

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON JANUARY 22, 1999, 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 22, 1999.

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**II. INVOCATION**

The Reverend John Savage 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, County Clerk
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**YOUTH COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Hair said, I would like to start off this morning by introducing our Youth Commissioner who is with us today. We have Mr. Henry O'Neal, who is a sophomore at Beach High School. We're glad to have you with us, Henry.

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## **V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. MYSTERY CUSTOMER AWARDS.**

Chairman Hair said, the first thing on our agenda is our Mystery Customer Awards. Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hair, gentlemen, before we go any further I want to do something here to make sure—. Chairman Hair said, make sure the check's in there. County Manager Abolt said, we're okay—. Where's the check? Wait a minute, wait a minute, sir. I apologize. Chairman Hair said, I thought we were going to correct that problem. County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Johnson is trying to get one over on me now. He's puts pieces of paper in there, but—. Would you like to explain this to us please? I just returned from four days of vacation and figured this problem was solved. Would you please.

Mr. Van Johnson said, the checks are in process. [Laughter.] County Manager Abolt said, I can't believe it. You're trying to get one over on me. You thought I wouldn't even look. Go ahead, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson said, the checks are in process. Mr. Chair, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, our County Manager has found us out once again. County Manager Abolt said, go ahead, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said, it gives us great pleasure to again recognize the daily accomplishments of Chatham County employees through our Mystery Customer Program. You established this innovative program last year to identify employees who make customer satisfaction a daily professional goal. After a brief holiday, our mystery customer was in and about the County departments requesting County services. Maybe the mystery customer was having a bad hair day, maybe the mystery customer was dissatisfied with a particular service, or maybe the mystery customer just questioned a particular policy or procedure. Nonetheless, our mystery customer has reported three positive contacts and three positive outcomes. Our recipients this morning are: We have Beverly Hardee from EMS. Beverly [Hardee] has been working with us since August 1982. She's served as a clerk with the Metro Drug Squad, County Police Department, and she is presently administrative assistant with the EMS services. Zack Shuman is here as well as Chief Sprague of the County Police Department.

Chief Thomas Sprague said, Beverly [Hardee] is a good County employee. I don't know where she gets the time. She works eight hours a day on the administrative staff of the EMS, she's the secretary for the Chatham Medical Advisory Board, the EMS Advisory Board, and then on weekends and in her spare time she's also a Certified EMT and works in Effingham County. She's a great employee.

Ms. Hardee said, I'd like to thank y'all for this opportunity and I'd also like to thank y'all for y'all's continued support of EMS and hope we can always count on it.

Mr. Johnson said, our second recipient is Donna Williams. Donna Williams has been employed with Chatham County since August of 1993. She's served as a clerical assistant in Animal Control, the Sheriff's Department, and in Juvenile Court. Lee Moore, the Juvenile Court Administrator, is here this morning as well with Ms. Williams.

Mr. Lee Moore said, I think Donna's [Williams] position is often like being a County Commissioner. You don't really hear when you do things well, but people complain when they don't think you've done things right, and having to answer the phone for a bunch of irate citizens at times takes a lot of discipline and it takes a person like Donna [Williams] to handle that well, and we're glad to have her.

Ms. Williams said, I'd like to thank all the Commissioners and thank everyone for this, and I'd like to thank Sheriff St. Lawrence and Major Davin and Lt. Kitchell for believing in me when others didn't, and I'd like to thank Mr. Moore and Judge Beam and his Clerk and Judge Ayala and Mr. Harper, and I'd like to also thank retired Sheriff Mitchell for giving me an opportunity to be a dispatcher, and it's not always easy, but I try to remember the golden rule and treat people the way I'd like to be treated. Thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, our final recipient this morning is Pvt. Sonia Biggins from the Sheriff's Department. Pvt. Biggins has been employed with Chatham County since 1994. She's served as Deputy Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff, and in her current capacity as Advanced Deputy Sheriff. She was recognized by her peers and administrators as she was Corrections Bureau Officer of the Month in August of 1997. Pvt. Biggins is accompanied by a bunch of folks from the Sheriff's Department including Sheriff St. Lawrence, Maj. McArthur Holmes and Sgt. Carpenter from the Sheriff's Department—. Sgt. Wilson said, Wilson. Mr. Johnson said, Wilson. I'm sorry, Wilson.

Pvt. Biggins said, good morning. To Dr. Hair, to Sheriff St. Lawrence, to Maj. Holmes, I accept this humbly and gracefully. It is my privilege to have been with this department these years, and I thank you so much. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Maj. Holmes said, I'd like to say something nice about Pvt. Biggins. She works in two of the most critical areas that we have at the Sheriff's Department in the Corrections Bureau and that is in the Control Center, and they're responsible for electronic as well as visual surveillance of a 1226 bed facility that we now have well over 1300, almost 1400 inmates in there. So it's very critical and the other duty she has is that of working in the lobby and dealing directly with the public, with all the families, with attorneys, with visitors and anybody that comes out to the complex, and they're—, her face is the first that they may see, and she's there to make sure that they feel comfortable in one of the most unusual situations that sometimes they can be in. So we're very proud of her and I think she's done an excellent job for us. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mac.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, Mac [Holmes] said it all. There's not much I can add to it. We are very glad that they have given her this award. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Sheriff.

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### **UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CITY/COUNTY INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENTS**

Chairman Hair said, okay. That takes us to the Commissioner's items. First, I would like to report to the Commission that at the last meeting the Commission asked me to meet with the Mayor and the City Manager concerning the Inspections consolidation. We had that meeting this week. I think it was a very productive meeting. We had with us the Assistant County Manager, representing the County Manager, we had Michael Brown, we had the Mayor, myself, and the Attorney, and what we agreed to do was to have the Managers of the City and County over the next 30 days to get together and decide all of the issues that they can decide at their level and then around March 22nd we will have a joint meeting of the entire Commission and the entire Council and then work out any final issues at that point that were at the policy level, and hopefully we can get the consolidation of Inspections moving. So, I just wanted to report to the Commission on that.

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### **APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL 12-MEMBER COMMITTEE REGARDING LIBRARY ISSUES**

Chairman Hair said, the second is this morning I would like to get our process started. We have discussed on numerous occasions about setting up a group of people that would be working over the next seven or eight months to deal with the issues between the Commission and the Library, and what we've agreed to do is set up a 12-member group and there's three Commissioners, three City Aldermen, three members of the School Board and three members of the Library Board, and those 12 folks will work over the next seven or eight months and bring back to us whatever we need to do in terms of policy issues that will hopefully give us the kind of library system we all want to see in Chatham County. I'd like at this time to appoint Commissioner Saussy, Commissioner DeLoach, and Commissioner Odell to be the County representatives, and all three have agreed to serve. They've all worked individually very hard on this issue and they're familiar with the issues involved, so we're going to ask those three to serve as our representatives and then there will be the other nine members appointed by the respective bodies, so we hope to get that off of dead center as well. I appreciate their—. Yes, Commissioner Murray?

Commissioner Murray asked, who will be calling the meetings? I really think it should be initiated with one of the three Commissioners that are on that board. Chairman Hair said, that's a very good point. I was going to ask Commissioner Saussy if you would be responsible for that, I would appreciate that very much.

Chairman Hair said, okay, the next item under my section—.

Mr. Barry asked, could I speak to that? Chairman Hair said, briefly, yes sir. Mr. Barry said, it's—, who's to be on this board to discuss the future of the library? Chairman Hair asked, sir? Mr. Barry asked, who's to be on the board to discuss the future of the—? Chairman Hair said, it will be a 12 member—. It's not necessarily the future of the library, but basically to work out the issues between the respective bodies. It would be three City Councilmen, three—, uh, three Aldermen, three Commissioners, three School Board members and three members from the Library Board, and we would certainly think that they would have tremendous citizen input in that process. It would not be something done behind the scenes and that sort of thing. Mr. Barry said, well, it seems that the strength of the Citizens for Library Preservation would be so obvious that if they are not appointed to be a part of it rather than this board come to the people or the citizens, that seems to me wrong.

Chairman Hair said, I personally don't have a problem with that. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I want to add that although what we—, what you're saying we do, we're actually taking place with the actual governmental bodies, the Library Board has already lined up a group to meet along with the concerned citizens. In other words, the concerned citizens will be a part of that board that is going to actually look at the downtown area. So, I mean, that was what was discussed at—.

Mr. Barry said, what is so, and I used the word before, disappointing is that we we're told these six libraries were to be closed in January. Partly because of the Commissioners and partly because of the citizens, that seems put back. At the meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Kaster said the libraries—, the six libraries would not be closed in the year 1999, and I heard him, but what I heard Dr. Hair say was that the library—, that they would commit or put or place \$400,000 towards the new life of these libraries. To my mind, it wasn't just keeping them out there, it was giving them more vigorous life and it was something in the range of \$190,000. I would like to see life brought certainly in February, and I, one, and I'm an old theater man for many years and I have the roll [inaudible] theater company and also the African-American Young Shakespeare Troupe. I will commit through the year of 1999 my work to work with plays, poetry, short stories, et cetera, and with the young people as being performers, and the other side of it is will the library give some work, will we have a little money to make it right?

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Barry, we can't decide that today, but we promise you we'll discuss that. That's not a decision we can make today. Mr. Barry said, soon, soon. You shouldn't spend the whole year at it. Chairman Hair said, I agree. I totally agree, Mr. Barry. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, the whole purpose in this committee and the reason that you've got three representatives from four governing bodies is because if you open it up to one group or another group after that, then you've got to open it up to everyone, and what we're planning on doing is having this group meet and come up with some recommendations and then have public hearings after that where the citizens are involved at that point. Mr. Barry said, I stay opposed, and I spoke up and I oppose exactly what you said, sir. Commissioner Murray said, and I respect your feelings, but you can't open the committee up right now to every entity out in Chatham County until the government agencies that are responsible for the funding and the operation of it have put the plan together and worked their differences out, and we certainly have differences right now. Mr. Barry said, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Mackey and myself and others will return soon to this foray, sir. Commissioner Murray said, that's fine. That's your right.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much.

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## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

### **1. PRESENTATION BY SEACOAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

Chairman Hair said, our next presentation is going to be by the SeaCoast Workforce Development Board and Mr. Tony O'Reilly, who most of us know very well, is going to lead that presentation. Chairman Hair recognized Mr. O'Reilly.

Mr. O'Reilly said, thank you, Chairman Hair. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. Good morning, Commissioners. Today I am joined by Mr. Harry O'Brien and Freda Rutherford, who's the director of SeaCoast Workforce Development Board. She's here to support us on the technical issues that the board members might not be fully schooled on. SeaCoast Workforce Development Board is a coming together of two private industry councils in 1996 to make the workforce development board to implement job training through the Department of Labor in the Counties of Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh. We have 33 total members on the board, 51% are private. That means they're business owners and private sector individuals, and 49% public. The board has a staff of eight people. The City—, that are City of Savannah employees, and the City is the administrator of the grant. The CEO group is the Chief Elected Officials and the reason that we're here today is comprised of locally elected County and City officials responsible for two main functions: the appointing of the board and the joint approval of the two-year unified plan. The board and staff actually at SeaCoast do not provide any direct services, but what we do want from you is to support what we're doing at the level of ground services that are provided. February 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a CEO meeting from our area. Mayor Adams, Chairman Hair, Manager Russ Abolt, and Michael Brown are the representatives on the CEO council for our area. The next thing is what we want the CEO's to do and that is basically we need your support. We're getting a lot of money from the Department of Labor, we're responsible for some very important ground activities. Here again, there's always changing—, changes in legislations [sic] on the Federal level in terms of standard operating procedures on the State level, and we will come to you from time to time asking that you support what we're doing with SeaCoast.

Mr. O'Reilly said, our service region includes Chatham County and Effingham County in Zone One. That's where we're interested in today. We have done this for management purposes so that we can pool our resources to make sure that there is an effective delivery of services. Most contracts are let out by request and are bid on through the zones. And this is an important question because sometimes it's difficult to understand, but we want to get the word out so that everybody understands what we're doing, and that is, you know, what does SeaCoast actually do? The board and staff, and this important, provide no direct services anymore. We contract out these services to vendors who are responsible for the implementation of programs and the implementation of the plans. They provide the direct job training and the case management services. SeaCoast—, we're able to pay for four semesters and eight quarters of college or technical school, we're able to pay for support for childcare, transportation, lodging. We also pay for and contract out customized training in the form of technical school training and then have them hired to do work where they have been requested that training. On the job training, we do pay employers and match payroll to offset the costs involved in training someone on the job, and this is becoming a more important element of what we're doing. Sometimes this wage reimbursement up to 50% and other employee/employer incentives. Welfare—, also welfare clients receive services from various pots of money. You probably recently heard that SeaCoast, through a competitive process, was awarded \$4.1 million to be involved in welfare work activity and is currently under—, in the stage of implementation. Short term training for training clients, such as nurse assistant training is a good example, also summer program employ—, the summer youth program employ more than 800 youth each summer in Coastal Georgia and they're paid for wages through SeaCoast allocations. And the funding for '98 is about \$3.9 million. You're looking at the way it is distributed in terms of welfare bills, the one-stop center. The one-stop center, by the way, in terms of job assistance search center on Bull and Bay just had our grand opening. Please go by there and take a look. We can talk all day, but if you go by there, look and see what's being utilized, you'll be more than impressed and glad to see what you're supporting. In the summer, you can—.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, could you tell me what that—? Break that out. Instead of title one and eleven—, I don't understand all that stuff. Can you tell me what that money really is? How it's broken out, where you're spending your money?

Ms. Kerry Harrell said, welfare-to-work, WTW, Title 2-A is for adults—. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, tell me, green, yellow, blue, I can understand that. Ms. Harrell said, okay, green is funds for the adults who are low income. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Ms. Harrell said, or just—, well, actually most of them are low income and have various components. The red are youth funds for low income youth. The blue are for dislocated workers, like the Stone Container shutdown and so forth. This kind of money goes to them, and the yellow is the welfare-to-work funds to go to welfare clients who have been on the rolls for more than

30 months, and there are other requirements. And then we also receive \$4.1 million on top of this for the competitive grants. Commissioner DeLoach said, so you're looking at about a 8-point—, \$8 million that y'all are playing with. Ms. Harrell said, we're not playing with it. We don't play with it. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes.

Mr. O'Reilly said, well, it's all part of the strategic plan, the \$4.4 million is exceptional resources. This is a particularly important time particularly for the welfare-to-work initiatives. We know that we have low unemployment rates, we know that people are moving from welfare-to-work and that now we're getting into some of the very hard to place, those that have particular difficult barriers to overcome, and we are glad to see that resources are available here in Chatham County and the area. At this point in time I'd like to ask Harry O'Brien to come up to develop the detail a bit further.

Mr. O'Brien said, thank you, Tony [O'Reilly]. I'd like to bring the attention of the Board to the packet that was left on your chair. The folder represents press releases, a brochure, some of the ideas of what they do, and also a copy of this presentation that is being made to you is—, the highlights are in that, as well as an article written in the *Savannah Morning News* about the program, the roster of the Development Board members, both private and public. Now we'll get to what—, some of the delivery that we have been accomplished for the year July 1<sup>st</sup> '97 to June 30<sup>th</sup> '98, and you'll see that in Zone One, which is the three-county [sic] area that Tony [O'Reilly] referred to, that most clients are enrolled in technical school or a two-year college program. Ross Learning is currently the service provider for Zone One, and they assist us in one-stop funds, welfare-to-work, and JTPA. For the total region we have—, we work with 20 schools. In Zone Two [sic] you'll notice that of the 208 folks that we serviced, we were able to place 80% in jobs with an average rate of \$7.77, and after 13 weeks 81% of those folks were working. In Zoning Two, which includes Liberty, Long and Bryan, the service provider there is Job Training Unlimited. We don't have that one, but you do, and Goodwill Industries has the welfare-to-work money to assist there, and of the 93 people that were served in Zone Two, the employment rate was 70%, average wage of \$7.61, and after 13 weeks 62% of them were still employed. Zone Three, which includes McIntosh, Glynn and Camden County, don't have that either—, okay. Once again you do have it though, serving a total of 160 people, employed 95% of those folks at an average rate of \$7.59 and 80% of those folks were still employed after 13 weeks. We also have a summer youth program. In Zone One last year there were 517 youths which served, in Zone Two 159 and in Zone Three 124. These young people are placed in nonprofit organizations. There is a training plan involved and a formal agreement with the work site to train these youths. They range in age from 14 to 21 and are hired by county offices, city governments and so forth. They learn basic job skills, work ethics and practices. Priorities for 1998—.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, how do they learn that? Mr. O'Brien said, through the people that are hired to assist them in getting these—. Commissioner DeLoach asked, is that a curriculum or is that—? Mr. O'Brien said, I'm pretty sure. Yes. Commissioner DeLoach said, you know, show up on time and all that other stuff, or what? Mr. Brian said, yes, it's a curriculum. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay.

Mr. O'Brien said, you'll see the priorities for 1998-99: Replicate the one-stop system in Hinesville and Brunswick, and they've done it, so that has already been accomplished. Manage the new welfare funding and implement the new workforce legislation, and February 8<sup>th</sup>, I gather, is going to be a critical time to do this transition, make the decisions for the transition. The recipients of these services must have been on welfare for 30 months or longer and meet other criteria for welfare-to-work. And now we get to the last slide, and this is the crux of the Workforce Investment Act and they're consolidating more than 60 federally-funded programs, which they require a five-year strategic plan, insure certification of eligible service providers, and establish individual training accounts, and that really is one of the big—, this whole area here is what the Workforce Development Board, volunteers like Tony [O'Reilly] and myself and the other 30 members, are focusing on. Thank you, gentlemen.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much, Harry [O'Brien]. Thank you, Tony [O'Reilly]. Any questions for anybody? Commissioner DeLoach said, I've got some. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, what's the average cost per individual—? Mr O'Brien said, serviced. Commissioner DeLoach said, service provider. What's the average cost? What percentage of it is administrative and what percentage actually goes to the person? Ms. Freda Rutherford said, the administration for all JTPA funds are capped. Let me just say, we tend to run under that cap. The welfare-to-work fund is 12%.

Chairman Hair asked, do you have a cost per person for a person trained? Ms. Rutherford said, yes, we do. Chairman Hair asked, could you get that to us if you don't know it off the top of your head. Do you know that? Ms. Rutherford said, it depends on the target group, but I can get that to you. Chairman Hair asked, could you provide that for us in writing and send it to us, to the Commissioners? Okay, thanks. We appreciate y'all coming.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Received as information.

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### **VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- 1. COUNT BASIE BENEFIT CONCERT, TUESDAY, MAY 25TH (COMMISSIONER RIVERS AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Thomas are you going to start that off or Commissioner Rivers? Okay, Dr. Thomas, I'm going to start with you.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay, thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. This concert, which is called a "No Pain" Benefit Concert, which will be featuring Chris Murrell, who was Beverly Whitehead's—, who is Beverly Whitehead's brother, along with the Count Basie Orchestra, we're planning on having this particular concert to raise funds towards research and assistance to those suffering from fibromyalgia and their families. As you know, Beverly Whitehead, who was our past Human Resources Director, had this particular condition. Little is known and we want to do something in her behalf. It is my understanding from talking with Commissioner Joe Rivers and Mr. Abolt and those who are planning this event to be held on May the 20—, Chairman Hair said, fifth. Commissioner Thomas said, 25<sup>th</sup>, I believe, and, wait a minute. Yes, May 25<sup>th</sup>, and we're hoping that the Commission as well as the community will rally behind this in this effort because it is a worthwhile cause. We know how dedicated and committed Mrs. Whitehead was as Director of Human Resources, and I think this would be a fine activity for us to participate in trying to do these things.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Dr. Thomas. Commissioner Rivers, do you want to add anything?

Commissioner Rivers said, in addition to that, this money will also go toward the Youth Commission and Summer Youth Program—. County Attorney Hart said, Bonanza. Commissioner Rivers said, that are Beverly [Whitehead] was involved in. Commissioner DeLoach said, Summer Bonanza. Commissioner Rivers said, hopefully, we can get everything—, so far so good, everything is running well.

Chairman Hair said, I think it's a great idea. I appreciate—.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, the—, we're hoping that St. Joseph's/Candler will undertake the project for us, underwrite the project, and you'll be getting more information as we get information. Commissioner Rivers said, you also have SCAD. Commissioner Thomas said, oh yes, SCAD. Commissioner Rivers said, to participate.

Chairman Hair said, thanks.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Received as information.

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## **2. UPDATE ON YOUTH COMMISSION (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Hair said, the next item, Dr. Thomas wants to give us an update on the Youth Commission. Chairman Hair recognized Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, the Chatham County Youth Commission has asked me to update you on an activity that they have been planning for now a couple of years. If you will recall, I mentioned it to you many, many times that not only do we want these young people to become familiar with local government, but we also want them to become familiar with State and Federal. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, I believe, the Youth Commission is hoping to travel to Washington, DC, to participate in some youth activities, you know, at the national level, and right now they are trying to raise funds for this particular trip. They are putting in some personal monies of their own and they're looking for any additional help to help these young people. They're about \$2,500 short of what they need, and I'm here to ask the Commission and ladies and gentlemen, anybody who would like to help support these young people with this trip to do so, and you can do that by contacting Mr. Van Johnson here in the Human Resources Department and let's see if we can help these young people to participate at the national level. I think it's a wonderful thing for them to be able to interact with other young people across the nation and to get information, and I think we will be very proud of that. So if we can help them in any way, I certainly would appreciate that.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Dr. Thomas. To give you a personal testimonial, I was in the mall the other day and a gentleman came up to me and that—, who I did not know, and introduced himself as a parent of one of the youth commissioners, and just spent about 20 minutes telling me how much his daughter had learned from the Youth Commission and the process, so it is a wonderful program. And, of course, Dr. Thomas, this is Dr. Thomas' brainchild and she has put a tremendous amount of effort in this program and it's something that's really served the community very well.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Received as information.

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## **INTRODUCTION OF INTERNS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Hair said, before we recess to go in the CAT meeting, I'd like to introduce four folks today we have with us. We have four interns with the Sheriff's Department that are here today for the purpose of observing how County government works, and I'm going to ask them if they can stand as I call their names. We have Jermaine Davis [phonetic] with Savannah State University, we

have Yolanda Lee from Savannah State University, we have Keisha Owens [phonetic] from Armstrong Atlantic State University, and we have Lakeisha Howard [phonetic] from Georgia Southern University. We appreciate y'all being with us today. We're glad to have you.

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**CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Chairman Hair declared a recess in the meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Board reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the meeting of Chatham Area Transit Authority, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened.

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**VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED 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 (\*).

None.

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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: A CONFISCATED FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$26,500 FOR A VOICE LOGGER RECORDER; A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX EXTENSION FUND (1993-1998) RESERVE FOR UNINCORPORATED AREA ROADS TRANSFER OF \$440,000 TO THE DOLAN DRIVE PROJECT AND A GENERAL FUND M & O BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM GRANT FOR COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM OF \$39,000 FOR EQUIPMENT AND INFORMANT FEE EXPENDITURES.**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Price said, so moved. 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.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the following: A Confiscated Funds Special Revenue Fund Police Department Contingency transfer of \$26,500 for a voice logger recorder; a One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1993-1998) Reserve for Unincorporated Area Roads transfer of \$440,000 to the Dolan Drive project and a General Fund M & O budget amendment to recognize a U. S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Program grant for Counter Narcotics Team of \$39,000 for equipment and informant fee expenditures. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE NOTE RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY TO ISSUE SHORT-TERM DEBT TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (SHORT TERM BORROWING, 1999) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TOTALING \$21.3 MILLION (GENERAL FUND \$19.1 MILLION AND SSD \$2.2 MILLION).**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Hair said, second. Any discussion? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray asked, when will this have to be done, Russ [Abolt]? County Manager Abolt said, sir, we'll use it as needed. It will be throughout the early part of the year until we get our first installment on our—. Chairman Hair said, sort of an umbrella approval, as needed. County Manager Abolt said, I think—, Commissioner Rivers I know will ask the question and in anticipation of it, we do have on page four, Exhibit 1, that absent a fund balance over the years has definitely cost us, and in the cost is shown in interest expenditures. This year alone we had to budget \$672,000 to cover interest on this. With even a modest fund balance, we could address this on a more consistent basis. Commissioner Price said, or if we could find a way to change our fiscal year.

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

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the Note Resolution for the County to issue short-term debt Tax Anticipation Notes (short term borrowing, 1999) for fiscal year 1999 for the General Fund and Special Service District Fund totaling \$21.3 million (General Fund \$19.1 million and SSD \$2.2 million). Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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### **3. FLOOD ZONE VARIANCE REQUEST, BREVARD POINT SUBDIVISION. STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas and members of the Board, it is essential, as you know, any time that there is a request to vary from the FEMA imposed flood zones that we come to you. I believe this is the eighth over time. In this particular case there are some mitigating circumstances regarding some error made in the issuance of the building permit. This is in the Brevard Point Subdivision on Wilmington Island, but in this case staff does recommend with the understanding that you enter into the record the specifics of the staff report and that the variance be granted.

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, Russ [Abolt], the only question I have on it is how does everything get through from all entities approval as this one zone and then all of a sudden after construction starts comes back and says no it's a different zone. County Manager Abolt said, I'll defer to Mr—. Commissioner Murray said, and we ran into another home in Brevard Point that cost this County some money. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. I'll defer to Mr. Bungard on that, sir.

County Engineer Al Bungard said, when the Inspections Department first filled—, or when the application was filled out, it did have VE on it, and then I'm not sure who, but somebody presented a flood—, finished floor elevation certificate showing it as an "AE" zone. That was taken off the FEMA flood insurance rate map. A mistake was made when they did not go back and check. This is an unusual case. It is recorded on the subdivision plat, but as you know often that does not get presented to them. In fact, last week what I told Mr. Grevemberg to do is to prepare a letter to, one, a surveyor that prepared two I know of know, advising him of this unusual case and also one to the general community, anybody who might prepare the certificates. This problem, here's a pitch for GIS, will go away with GIS when everything is on one database. Commissioner Murray said, we don't need to get Commissioner Price started about that. Chairman Hair said, let's don't get Commissioner Price riled up here about that. Commissioner Rivers said, no, he's sleeping.

Commissioner Murray said, that's fine and I've got some—, the reason I asked the question is we've run into this before and it just seems like it would be checked more thoroughly when it comes up. The other question I have is the County has a County-elected surveyor, and that County-elected surveyor is never used to do any County business. Why? Mr. Bungard said, I cannot answer that. Commissioner Murray said, I think we need to look into it. If we have somebody that's elected by the citizens of the community as the County surveyor, then I think that person either needs to be used or we need to find out why we have to have somebody listed on the ballot as the County surveyor.

Chairman Hair asked, Jon [Hart], could we get you to look into that and make a—. County Attorney Hart said, I think it's something that's sort of an antiquated statute that's been around for years and years. Commissioner Murray said, well, if we've got him we need to use him. Commissioner Rivers asked, do we pay him? Commissioner Murray said, well, no, I don't know if he gets paid unless he does the work.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Did you want to make a quick comment? We're fixing to vote. Mr. Barrett said, yes. Chairman Hair said, please come forward and state your name for the record. Commissioner DeLoach said, that's our surveyor. Chairman Hair asked, well, that's still—? Commissioner DeLoach said, that's our surveyor.

Mr. Barrett said, my name's Bert Barrett, Jr. I'm the Chatham County Surveyor. I'm not here specifically on Mr. Ray's behalf, although I am the fellow who did fill out the certificate that the County Engineer is talking about. If I can have five minutes of your time—. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Mr. Barrett said, this is an issue that's gone on for quite some time. You've mentioned one case here. I can mention a case of \$12,000 it cost one gentleman to jack his house up because a determination came out of the Inspections office that was incorrect. I can tell you of a case at Tybee where it cost \$5,000 because a determination came

out of the Inspections office. You have a FEMA map, and I have all three maps here: 1983, 1987 and 1992. The subdivision map in question was done in 1989. If it was incorrect, the County Engineer's office should have made the change so that when the FEMA map came out in 1992 it would be correct. After this case here, as a private surveyor also, I will no longer advise somebody as to what zone they're in after what's happened now. I have people come to me and they say I want to buy a piece a property, can you tell me what flood zone it's in? Well, if the County's not going to publish that information and is not going to correct errors in the past, then I and the fellow surveyors in this County, which there will be a surveyor meeting Tuesday night and I'm going to bring this up, will no longer advise people as to what zone they're in. We will send them to the County Engineer and their office will be flooded with questions. This should have been corrected. They went to the County, they were told they were in an AE zone, they came back and said they were in a VE. Mr. Ray came to me and he said, can you give me a determination of what zone I'm in? I said, according to firm map 1992, you're in an AE zone. Another question is how far down does this go? I did one back in 1986 on Whippoorwill. The same problem. That's—, you—, Frank [Murray], you know where that's at. And I'll close with one thing. Frank [Murray], you were in the Jaycees. There was a line in the Jaycees creed that said that a government should be a [inaudible]. If you've got a map that says what the zones are, then you need to stick with that one. GIS will not solve this problem, believe me. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Okay, any further discussion? Commissioner Price said, that's one person's opinion about that. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request from William S. and Carol R. Ray for 4 Brevard Point Road, Lot #1, Brevard Point Subdivision, for a flood zone variance from VE-15 to AE-15, based upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, a determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship, and a determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**4. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO RELOCATE MOSQUITO CONTROL AND BUILD ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCESSING MAINTENANCE BUILDING OVER PIPEMAKERS CANAL FOR THE AIRPORT.**

Commissioner Price said, I move for acceptance. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion for acceptance. Do we have a second? Commissioner Rivers 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 Memorandum of Understanding with Airport Authority to relocate Mosquito Control and build road and bridge accessing maintenance building over Pipemakers Canal for the Airport. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**5. 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.**

- **BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC (1 POSITION)**
- **LIBRARY - LIBRARY ASSISTANT I (2 POSITIONS); LIBRARY PAGE I (4 POSITIONS); CLERICAL ASSISTANT III (1 POSITION)**
- **TAX COMMISSIONER - TAX/TAG PROCESSOR I (1 POSITION); CLERICAL ASSISTANT II (1 POSITION); THE DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS TO WAIVE THE 90-DAY HIRING FREEZE FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE DUTIES INCLUDE THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OR THE PROCESSING OF TAG/TITLE APPLICATIONS**
- **SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY - CLERICAL ASSISTANT III (1 POSITION)**

Chairman Hair said, at our last meeting we agreed on the 90-day hiring freezes that we would take them one at a time so that's the way we will proceed. The first one is Building Maintenance and Operations - Building Maintenance Mechanic (one position). The Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and a second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Murray asked, why do we need to waiver it? Mr. George Lynch said, this gentleman, sir, is at the Sheriff's Department. As you are aware, we are dealing there with security. The confinement facilities, the visual system, we can't afford to be without a full compliment out there. Commissioner Murray said, all right. From the time that that job's vacant until the time that you actually do a hire will be how long? Mr. Lynch said, probably about 20 days.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. The next one, Library - Library Assistant I (two position), Library Page I (four positions), Clerical Assistant III (one position). The Chair will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do we have second? Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion?

Commissioner Murray said, yes. Who's going to speak for— Okay. Chairman Hair said, come forward and tell us why you need to fill those positions now.

Mr. Bill Johnson said, the Library Assistant positions are Effingham and Liberty County positions fully funded by Effingham County and Liberty County. Chairman Hair asked, none of these are Chatham County positions? Mr. Johnson said, yes sir. The others are, the others are. There are two Library Assistants. Those are in Effingham and Liberty Counties. There are four Page positions. These are part time student positions. They are [inaudible] and turnover there, they typically stay three to six months. If we freeze those for 90 days, we'll soon be without any of them. The Clerical Assistant II position is the receptionist and clerical position in the administrative offices. That position does most of our typing and does distribution of supplies to all branch libraries, and it's a position we can't be without and we're currently filling it with a temp. Chairman Hair asked, does that answer your question? Commissioner Murray asked, the two people positions in Liberty County, why do they show up on our agenda? If they're not funded by us and we don't make those appointments— Mr. Johnson said, no sir, they are not funded by Chatham County, but Chatham County is the payroll agent for all of our positions in all three counties. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, I move for—

Chairman Hair said, 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. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Mr. Johnson said, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, next item, Tax Commissioner - Tax/Tag Processor I (one position), Clerical Assistant II (one position); the department also requests to waive the 90-day hiring freeze for all positions in the department where the duties include the collection of taxes or the procession of tag/title applications. Mr. Commissioner, would you like to come forward and tell us—?

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner. Does anybody have any questions?

Commissioner DeLoach said, oh, yes. I want to know what's going—. Commissioner Price said, we don't want to listen to this guy. Commissioner Odell said, no, not that one. Chairman Hair said, Commissioner DeLoach wants to know—. Commissioner Price said, he's going to tell us if we don't do this we're not going to get our money in time.

Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, not actually that, but we have citizens that are en masse upon my tag office and if we don't have people in place, it just puts us further and further behind and it takes us time to train these people and get them into place. So that's why we're here.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions?

Commissioner Murray said, yes, I was out there the other day transferring a tag and there weren't but about four or five people there, but everybody was having to stand in one line and all the people were filling the booths behind the counter, but they all booth closed or window closed, go to next window, or whatever.

Tax Commissioner Powers said, yes, a lot of times they're doing dealer work and things like that, Frank [Murray], so—. Commissioner Murray said, I know, I'm going to vote for it. [Laughter.] The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, you know, I think that's the first one Commissioner Murray's ever voted for. Commissioner Murray said, I've voted for one before. Chairman Hair said, then Danny [Powers], that's the second one. I stand corrected, that's the second one he's ever voted for.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, how's that working out at Westside, the Tag office? Tax Commissioner Powers said, every location is extremely busy, I'm going to be honest with you and, as you know, we have to address the Hodgson location, which we hope to do real soon. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Tax Commissioner Powers said, everything's great.

Chairman Hair said, Superior Court Judiciary - Clerical Assistant III (one position). Is anybody from Superior Court here to address that issue? Yes, would you come forward please and explain why that position is necessary. Commissioner Price said, y'all be nice to this girl, I went to high school with her. Chairman Hair said, you know, you look a lot older than she does.

Ms. Fran Arnsdorff, Deputy Court Administrator for Superior Court, said, in Mr. DeLoach's memo that he address to the Board, this position was vacated a young lady who had been out on maternity leave for four months, so even though we've been paying the salary for this position, we have been assistance in this area for quite some time. We are currently using two temporaries to fill this position and it is a position that does mandated work for the legal system. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Murray asked, so the person that was on maternity leave is not coming back? Ms. Arnsdorff said, right.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Commissioner Price said, thank you, Fran [Arnsdorff]. Chairman Hair said, thanks.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Rivers moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following position: Building Maintenance and Operations - Building Maintenance Mechanic (1 position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Price moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following positions: Library - Library Assistant I (2 positions); Library Page I (4 positions); Clerical Assistant III (1 position). Commissioner Saussy 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.
3. Commissioner Price moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following positions: Tax Commissioner - Tax/Tag Processor I (1 position); Clerical Assistant II (1 position); and for all positions in the department where the duties include the collection of taxes or the processing of tag/title applications. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner DeLoach moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following position: Superior Court Judiciary - Clerical Assistant III (1 position). Commissioner Thomas 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 said, that takes us to the Action Calendar. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, we need to look at Item 9—. Chairman Hair said, Item 9, okay. Commissioner Jackel said, Item 10. Chairman Hair said, okay. Chairman Hair said, Item 12. Chairman Hair said okay. We'll be here a while. Commissioner Jackel said, and then Item D, E, H, N, and O. Chairman Hair said, okay. Anybody else like to remove anything? That's not much left, but whatever's left.

Commissioner Price said, I'd like to move for approval of the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and second to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. 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 that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9, 10, 12, 16-D, 16-E, 16-H, 16-N and 16-O. Commissioner Murray 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 8, 1999, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 1999, as mailed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 31, 1998, THROUGH JANUARY 13, 1999.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period December 31, 1998, through January 13, 1999, in the amount of \$14,583,470. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE 1999 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY 1998-2003 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) DRAINAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. [ALL DISTRICTS.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the 1999 Fiscal year budget distribution for the Chatham County 1998-2003 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Drainage Capital Improvement Program. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO RECORD THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE GROVE SUBDIVISION AND TO COMBINE THE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITH THE EXISTING DISTRICT. [DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request to record the final plat for The Grove Subdivision and to combine the streetlight assessment district with the existing district. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**5. THE ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, DUTCH ISLAND L.L.C., REQUESTS THAT THE COUNTY RECORD THE FINAL PLAT FOR DUTCH ISLAND PHASE 14, ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND APPROVE RECOMBINING THE STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of the engineer for the developer, Dutch Island L.L.C., that the County record the final plat for Dutch Island Phase 14, accept the performance bond and subdivision agreement and approve recombining the streetlighting district. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**6. REQUEST FROM MR. AND MRS. JOHN G. RUSSELL, 1719 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE THE PORTION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BEHIND THEIR PROPERTY ON WILMINGTON ISLAND AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE PROPERTY. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from Mr. and Mrs. John G. Russell, 1719 Wilmington Island Road, for the County to declare the portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street right-of-way behind their property on Wilmington Island as surplus and to quitclaim the property. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED, AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT, A ROAD CROSSING AGREEMENT, AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT AND A RIGHTS-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS (SNG) COMPANY AS A PART OF RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONTINUED OPERATION OF SNG'S EXISTING NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION LINES AND FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY/S.R. 21 INTERCHANGE PROJECT.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request for execution of a Quitclaim Deed, an Easement Agreement, a Road Crossing Agreement, an Encroachment Agreement and a Rights-of-Way Easement Agreement with Southern Natural Gas (SNG) Company as a part of right-of-way negotiations and negotiations for the protection and continued operation of SNG's existing natural gas transmission lines and facilities associated with the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/S.R. 21 Interchange project. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 8. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE A PROPERTY USE AGREEMENT WITH KEEP SAVANNAH BEAUTIFUL TO BEAUTIFY VACANT LAND AT 767 EAST BOLTON STREET, SAVANNAH.  
[DISTRICT 2.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to authorize a property use agreement with Keep Savannah Beautiful to beautify vacant land at 767 East Bolton Street, Savannah. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SPONSORING AN APPLICATION FOR TEA FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE MIGHTY 8<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE MUSEUM AND, IF AWARDED, ALLOW THE USE OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM WITHIN THE MIGHTY 8TH'S INTERNAL ACCOUNTS.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved for approval. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I would just like to know a little bit more about it. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. I'll begin it, sir. This is due in large part because of the very much appreciated interest of Mr. Tom Triplett. At the dedication of—, not dedication—, the groundbreaking for J.C.B. I had the good fortune to have lunch with Tom Triplett and he asked what could be done possibly through the intervention of the County to assist the Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum. I've gotten Dr. Barry Buxton in touch with Mr. Triplett, who has since devoted an awful lot of his time and the review time of GDOT staff to make this happen. This is the type of investment that's consistent with Dr. Buxton's presentation to you a number of weeks ago when they pledged to go out for a variety of non-County source type assistance. It is a project, I believe, that because of Mr. Triplett's interest in that we will legitimately have a more than a fair shot at getting at least a half a million if not a million dollars.

Chairman Hair said, I'd put it much higher than 50/50. I think we've got a great chance to end up doing this, and Tom [Triplett] has really worked hard on this particular application. Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Jackel, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Jackel said, that's what I'm waiting on. And if this come true we have to come up with \$200,000 some way. Commissioner Murray said, well, yes sir, and I get my—. As in the past on this, depending on what the outcome is, we always look at it as good news and we will be able with the help of Dr. Buxton to come up with the math.

Chairman Hair said, and it says internal accounts too. County Manager Abolt said, yes, there's all sorts of, you know—, we present an array of options for you, but that's not a challenge. I think that's just an opportunity of ways to handle it. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no.

Commissioner Jackel said, no, just wait a minute. One quick comment. I, of course, am supporting this and part of the reason why I wanted to bring it up, and I appreciate the information, is these people are leaving no stone unturned and it's very obvious that they're out there just working as hard as they can, and I appreciate their efforts.

Commissioner Rivers said, in this Facts & Findings, it looks like they got local match \$2,000,000 here, and I assume that's just a—. County Manager Abolt said, \$200,000. Chairman Hair said, the State has \$200,000. County Manager Abolt said, yes, it is a typo. Thank you. I hadn't noticed that. Thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Commissioner Rivers.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request to sponsor an application for \$1,000,000 TEA funds on behalf of the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum and, if awarded, allow the use of \$200,000 matching funds from within the Mighty 8th's internal accounts. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE CHATHAM COUNTY'S APPLYING FOR TEA FUNDS AS A REGIONAL SPONSOR FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES TRUMAN LINEAR PARK PHASE II. [DISTRICTS 1 AND 3.]**

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, can't wait to get it going. It's consistent with this Commission and the previous Commission's plan to in addition to providing a throughway for vehicles along Truman Parkway to also create a linear park that will eventually tie into downtown with all of our recreational assets in the Bacon Park/Lake Mayer area.

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Jackel, do you have additional questions?

Commissioner Jackel said, no. I—, what I—, I just really wanted to commend us and make sure that we move ahead with this thing. We're going to have eventually \$4.5 million for bikeway and greenway project under this that's committed at 1%, and this is excellent. I've been getting questions about this and I'm glad to see we're moving ahead on it.

Chairman Hair said, 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 to approve Chatham County's applying for TEA funds as a regional sponsor for projects under the *Coastal Georgia Greenway* plan, which includes Truman Linear Park Phase II. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE DAILY STIPEND FOR THE PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FROM \$50 TO \$75.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request to increase the daily stipend for the Personnel Advisory Board members from \$50 to \$75. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**12. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE INCREASE IN CLOTHING ALLOWANCE BENEFIT FOR NON-UNIFORMED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CNT) FROM \$25 TO \$50.**

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, Joe [Rivers], you're better at the math. This is \$50—, \$600 a year clothing allowance. That may be a little high. County Manager Abolt said, well, I'll defer to Chief Sprague, but on this one, as you can see, the current reimbursement has been in effect for 12 years. It's something we failed to pick up in the budget. It's justified and can be handled within the respective budgets of the Police Department and CNT.

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Jackel, do you have a specific question?

Commissioner Jackel said, it just—, it seems to me that \$600 for clothing allowance is a high figure. Do you really need \$600 or could they get by on \$400 or—? Commissioner DeLoach said, oh, man, come on, \$600. That won't even buy a suit, man. Daggum [phonetic]. How many suits you got, Martin [Jackel]? Chairman Hair said, your sports coat cost more than that. [Unintelligible comments were made when several Commissioners were speaking at the same time.] Commissioner DeLoach said, you better move on from that now. You're beating a dead horse now.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray asked, do you mind if I ask a question? Commissioner Jackel said, sure, go ahead. Chairman Hair said, he's been sitting next to Commissioner Jackel too long. You need to slide over here a little bit. Commissioner Murray asked, my question is right now this is for the CNT and the Chatham County Police Department [inaudible] the Sheriff's Department have the same right now or is that different? County Manager Abolt said, it's my understanding they do other, otherwise it would be extended to them also. Chairman Hair said, Mr. Sheriff, would you answer that question. Commissioner Saussy said, the Sheriff doesn't want any more money.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, we've got a little different situation. We have a uniform budget and we buy shirts and slacks for our Internal Affairs and plain clothes people and all, so we're not interested in that. Commissioner Murray said, well, I just wanted to make sure if it was that we include it—. Commissioner Rivers said, don't get in that, Sheriff. We're going to send him to Goodwill.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to Request Board approve increase in clothing allowance benefit for non-uniformed law enforcement officers (Police Department and CNT) from \$25 to \$50. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one.

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**13. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to adopt a resolution approving Comprehensive Plan Short-Term Work Program. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO RENEW A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MODIFICATIONS BETWEEN THE SAVANNAH HOCKEY AND SKATING ASSOCIATION AND CHATHAM COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Murray said, Martin [Jackel], let me ask you a question.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just—. This is another thing that I think I listed down here so it will be publicized. You've got to realize, and we should not forget, that we have these books and we have the information, but people who are looking in on this thing on TV have no idea what we passed, and I think it's important that the people viewing this thing realize that we are moving forward with the Savannah Hockey and Skating Association project, and that is something that people are always telling me, I've seen y'all on TV, I like what you do, I don't like what you do, I didn't understand certain things. Well, I think this is important for the public to know that we are moving ahead on this, and that's why I have this thing singled out and I move approval of it.

Chairman Hair said, well, we already have a motion and a second. 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 renewal of a lease agreement with modifications between the Savannah Hockey and Skating Association and Chatham County and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**15. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING FOR 1999. PETITIONER: CHARLES R. JONES, D/B/A SILVER DOLLAR BAR & GRILL, LOCATED AT BOX 304A, HIGHWAY 204. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the petition of Charles R. Jones, d/b/a Silver Dollar Bar & Grill, located at Box 304A, Highway 204, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring for 1999. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**16. 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.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual maintenance agreement for telephone communications system	I.C.S.	Property Technologies, Inc.	\$57,220.92	General Fund/M & O - Communications
B. Annual software maintenance agreement	I.C.S.	Informix Software	\$17,290	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
C. Annual software maintenance agreement	I.C.S.	Pentamation, Inc.	\$25,256.22	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
D. Confirmation Change Order No. 1 to the contract for drainage improvements and paving of Cartwright, Lucas and Queen Aire Drive to include removal of ten (10) large trees	SPLOST	Claco Construction	\$7,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Cartwright, Lucas and Queen Aire Drives Project
E. First renewal option to annual contract for concession services to the County's sports and recreational complexes	Recreation	Fun Time	62.75% of the gross sales paid to the County	Revenue Producing
F. Award an annual contract, with option to renew for two additional one-year terms, to provide a drug education and parenting program to juveniles and families under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court	Marshlands, Inc.	\$12,000	Restricted Account - Supervision Fees - Juvenile Court
G. Final renewal option to annual contract to provide electrical maintenance and repair services	Various	Savannah Electric and Maintenance Company (SAMCO)	Same terms and conditions	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •CIP - Various
H. Confirmation <u>deductive</u> Change Order No. 11 to the contract with MTCB to complete the action of the transfer of funds from MTCB to TVS&A	SPLOST		\$993,000	N/A

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
I. Confirmation emergency purchase of a voice logger recording system	Police	Deca-AMR Business Products	\$26,495	Confiscated Funds - Police (pending Board approval of transfer)
J. Approval to correct Item J of the 18 December 1998 Purchasing Agenda to refer to Change Order No. 4 instead of Change Order No. 1 as incorrectly stated	Engineering	N/A	N/A	Change Order No. 4 has no impact on County funds. The owner of Marsh Harbor will reimburse the County upon request.
K. Roll-off truck	Solid Waste	Robert's Truck Center	\$86,244	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund
L. Three (3) Ford Ranger pick-up trucks	Inspections	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$46,410.66	SSD - Inspections
M. Annual service agreement for natural gas	Various	Georgia Municipal Association and SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc.	Varies by month by department	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
N. Approve the request from Sports Design to assign the Chatham County Aquatic Center management and operations contract to The Champion Corporation. (The Champion Corporation was formed by Jill White, Director of the Aquatic Center to administer the management and operations contract)	Aquatic Center	The Champion Corporation	Contract price and terms remain unchanged	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
O. Shortlist of firms to continue in competition to manage and operation the Henderson Golf Club	Henderson Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meadowbrook Golf Group</li> <li>•HMS Golf Management</li> <li>•Classic Golf Management</li> <li>•CGL-Savannah</li> <li>•The Links Group</li> </ul>		Henderson Golf Club Enterprise Fund

**Items 16-A through 16-M, except Items 16-D, 16-E and 16-H**

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 16-A through 16-M, except Items 16-D, 16-E and 16-H. Commissioner Murray - seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Item 16-D**

CONFIRMATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND PAVING OF CARTWRIGHT, LUCAS AND QUEEN AIRE DRIVE TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF TEN (10) LARGE TREES, SPLOST, CLACO CONSTRUCTION, \$7,000.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay. Any time we start cutting 10 large trees, I've got problems and I need to be convinced that this is an appropriate thing to do. In addition, I'm generally opposed, as you all know, to change orders when it starts costing us more money. Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Bungard. Commissioner Price said, this thing has a lot of history on this one. Commissioner Jackel said, I'm very, very apprehensive about the cutting of 10 large trees.

Mr. Al Bungard said, right. This—, I can't explain why it was left off the plans, but the trees were not. When they laid out the job and got into the root systems of a couple of, not live oak, but I believe it's some water oaks and pine trees, rather large ones, and when you cut within a foot or so of the base of a tree, we've had it happen on several jobs, we really don't have much choice. In fact, some were at the request of the property owners and they did, in fact, jeopardize structures had they been left up there.

Commissioner Jackel asked, how large of trees are we talking about? Mr. Bungard said, we're talking probably, I think, 12", I'm told, 13" diameter, pine trees primarily. Commissioner Jackel said, pine trees—. Mr. Bungard said, they were near utilities. The expanse, I questioned that also because they're near utility lines and under structures, so you just can't go take a dozer and knock them over.

Commissioner Price said, this project has been delayed like six years. Chairman Hair said, it has. Commissioner Price said, I mean, this was—, used to be in my district. It's in David's [Saussy] now, but this thing is taking forever. Commissioner DeLoach said, that's why David [Saussy] has been pushing on it. Commissioner Price said, the residents out there have been very much involved in this whole process and I believe staff in saying—.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy asked, the residents have been apprised of this? Mr. Bungard said, every resident has been talked to and, you know, understands the need. In fact, some of them I think were on request.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**Item 16-E**

FIRST RENEWAL OPTION TO ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONCESSION SERVICES TO THE COUNTY'S SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEXES, DEPARTMENT IS RECREATION, FUN TIME, 62.75% OF THE GROSS SALES PAID TO THE COUNTY.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I move for acceptance. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel asked, we are—, we are satisfied with what they're doing out there? Mr. George Lynch said, yes sir, and also satisfied with the roughly 15, \$16,000 a year that this brings into the—. County Manager Abolt said, coffers. Mr. Lynch said, coffers.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**Item 16-H**

CONFIRMATION DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 11 TO THE CONTRACT WITH MTCB TO COMPLETE THE ACTION OF THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM MTCB TO TVS&A, \$993,000.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner DeLoach said, Mr. Trade Center.

Commissioner Jackel said, yes, what is this on here? Commissioner Saussy said, this is a deduct. Commissioner Thomas asked, what is—? Chairman Hair said, it's a deduct. Commissioner Jackel said, we're saving a hundred—. Commissioner Price said, almost a million. Commissioner Saussy said, \$993,000. Chairman Hair said, this is a deduct.

Mr. Lynch said, what you're doing—. Chairman Hair said, is shifting. Commissioner DeLoach said, shifting funds. Mr. Lynch said, shifting funds. Chairman Hair said, exactly. Mr. Lynch said, we have the money in the MTCB contract. It was mentioned to you when we got the earlier approval on the redesign that we would then make the transfer in the contract authority, and this documents that fact, sir. County Manager Abolt said, this confirms what you've been briefed on many months ago. Commissioner Price said, call the question. Commissioner Jackel said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, we have—. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**Item 16-N**

APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SPORTS DESIGN TO ASSIST THE CHATHAM COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS CONTRACT TO THE CHAMPION CORPORATION, AQUATIC CENTER, THE CHAMPION CENTER, CONTRACT PRICE AND TERMS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Hair said, it's basically just changing the name of the contractor. Motion and second. Commissioner Jackel, do I hear any questions?

Commissioner Jackel said, this is one of the items that I have and I think everybody has responded by letters and phone calls and everything, and we need to let the people out there know that we are moving forward with this continuance. That's the only reason why I brought that up.

Commissioner Price said, I have a question about this. We have—, this was delayed for a period of time, if I remember correctly, from last Fall. Mr. Lynch said, we took care of that one, sir, at a meeting saying you all approved going to a fixed price contract instead of a cost-reimbursable. That was addressed then. What this addresses is your change of name. Commissioner DeLoach said, right. Chairman Hair said, [inaudible] corporation. Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Those folks do a wonderful job out there and—. Commissioner Saussy said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, they do. Chairman Hair said, and we get nothing but comments.

Commissioner Saussy said, let me say something. I go out there at least twice a week to get some of this weight off for one thing. But I would recommend that to anybody. It is a fantastic facility and they do a terrific job—. Commissioner Thomas said, it is. Chairman Hair said, they sure do. Commissioner Saussy said, they certainly have helped me out. I recommend each one of the Commissioners to go there and take part in it. Commissioner Price asked, what are you implying, David [Saussy]? Commissioner Saussy said, exactly what you think.

Mr. Lynch said, a brief commercial, if I may. This weekend, actually starting Thursday night, the Chatham County Aquatic Center again will be hosting the State Championships. Two times in a row. This happens to be the second time it's ever been held outside of the Atlanta area. No charge to spectators. This is the State Championship, and I'd really encourage everybody to go.

Chairman Hair asked, is that going to be going all weekend? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. It starts on Thursday afternoon late and it's going to run right through Sunday. Chairman Hair said, I'll try to go out there.

The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

#### **As to Item 16-M**

ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR NATURAL GAS, GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AND SCANA ENERGY MARKETING, INC.

Commissioner Jackel said, we somehow skipped over Item M. Chairman Hair said, I didn't have it marked. Commissioner Saussy said, you didn't call M. Chairman Hair said, you didn't call that one. Commissioner Rivers said, you didn't call that. Commissioner Jackel said, I must be slipping. Chairman Hair said, you said N, not M. Commissioner Jackel said, well, I'd like to—. Chairman Hair said, it's already been approved. If you'd like to ask a question—. Commissioner Jackel said, yes, I'd like to—. Chairman Hair said, it's already been approved. Commissioner Jackel said, I think everybody's kind of curious about which gas company to choose, and I see we choose SCANA. SCANA is South Carolina, isn't that right? Commissioner Murray said, they've got a \$50 credit back on that..

An unidentified man from the audience said, you get a \$50 credit back on SCANA.

Commissioner Jackel asked, has anybody named the coupon yet? Chairman Hair said, actually, Commissioner Jackel, the word—, Georgia Natural Gas in the next few months are not going to be selling gas period. They're going to become strictly a pipeline company. So you wouldn't have a choice of choosing them anyway because they're getting out of the marketing business and they're getting into the pipeline business, so they really were not an option. [Unintelligible comments when several Commissioners began speaking at the same time.]

Mr. Lynch said, this was a classic case of using leverage which we've discussed here before. In 95 counties and municipalities in Georgia are working through the Georgia Municipal Association, in this case, and it really was an eye-watering reduction. About the best we could get anywhere else, even linking in with Board of Education, City of Savannah, is someplace maybe about 37, 38 cents a therm, and this gives it to us down at about 27. Commissioner Price asked, why do you call it an eye-watering—? Mr. Lynch said, sir, I got carried away. Chairman Hair said, as George [Lynch] often does. Mr. Lynch said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Hair said, next item—. Commissioner Price said, Priscilla [Thomas] has a question. Chairman Hair said, oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Rivers asked, how much a therm? Mr. Lynch said, about 27 cents a therm. Commissioner Rivers asked, can I hook into that? Mr. Lynch said, no sir. I'm going to work on it for next year.

Commissioner Thomas said, I want to ask. I know that there are about 15 or 16 companies out there now, including SCANA. Did you talk with other companies to get, you know, comparable—. Mr. Lynch said, yes mam. Let me just call off a couple that I can remember. Columbia offered us, as I recall, at 39 cents a therm. There was another one that was offering up about 38. Where this one really got the reduction was because there were so many municipalities, and when the Municipal Association negotiated with 95 counties and cities in Georgia, they got a price that nobody could touch later. Commissioner Thomas said, the only reason why I asked that, you know, there were some concerns that I have heard, but anyway, there will be a meeting at the—, is it St. Phillips Church on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock, and you will have the Better Business Bureau there and you will also have someone from the Federal government and the State government that will talk about these 15 companies because some of them that are listed are not really ready to offer the services, and I'm not quite sure whether SCANA is in this or not. Commissioner Jackel said, SCANA is ready to go. Commissioner Thomas said, I understand there are only four—, I'm just giving this information, you know, as information, so if you want to check further you can still check further. I understand that there are four companies that are really actively supervised gas services.

Mr. Lynch said, I am sure it does include SCANA. We're getting in so that it's not going to apply to us until February, but SCANA has been delivering to part of these 95 starting 1 January, so—. Commissioner Thomas said, it's only [inaudible]. Mr. Lynch said, but we will follow up on that, mam. Commissioner Thomas said, check it out.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price asked, at one point weren't we working with the City of Savannah and Board of Education also—? Mr. Lynch said, yes. Commissioner Price said, combine purchasing power. Is that—, what's the status of that? Mr. Lynch said, we three in that, BOE, City of Savannah and Chatham County, simply recognize that the larger group represented by the Municipal Association was getting tons better prices than we could get. Commissioner Price asked, the City and the Board of Education are also in this? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, if we add our employees we could get a little more [inaudible].

**Item 16-O**

SHORTLIST OF FIRMS TO CONTINUE IN COMPETITION TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE HENDERSON GOLF CLUB - MEADOWBROOK GOLF GROUP, HMS GOLF MANAGEMENT, CLASSIC GOLF MANAGEMENT, CGL-SAVANNAH, AND THE LINKS GROUP.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, again, I'm looking at this more as an informational item. I think the golf course is one of the things we get asked a lot of questions about. I want people out there to know that we are looking really hard at this thing. We've narrowed it down to a list of five. We're interested in your fine recommendations because we're doing everything we can to make the thing run well.

Mr. Pat Monahan said, Commissioner Jackel, to follow up to that, I did want to mention that we are approaching this contract a little bit different than we did initially, trying to balance the requirements of the bond counsel as far as the management to ensure that it meets the codes of the Internal Revenue Service, but also to ensure that it lessens the financial risk to this County. That's our goal and it has been expressed in the request for proposals that way. It's unusual for us to go to a five-firm shortlist, but because of the qualifications of all five of these firms and the proximity, only a few points separated number one from number five, we felt that the five would encourage competition and particularly their sharpening of the pencils that we're looking for as far as the bottom line. Commissioner Jackel said, it sounds good.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, Pat [Monahan], we've talked about this some before, you and I directly, but the City's management—. Mr. Monahan said, right, did not make a proposal. Commissioner Price said, they didn't make a proposal. Okay. Mr. Monahan said, you'll notice of the proposals though, one of course is the incumbent and the others, HMS Golf Management, which also operates Southbridge, so there's some opportunity there for some—. Commissioner Price said, economies of scale. Mr. Monahan said, economies of scale that we've talked about as well.

Chairman Hair asked, did Troon bid on this one? Mr. Monahan said, no. Chairman Hair said, they did not bid. Mr. Monahan said, no sir. Chairman Hair said, okay. Mr. Monahan said, the only two firms that bid that did not make the shortlist, one of them was principally a marketing firm and the other one only operated one golf course in its entire history and it was a privately-owned course, and that concerned us a little bit.

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

Commissioner Murray asked, could I make a [inaudible] with Martin [Jackel] over here just a minute? Martin [Jackel], you know, on the 90-day hiring freeze I conceded a little bit when I vote for one or two of them. Commissioner Jackel said, right. Commissioner Murray asked, can you do the same thing with this Action Calendar? Commissioner Jackel said, I voted for some of them, yes. Most of them. Commissioner Murray asked, maybe you could just leave some of them off and study a little bit more before you get here? Commissioner Jackel said, oh, no. No, no, no. Chairman Hair said, he's not willing to compromise on that. Commissioner Jackel said, I said some of them—. Commissioner Murray said, well, I'll just have to change mine back then. Commissioner Jackel said, some of them are informational.

Chairman Hair said, that takes us to the Second Readings. I could make a comment, but I won't.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 16-A through 16-M, except Items 16-D, 16-E and 16-H. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 16-D. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 16-E. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 16-H. Commissioners Saussy, Price and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 16-N. Commissioners Rivers and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 16-O. Commissioner Thomas 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.

None.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

1. **THE MPC RECOMMENDS THAT A 2.42 ACRE PORTION OF THE HENDERSON GOLF COURSE PUD-C DISTRICT, SHOWN AS PARCEL "C" ON THE HENDERSON APARTMENTS PHASE II CONCEPTUAL PLAN, BE REZONED FROM THE CURRENT PUD-C CLASSIFICATION TO A P-B-C (PLANNED COMMUNITY BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: P.I.N. 01-1028-01-63 PART. MPC FILE NO. 98-12354-C [DISTRICT 7]**

Chairman Hair said, my first question, Mr. Saxman, is is this the one we sent back to MPC? Mr. Bill Saxman said, no sir. Chairman Hair asked, this is a different one?

Mr. Saxman said, yes sir. This is the one that came in in relationship to the property they were trying to rezone as apartments. The visual map there's a little blip, 11 acres was added to the Henderson Tract development to allow for expansion of an existing apartment complex. While we were doing that analysis we found this 2.4 acres was actually physically separated from the Henderson Tract and the only way you can get to it is through that PUD-C district to the west of it, and we're recommending and the Henderson people encourage that they did a land swap and this property would be taken out of the Henderson Tract from a PUD-C classification and put under a P-B-C classification because physically they can't get to it and they were going to swap the land with the owner of the property that owns that adjacent P-B-C classification.

Chairman Hair asked, what is the desire of the owner to put on this property? Mr. Saxman said, they don't have—, they don't have any use—. Chairman Hair said, just leave it vacant? Mr. Saxman said, right, right. Chairman Hair asked, it's just the access? Mr. Saxman said, access. The only way you can get to it is through this P-B-C and they were going to do a land swap, and the guy that owns this property was going to actually take control of that property. Chairman Hair said, so they're not building anything on it. Mr. Saxman said, no sir, not at the present time.

Chairman Hair asked, do we have a motion to approve? Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a second. Any further 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 to approve that a 2.42 acre portion of the Henderson Golf Course PUD-C district, shown as parcel "C" on the Henderson Apartments Phase II conceptual plan, be rezoned from the current PUD-C classification to a P-B-C (Planned Community Business) classification, the property being further identified by Property Identification Number: P.I.N. 01-1028-01-63 Part. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **AMENDMENT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL TAX ORDINANCE TO DELETE THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) CODES AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE NEW NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) BUSINESS ACTIVITY LISTINGS.**

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, this is purely a housekeeping item. The federal document that we use to classify occupations in the County has been revised over the years, and this new document is a consortium between the United States, Canada and Mexico. That's why it's a different acronym.

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the amendment to the Occupational Tax Ordinance to delete the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes and replace them with the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) business activity listings. 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:**

Report received as information.

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- 2. **LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Report received as information.

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- 3. **MONTHLY ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Reports received as information.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Hair said, we will now go into Executive Session for what purpose, Mr. Abolt? County Manager Abolt said, litigation, personnel and land acquisition.

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

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF CHATHAM COUNTY V. 8.114 ACRES OF LAND; JOYCE COLSON, LOIS ENGLISH, JANET JERALD AND LOIS COLLUM, CV98-0611-BR (JON HART).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the settlement of *Chatham County v. 8.114 Acres of Land; Joyce Colson, Lois English, Janet Jerald and Lois Collum*, CV98-0611-BR, in the amount of \$320,000. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. CHATHAM COUNTY TREE COMMISSION - ALBERT LUFBURROW**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to appoint Albert Lufburrow, nominated by the Savannah Tree Foundation, to serve on the Chatham County Tree Commission with term expiration on April 1, 2003. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999

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

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SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK