Murray said, I would just like to get a quick update on the pool opening status.

Mr. Abolt said, well, sir, from Mr. Lynch's report you'll see that progress is being made. It was inspected last week by some organizers of the forthcoming events that are going to be the proper debut for the pool. There has been no backing off of a commitment to have those events in February and March. We plan to open the pool for team practice to use a shake-down for the facility on the 31st of January. During the week of the 9th of February it will be open to the general public, and then there will be a dedication ceremony probably scheduled for the first part of March.

Commissioner Murray said, good. I just mainly did that for the public rather than us. Mr. Abolt said, yes sir.

Commissioner DeLoach said, we've got several opening up today around my area.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information status report.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - COMMISSIONER JACKEL

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, while we're in the information and waiting phase, I just wanted to take this opportunity to —, Commissioner Odell requested a report from our Sheriff, Al St. Lawrence, on holding mentally incompetent people in the County detention facility. It was an excellent report Sheriff. You really gave us a lot of good information, made a lot of good sense. I liked what you had to say.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Sheriff. Thank you, Commissioner Jackel.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Rivers moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Following adjournment of Executive Session, the meeting of the Chatham County Commissioners reconvened.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF MICHAEL R. HALL V. CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, CIVIL ACTION NO. CV96-0524-KA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to place this item on the agenda and approve the settlement of *Michael R. Hall v. Chatham County, Georgia*, Civil Action No. CV96-0524-KA, in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Price was not present.]

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2. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE OFFER TO SETTLE ALL CLAIMS OF MARIE ALLBRITTON INN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,906.71.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Jackel moved to place this item on the agenda and authorize the County Attorney's office to offer \$16,906.71 to settle all claims of Marie Allbritton as a result of an accident with Larry Guillory, a Public Works employee, which occurred on January 5, 1998, at the intersection of Rio Road and Abercorn Extension. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Price was not present.]

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APPOINTMENTS:

1. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to add this item to the agenda and approve the appointment of the following persons to serve as full voting members of the Chatham County Local Emergency Planning Commission for 1998: Russ Abolt, Chatham County Manager; Michael Acree, Hercules, Inc.; Al Allen, Colonial Oil; Richard Brown, Georgia Pacific Resins; Sylvester Brown, Chatham County Health Department; Allen Cywin, Chatham Environmental Forum; Randall Davis, Indchem, Inc.; Denny Day, SWS, Inc.; M/Sgt. Matthew Dunn, Georgia National Guard Fire Department, Stuart Exley, Savannah Foods, Inc.; Thomas Farrior, Citgo Asphalt; Ms. Kelly Gasque, Union Camp Corporation; Ms. Emily Garrard, Chatham County Attorney's Office; Blane Goss, Chatham County Board of Education; Ms. Lori Griffin, Chatham County Community Relations; David Hall, Medstar Ambulance Service; Charles Hendricks, Paktank Inc.-Savannah Terminal; Ms. Amy Hughes, Savannah Manufacturer's Council; Ms. Judy Jennings, Sierra Club; John Johnson, Tosco Industries; Dennis Jones, Intermarine, Inc.; Mr. David Jones, Savannah City Council; Lt.JG Brendan Kettner, United States Coast Guard; Scott Kyck, Kemira Pigments; Major William Lyght, Savannah Police Department, Earl Markee, Concerned Citizen; Ms. Margaret Martin, Citizens Crime Commission; Dr. Mildred McClain, Citizens for Environmental Justice; Chief Wesley Meadows, Southside Fire Department; Larry Miles, S&ME Engineering; Capt. Jim Murray, Turecamo Environmental; Michael O'Harold, Ashland Chemical; John Peck, Maritime Bureau, Inc.; Chief Carl Plaugher, Savannah Fire Department; Lenny Pye, Natrochem; Robert Reavis, Savannah Electric Company; Thom Reel, American Red Cross; Kenneth Rimes, EM Industries; Ms. Meredith Romminger, Palmer and Cay Insurance; David Saussy, Chatham County Commissioner; William Sherrod, Gulfstream Aerospace; Dr. Robert Smith, Chatham County Emergency Management; Robert Staples, St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital; Kenneth Swanson, Kemwater North America; Mitchell Tomlinson, Air Liquide; Chief Ralph Towbridge, Hunter/Fort Stewart; Carr Tyndall, Stone Savannah River Pulp and Paper; Ms. Loretta Van Damm, Concerned Citizen; and John Wilder, American Society of Safety Engineers. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Price was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1998

DR. BILLY B. HAIR, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK