

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON MARCH 26,1999, 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, March 26,1999.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Hair 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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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EFFORTS OF BOB AND DONNA LOYD.**

Chairman Hair said, I have a proclamation for Bob and Donna Loyd. Are they here this morning? Oh, there they are. Come forward please. Come to the podium. Good morning. It's good to see you. It's a real pleasure this morning for me to have the privilege on behalf of the entire Commission to give this proclamation to Bob and Donna Loyd. These folks

have taken the leadership in their community to try to help us clean up our areas and make it a better place to live. I'd like to read the proclamation now. Chairman Hair read the following proclamation into the record:

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much. We appreciate your efforts. Would you like to say anything?

Ms. Loyd said, I'll just say that we love Savannah and we moved here about two years ago and the only thing that bothered us was the amount of litter out more in the County than down here. So we decided to do something about it ourselves, and fortunately a lot of people have seen our work and have joined us and then, as the proclamation said, we began an adopt-a-highway program, and now it's kind of an organized effort. But we are enjoying the City and want to do our part to keep it beautiful.

Chairman Hair said, thank you so much for your efforts. We appreciate it very much.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

**1. TYBEE PIER (COMMISSIONER JACKEL).**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, a couple of weeks ago we had a municipal association meeting and Mayor Parker of Tybee was present. I was there and Harris Odell and, David [Saussy], I believe you were there, and we started discussing the rental of Tybee Pier. The Mayor thought our price was too high, that they could do some of the work and so I wanted to revisit this item to see if there wasn't something we could work out to either substantially lower the price or at least see why it was so expensive. We've been supplied some figures that seem to justify the cost, but they were very concerned about being unable to use the pier because of the cost. I told him we all agreed, Harris [Odell], David [Saussy] and I, that we would bring it back up and discuss it.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, as you know, Commissioner Jackel had a discussion with me and we talked about options that might be available, and this is an option. Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, you all had discussed the last time this was before you the possibility of governmental agreements and that would shift the cost to the other governments. I refer to it as one strike and you're out, namely all the services must be provided to keep it clean, keep it safe and all that. It could be shifted with the right commitment from the municipality, including insurance, but in the event that they fail to comply, that would be the last time —, one strike and you're out. It does not, as Commissioner Jackel said, shift any undue costs. Everything we have is legitimate, and it would avoid those particular problems I know many of you have been faced with when litter was not picked up quickly after an event. We're the ones who get the calls.

Chairman Hair said, any service that they provided, the cost would be reduced by that same amount. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, and the staff report identifies all those fill-in-the-blank type of a thing, but again —. Chairman Hair said, I personally think this is a good idea and I think it gives the municipalities a chance to do in-kind and reduce the cash outlays, and I support this and I would ask my fellow Commissioners to support it.

Commissioner Murray said, I certainly don't see a problem with that. I think our main concern was covering the cost of it. If they're going to do that, then I think that offsets it. County Manager Abolt said, it gives them an option.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Jackel failed to cast a vote either in the affirmative or in opposition; Commissioner DeLoach was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement and permit that can be used between go governments, groups or individuals who wish to donate in-kind type services to offset any cost that be charged by staff. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Jackel failed to cast a vote either in the affirmative or in opposition; Commissioner DeLoach was not present.]

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**2. MPC/INSPECTIONS (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, the reason I put this on here, there were several things. There's Federal stuff going on in the Islands area and I'm sure it's going to be falling into the areas as they develop. The major problem we're having right now is I guess the definition and what the ordinance actually says and how it's being interpreted under the home occupation when things to continue to come up, and I would just like to move that we send this home occupation ordinance back to the MPC to revise it and come up with a plan that everyone can understand. It's not intended in my opinion so everybody can open any type business they want to in a home. It's supposed to be something that does not have traffic coming in and out, you don't advertise a lot of things in there, and I just think we need to look at it. There's some other issues that have

come up recently about people that are teaching music or doing tutoring in homes. I didn't realize that was something they had to get permits for, but evidently it is because we've had some people now told because there was an article somewhere that they could not do the art teaching in the home, they cannot do piano teaching, music or anything else in the home without having a permit, and if that's the case, then we need to look at the ordinance and have it revised so it's fairly easy to understand for those people that want to do this, and I think one thing it's the amount of people that they will allow somebody to have at any one time in the home, and I think that is pretty much spelled out when you get into, I think, child care and also into people that do beauty parlors and stuff like that, you can do one chair or something like that in the home. It's not supposed to be a heavy traffic flow. It's supposed to be certain restrictions on it, and I think it's getting a little bit out of hand and we need to look at it.

Chairman Hair asked, so your motion is to refer it back to MPC? Commissioner Murray said, refer it to MPC for MPC to look at it and revise it and come back with a plan that makes sense to everyone and addresses all these issues. Chairman Hair said, it seems fair to me. Commissioner Price said, I'll second.

Chairman Hair recognized Mrs. Heimes.

Mrs. Heimes said, my name is Marianne Heimes, and I do live out on the Island. I would just like to request that until this is done we kind of put a moratorium on allowing anything that isn't very clear so that MPC can go through the ordinance —. Chairman Hair said, I think the only problem with that, Marianne [Heimes], is that, first of all, we wouldn't know how long the moratorium would be and we don't know how many businesses would be affected by that. Mrs. Heimes said, well, we're talking about home occupations. Chairman Hair said, but we don't know if we get 10 applications a month or a week or 20. We wouldn't know how many —. The attorney has to determine —.

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, Mr. Chairman, in all due respect, I understand the request here. There's two factors that the Commission needs to be aware of in home occupational ordinance. Every community in the country now is having trouble drafting a home occupational ordinance that fits all needs. A lot of that has to do with the fact that the Internet is so prevalent now that you have so many people working out of their homes now and you don't want to exclude that ability, but at the same time you don't want neighborhoods invaded with on-site business. So it's a constant balance of making it too restrictive and not restrictive enough. To place a moratorium on activities of home occupational until we figure out what we want to do would be so vague as to be unconstitutional. Unless you are very specific and very defined in what you place a moratorium on, that would not be appropriate action of this Commission.

Chairman Hair asked, why don't we do this? Maybe it can be sort of a consensus position. Why don't we send it back as the motion says but ask them in the same motion, if you would accept this, that they expedite this as quickly as possible and then put this as a high priority so that we could get it back to us as quickly as possible, and I think that would be a good position. Commissioner DeLoach said, everyone that comes up has to come before us in the process or it —. Mrs. Heimes said, no, they don't. Chairman Hair said, no, they don't come before us. Mrs. Heimes said, they don't at all. That's the problem. They don't have to go to anybody. If the Inspections Department says that, you know, they fit the category, they're in and that's the problem we're having right now.

Chairman Hair said, the license. Commissioner DeLoach said, oh, okay, the license. Chairman Hair said, right, that's what we're talking about, but I think if we send it back and ask them to expedite it and put it at the top of their priority list, but I think the attorney is raising a legal point that we probably don't have —. Commissioner Murray said, I really don't think it's going to take that long because Bill Saxman is already tentatively working on that and starting addressing some of the issues now. I talked with him this week, and that's why we brought it up on the agenda so they can go ahead and move forward with it because —. Chairman Hair said, we'll [inaudible] to expedite as fast as possible.

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, just one further point. Chairman Hair said, sure. Commissioner Jackel said, I am still moved by the group we had up here at our last meeting, the handicapped people, and I think we need to make sure this ordinance has special provisions for someone that's handicapped, that they make even a little bit more leeway in working in their homes. If we can have that —. Commissioner Murray said, I don't mind they looking at that, but I really don't think that's ever been an issue that I know of, but I don't have any problem —. Chairman Hair said, but it wouldn't hurt anything. Commissioner Jackel said, let's make sure we don't get stewed by anybody because of that.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote either in the affirmative or in opposition; Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner Murray moved that the Home Occupation Ordinance be returned to MPC for revision with the request that it be expedited so it can be returned to the Commission at the earliest possible date and also with the request that special consideration be given to handicapped persons who wish to be licensed for home occupation. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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### 3. AUDIT FOR LIBRARY BOARD (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, you know, I don't know when the Library Board meets. Whether that's good or bad, I don't know. It's probably good and not bad, but it might be bad on some others, but I don't go to those meetings, but every time you turn the news on there's always disagreement on the Library Board itself about the \$400,000 that we allocated, and the way I understood that allocation is that money would have to be used to keep the inner city branches open. But there's a lot of misunderstanding about that. Excuse me, I'm on the wrong one. That's the next one. I don't know, have we ever audited their books? County Manager Abolt said, sir, they're a part of the normal audit of Mr. Tindal and his company. Commissioner Murray said, the concern that I have right now is the fact that, you know, they're already \$68,000 in the hole from what I understand from what they're saying, and this is just March. I would like to see an audit on the books to find out where the money's being spent and how it's being spent. County Manager Abolt said, that is your prerogative. Commissioner Murray said, there's an awful lot of controversy going on with it right now and I think we need that and the general public needs that.

Chairman Hair said, I think that's a great idea, but we do need to make sure the public understands, we only have the right to audit our contributions, not other counties' contributions, just what we give them.

Commissioner Murray said, I understand that, but I think it needs to be clarified to the community and we put millions of dollars in there every year and they need to know what that money's being used for.

Chairman Hair said, we don't —, I don't think we need a motion for that. County Manager Abolt said, what we'll do is I'll meet with the Chairman, of course, and Mr. Tindal and also with Reese White and —.

Commissioner Price said, I'd like to comment. I have no problem with doing it, but I don't want it to appear that it's a punitive thing. Chairman Hair said, right. Commissioner Murray said, well that's not the way I said it, I don't think. Commissioner Price said, I know it's not, Frank [Murray], and I know that your intent is not that, but I know that it can be misconstrued in that sense. Commissioner Murray said, well, we ask for audits on —, we really should be auditing everybody we give money to —. Commissioner Price said, we should. You're right. Commissioner Murray said, on a regular basis. Commissioner Price said, you're right. I think hopefully what it will bring back to us is a clearer understanding of what the predicament is that's over there and if there is things —, are things that have been done in the past that brought about their situation that can be changed for the future, then we'll certainly have a better way of having a clearer dialogue with them about that, but we can't —. You know, one of the problems I've dealt with the whole situation with the Library Board and the situation over there is we can't just continue to leave things on the table, we can't continue to leave things as they are and not be more proactive in getting involved and maybe this audit's part of that. This problem's not going to go away. We're going to be faced one day here real soon I'm afraid with the only option of being able to help in the operation of all the library branches in the system as a whole by having to consider a millage increase. I think that's right before us and I think we should be aware of that.

Commissioner Jackel said, one more comment. Chairman Hair said, let's deal with that at that time. Commissioner Price said, we're looking at it. Commissioner Jackel said, if we're looking at doing some sort of audit, that may have already been done by an outside auditor. We may just need to review what —.

Chairman Hair said, what I would suggest we do is —, it is part of our normal outside audit, but what we might want to do is if we could get staff to give us, for example, the last audit and maybe there might be items on there, Commissioner Murray, that we might want further audit or further questions about them and that sort of thing. I think that's consistent with what Commissioner Price is saying too that we would ask the same questions if it was anybody else and we would not ask any special questions, but at the same time, Russ [Abolt] —.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, to help you out, sir, you're absolutely on target I think. I know you are from the standpoint of the audit's being wrapped up now for 1998. It's perfectly within the purview of the external auditors. I can set it up possibly with yourself, Commissioner Murray and other Commissioners, let's talk about where we are in 1998 and ask questions and ask for additional information if you need it.

Chairman Hair said, right. I think that would be the proper way to proceed with the audit is if there's anything that we're not sure about, ask them to go back and look at it. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman, this is not germane to the audit, but I would like to ask this question. Russ [Abolt], who is responsible for all the physical upkeep of these libraries? County Manager Abolt said, the Library Board, sir. Commissioner Rivers asked, physically also? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, yes. County Attorney Hart said, the way the statute reads is the Library Board elects a Director of the Library and the Director of the library runs the library, and because libraries by their inherent nature are not generally controversial items, there's not a lot of case law spelling out in detail what each one of those statutes means, but if you read the statute, it would appear that the Library Board is a policymaking function of that entity and then they appoint somebody to run the day-to-day operations

of the library. Commissioner Rivers said, yes, well I understand the running and the operations of it, but the maintenance. Heretofore, we have been maintaining libraries. We have been doing work on libraries so where does that —?

County Manager Abolt said, I did not understand you —, understand your question. Yes, we'll provide the maintenance, but again the money to defer the maintenance comes through the library and then —. Chairman Hair said, it's in their budget. County Manager Abolt said, yes. Just like we provide other services to the library.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we'll —. So, Commissioner Murray, if you're satisfied, we'll proceed with the audit that way and you meet with the auditors because it's already audited now. Commissioner Murray said, well, my whole point is that the general public needs to know, and I'm not saying something's wrong with it. I think it probably will come back fine, but I think the general public needs to know what's going on because there's so much controversy right now in the news and you're getting all different stories. What I'm saying it needs to be out in the open where people know what's going on. Chairman Hair said, well, of course our audit is public record. Anybody can —, we would, you know, make sure that it's accessible to anybody that would like to see that and certainly accessible to us. So we'll proceed along those lines, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir.

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

County Manager Abolt will set up meeting with external auditors and Chairman Hair, Commissioner Murray, and other Commissioners to review audit and ask questions they feel require explanation.

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#### **4. CLARIFICATION OF \$400,000 FOR LIBRARY BOARD (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I've already spoken a little bit on that, but I really think we need a clarification to date so it's on record what we did when we allocated the \$400,000 and, Sybil [Tillman], I don't know if you have a copy of that or not, but the way I understood it the \$400,000 would be there but they would have to keep those branches open and to do that some of that money would have to be used in there. Maybe I understood it wrong, misunderstood. Chairman Hair said, I think you understood correctly. I think that's the way I understood it. The actual motion —. Commissioner Thomas, that's the way you understood it? Could we get a copy of the actual motion, Sybil [Tillman], that was made? Would that be very difficult to get? The Clerk said, no, it wouldn't be really difficult. Commissioner Murray said, we don't have to have it right now. When you get it, if you would get it and make sure the news media has it so the general public will know.

Chairman Hair said, why don't you do this, Sybil [Tillman], why don't you provide copies to us and also the media as to exactly what the motion was the Board approved and then if anybody has any questions, you know, we can ask them at the next meeting. Would that satisfy —? Commissioner Murray said, that's fine.

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

The Clerk was instructed to furnish copies of the motion allocating the \$400,000 to the Library to the Commissioners and the news media.

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#### **5. MILLENNIUM RECOGNITION (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. There were several of us who attended the NACo Conference in Washington, DC, I believe Commissioner Rivers, Commissioner Saussy and myself. During that time there were many workshops on various issues and concernings [sic] and upcoming events and one of the upcoming events that was talked about and was discussed at length and we were asked to go back to our counties and try to get participation into this new project. It does not entail any money or anything of that nature. You know, now we stand at the real moment in our history in that we're coming to the end of a century and the birth of a new millennium. We would like to have Chatham County be a part of this millennium community, and to do so we would have to do certain things, and that is to form a committee to plan for the millennium community and also we have to include people and organizations on a broad based basis, and also we need to —, we would like to incorporate with national county government if, you know, the Commission gives us permission to do so. I have spoken with [inaudible] relative to this and she is willing and ready to help with this, and I think this is something worth our while to participate in this. We will also get recognition nationally through the National Association of Counties, and we have to make our application through the NACo organization. So my main purpose here this morning is to get permission from the Commission to move forward in that regard.

Chairman Hair said, I think that's a great idea. Gentlemen, could we get a consensus that —. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we'll just a consensus. I don't think we need a motion, give a consensus for Priscilla [Thomas] to proceed and work out [inaudible]. Commissioner Thomas said, right. Chairman Hair said, thank you very much.

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

A consensus was given for Commissioner Thomas to proceed with making application through NACo to participate in the millennium community.

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#### **6. ASSISTANCE TO PORT WENTWORTH (COMMISSIONER DELOACH).**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, y'all got in your package, I thought —, is Al [Bungard] here? County Manager Abolt said, yes he is. We can carry you though [inaudible]. Commissioner DeLoach asked, can you bring me up to date on it? County Manager Abolt said, okay. I'll have Mr. Bungard come forward. Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, Commissioner DeLoach called me two days ago on this. It's a matter that staff has been attempting to work out with the interim City Manager of Port Wentworth, who is their Chief of Police, Chief Melvin, and it involves two projects. I would like Al [Bungard] to come forward to explain. We did give you two staff reports last night. We attempted to keep them brief, and I apologize for the lateness of the issuance of the staff reports, but we are dealing with two projects in the City of Port Wentworth. One is the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and State Route 21 and the other is State Route 21 and 25 intersection, commonly called the Bonnybridge Road Project. At issue is what the County can legitimately reimburse and cover as expenses on these road projects. What we have is a very specific definition, that's why Attorney Hart is also prepared to respond, dealing with how SPLOST money might be used, and traditionally staff has been very conservative in interpreting that legislation. What it means is primarily that SPLOST sales tax money, let's say, to build roads cannot be used beyond the normal expense associated with construction of those roads. For example, if there is a water or sewer line, that water and sewer line should have been kept in good shape by whomever is operating that utility. We had a similar situation when the City of Savannah had a water main going down President Street, you might remember, and there was a judgment call and the issue there came about and was brought back to you as the County Commission as to whether or not the actions in the road construction would have virtually damaged the water line, and that's where the judgment call is made because we cannot find ourselves recommending to you anything other than a very strict interpretation of the law, but you have the discretion in the event that you believe that the construction going on on one of these projects might endanger that sewer line, I believe in this case, and that the expense could be covered. It's 130-some thousand dollars. Other issues we still remain at odds with which we do not feel there's any discretion have to do with a tie-in to the City's I&D plant and also a double payment for a project for some property acquisition that we feel we've already made. The only type of discretionary act we sincerely feel has to do with the replacement of a sewer line. County Manager Abolt recognized Al Bungard.

Mr. Bungard said, there are two projects involved, and I'll deal with the one that Russ [Abolt] dealt with first, and that's the one at Bonnybridge Road, and that's improvements to a road between the intersection of State Route 25 and State Route 21. When we first got the information, we reviewed the plans and determined that only \$75,000 was in fact a relocation. I presented that to the Board and that was approved. They asked —, Port Wentworth asked to meet with me, looked at the plans, found out where we had some misunderstandings, and I said, fine, I think it's pretty clear that part of that is eligible, is in fact a relocation. I found out they were abandoning a line; however, at issue remains \$138,000 for a gravity sewer that is going to remain underneath the roadway. We routinely pave over existing utilities under a road. The plans show that they're unknown depth. I've no reason to question that they were put in in, you know, 1920. They're 80 years old, they're concrete. The method they proposed to use to reinforce and protect it is, you know, sound. That's acceptable, but the way the County and my predecessors and I have interpreted, you know, State law is that we relocate utilities. Can I say that the gravity sewer will not be impacted by the construction? No, I cannot say that. You know, I've not seen, you know, the camera. I'm sure they've put some cameras down there to check the status, so I'd see if there's two choices. You can either physically, you know, remove the gravity sewer, which has been done in the past and there's an expense there, or you can fix the one in the ground, but the point is I don't have the authority as the County Engineer to go beyond, you know, the interpretation of that State law to make that decision.

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner DeLoach, what are you asking? Commissioner DeLoach said, I'm asking —. Chairman Hair asked, are you asking for the 130? Commissioner DeLoach said, 138. Chairman Hair said, I think that's a fair —. We heard from the Manager that that's consistent with —, in the past —. County Manager Abolt said, I think it would be very important for you to make certain findings.

Chairman Hair recognized County Attorney Hart.

County Attorney Hart said, basically the statute in regard to this, traditionally speaking, if it's a relocation of utilities we've always picked up the tab. On the other hand, if it's a maintenance issue we have not, okay. In this particular case, you're

kind of between the devil and the deep blue sea. If you go in and improve the road and then you have problems with the sewer, you're going to double your cost of going back in there and making the improvement. So there's a very good argument that we could impact that sewer by just the activities of the road. So do you fix it right now or do you take a chance and then maybe have to go back and do it later?

Commissioner DeLoach said, another point to this is the fact that this is not a project for Port Wentworth. It's taking place in Port Wentworth, but it's Georgia DOT that is moving the issue forward, and I can't get any —, you won't get a response from them. They say it's in the City of Port Wentworth so they can't respond to it, but they —, if this didn't happen, they don't care, but the fact it is going to happen because DOT says we're going to do and we're moving forward, that's the reason it moved up to today because they've got to either vote on it —, they've got to come up with the money or they start getting fined. Chairman Hair said, I think it's a fair request.

County Attorney Hart said, I would like the Commission to make the motion and to find that this is an integral part of the construction project of the road and necessary for the renovation of that facility.

Chairman Hair asked, do you make a motion —? Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you, Al [Bungard].

Chairman Hair said, the other one I think we won't have a problem with. Let's talk about that one later. Commissioner DeLoach said, well, I don't think there's any way that —. Chairman Hair said, I don't think —, I think the Attorney's already ruled —. County Manager Abolt said, I only introduced the issue to you because I wanted to make sure in case the City of Port Wentworth wants to talk to you. This is the only area in which we thought discretion could be exercised. You've done that and beyond that I'm afraid we might be violating the law. Chairman Hair said, yes, and also the other you said duplication of payment of the land. I don't think we can do that. We can't really get into that. We've done the one we —, we did correct the one we could correct. The other we just couldn't —.

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

Commissioner DeLoach moved to amend the agreement with the City of Port Wentworth to reimburse the City \$138,750 for the relocation of the gravity sewer at SR 25 as an integral part of the construction of intersection improvements at Bonnybridge Road (SR 30) and SR 21 and SR 25, and to transfer the funds from 1993-1998 SPLOST, Reserve for Specified Projects. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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#### **COMMISSIONERS' SALARY INCREASE (COMMISSIONER MURRAY)**

Commissioner Murray asked, it's not on the agenda, but could I get clarification on something? Chairman Hair said, sure. Commissioner Murray said, all right, the clarification I'd like to have and the way I understand it is there's been a lot of publicity also about the Commissioners' raises that were approved by the Legislature. The way I understand it and somebody needs to correct, I guess, Jon [Hart], you do if this is wrong, is that they approved a raise up to X-amount of money, but it is actually up to the Commission to vote on those raises next year for the 2001 budget to raise anywhere in between or up to that amount. Is that correct or is it automatic?

County Attorney Hart said, well, you raised a very good question and we're looking at the issue right now. This morning I was able to obtain from the Georgia House of Representatives the actual copy of the act off of the Internet, and it states that each of the officials of Chatham County shall receive a salary and it delineates the salary as fixed by the governing authority of such county not to exceed and then it has specified amounts in there. We're looking at whether that requires a specific resolution or at the time you enact this you can just pass it as part of the general budget and specify the amounts in there. I'm not sure on that.

Chairman Hair said, he can make a ruling on that. Commissioner Murray said, I'd just like to have something because the question keeps coming up. Chairman Hair said, we'll get it. Commissioner Murray said, I understood that we had to vote on it. County Attorney Hart said, it's very oddly worded.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Thank you.

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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 (\*).

- 1. SKATING RINK CONFLICT (COMMISSIONER PRICE). Staff to investigate and audit non-profit corporation to determine where donations have been applied.**

Chairman Hair said, we're not going to take the Skating Rink off, but we will be ready to take it off on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April and get that off the agenda.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

This item was not placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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- \* 2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE NAME OF THE TRADE CENTER AND ITS MAIN SPACES.** Tabled at meeting of February 19, 1999. Tabled with direction that all Commissioners submit their suggestions to the County Manager for ultimately being submitted to the Trade Center Authority for negotiation and that a list then be brought back to the Board for approval. *See additional staff report.*

Chairman Hair said, I do ask my fellow Commissioners to go ahead and take Item #2 off. I think it's time we move on. Commissioner Price and Commissioner Saussy have submitted names, and I'd like to see Item #2 taken off the table. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell and Commissioner Price were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, request board approve the name of the Trade Center and its main spaces. I think we need forward with that.

County Manager Abolt said, we did send you last night a proposal. Chairman Hair said, yes, and I think it's a good list. Does anybody have any problem with that list. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, the reason I set this aside is we have a great heritage here in Savannah and I think we need to —, not exploit it, but put it forward to people, and this place is going to be seen by people all over the United States, but also all over the world, and I don't think we've had enough recognition of the people that really founded this country, namely Button Gwent, who was the signer of the Declaration, Nathanael Greene, Casimir Pulaski and Sgt. William Jasper, and also Tomochichi. I think [inaudible] brought his name up, and so the list here I think is —, I like the way it sort of flows, but the only changes I had on the auditorium either Oglethorpe or Heritage Auditorium. I think we probably —, I think the sounding of them, and then I had West Square either named Oglethorpe or the Heritage. I like the name Heritage Square because it just sort of flows right, and then Oglethorpe Auditorium and then the East Square being Tomochichi. That's the main square that the people will be coming into, and Tomochichi has not gotten the recognition that he deserves. So I think that —.

Commissioner Price said, well, why don't we make amends for that. I like everything here, David [Saussy], I really do. You know, I had the idea of the ballroom being named after Tomochichi, one of the grander aspects of the Trade Center being that way. Either that or the auditorium possibly. You know, all I would ask is that you might consider that we turn or swap around some of these names.

Chairman Hair asked, can we —, could we pass it and maybe allow the Trade Center itself to do that, give them a little bit of leeway. As long as they use those names for the space itself, maybe let them choose. I think that would sort of be a good compromise position. Again, if we could —, let's use these names but maybe let them —, give them some adjusting authority. David [Saussy], would you have —. Commissioner Saussy said, that's fine. Chairman Hair said, give them —, Ben [Price]. Commissioner Price said, I don't have a problem with that. Chairman Hair said, okay, I think that would be a fair —. Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair recognized, Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, I have a comment to make. I don't see any recognition of any person of color in this whole thing and I know that's going to be a bone that may come back up, and we don't want —, Tomochichi is a native Indian. I'm talking about the Black heritage and the Black culture, and I know that that's going to come back up, and I just want to caution you on that fact that when you leave out a great segment in this community and a great segment that has been instrumental in not only the founding but the cultivation and the growth of this community, I think we are kind of remise there, so I think we need to give that some thought for some inclusion. Chairman Hair said, I think that's a good point.

Commissioner Price said, why don't we leave it on the table until we have recommendations from you, Joe [Rivers], and others that —. Commissioner Rivers said, no, not from me. I'd rather for it to come from the community. I want them to have some input as to what they —. Chairman Hair asked, could we —? Commissioner DeLoach said, no, we need to go ahead.

Chairman Hair said, I'm trying to see how we could move forward and still address Commissioner Rivers' concern, which is a very legitimate concern. I'm wondering if we could not maybe take a couple of spaces and again not name those today and let those be named at a future time when we do have names —. Would that be —? I just —, I hate to hold up the whole thing for, you know, maybe a couple of space or —, I don't know how many we're talking about, but, I mean, you know what I'm saying, as opposed to the whole —. Wouldn't there be other things that we could approve a partial list and maybe reserve two or three of the squares?

Commissioner Rivers said, I have a suggestion, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner Rivers said, you've got the West Square Oglethorpe and the auditorium is Oglethorpe —. Commissioner Saussy said, or Heritage. Commissioner Rivers said, or Heritage. We can wrestle with that. Chairman Hair said, pick one more, Commissioner Rivers, and then let's them all but those two and then have those names come back to us. Can you pick another one? Commissioner Rivers asked, well, why should I pick? Chairman Hair said, well, I'm just saying. Commissioner Saussy,

would you maybe suggest one since this is —? Commissioner Saussy said, I was going to say the West Square would be a good one.

Commissioner DeLoach said, how about just submitting the three names and let them do it. Chairman Hair said, well, I know, but we have to reserve the space though. I mean, which main space —. Commissioner Rivers said, just say Joe Rivers Square. Commissioner Thomas said, reserve the space, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Hair recognized Mrs. Hilda Whitaker. Mrs. Whitaker said, I'd like to just suggest a room for the taxpayers. Chairman Hair said, okay.

Mr. Patrick Monahan said, let me make a quick suggestion here. One thing I tried to emphasize, and I put it as the first Facts and Findings is, time is of the essence. This has taken about a month and we're actually holding up marketing materials from being printed finally. Until this information, in addition, we cannot get the graphics package out for bid until this is settled. It's a little bit more important than just even naming a park. Chairman Hair said, right. Mr. Monahan said, the —, if I might, we just might leave the squares unnamed because, one, if you name a square after Gen. Oglethorpe, then that's going to cause confusion because we also have an Oglethorpe Square in Savannah. The others, there seems to be a tradition in Savannah, you do not erect a statute in the square named after the person so being honored. If you happen to notice that within the squares, Oglethorpe statute is not found in Oglethorpe Square. Chairman Hair said, we wouldn't want to get away from [inaudible]. Mr. Monahan said, we had actually attempted to reserve the East Square, which is the main arrival point, and that point in which every single visitor must pass and leads, of course, into the rotunda, we attempted to name that —, reserve that for a statute for Tomochichi, and I —, in fact, I had presented that to the Tomochichi Committee that we had planned to do that and they were going to call the square something else, but also in the tradition of Savannah and trying to follow some of the semblance in the design, we reserved that area for a Tomochichi statute, and that was kind of the thought. So I might —, if you just keep the names the same and just leave the squares unnamed and allow the Trade Center Authority —, pass along the message that Commissioner Rivers relayed because I knew this would become an issue, and allow us to move forward.

Chairman Hair said, I think that's a good suggestion with one —, I think it needs for more than a suggestion from Authority though. I think we still need to —, we need to put some —. Mr. Monahan said, and you know, I don't think any of us, neither the Trade Center Authority nor any of the County staff that has participated nor the architects —, the names of the rooms are not as significant at this point to the schedule as getting names —, a slate of names done. Chairman Hair said, okay, so why don't we do this, why don't we pass it with the squares not being named and then we would come back in a future meeting, once we get the names, and get the squares named. How about that? Commissioner Rivers said, well, we should be able to do that by next meeting. Chairman Hair said, exactly. We can do that at the next meeting. So we'll approve everything today but the squares and then we'll get input from the community and at the next meeting we'll do that, how about that? Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Chairman Hair asked, is that the motion?

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and 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:**

1. Commissioner DeLoach moved to place this item before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Price were not present.]
2. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the following names for the Savannah Trade and Convention Center: Building: Savannah International Trade and Convention Center; Ballroom: Chatham Ballroom; Ballroom Prefunction: Georgia International Gallery; Auditorium: Oglethorpe Auditorium; Café: Peter Tondee's Tavern; Slip 2 Docks: Hutchinson Landing; and the names of Button Gwent, Nathanael Green, Casimir Pulaski and Sgt. William Jasper for the board rooms, allowing the Trade Center Authority to make the assignments using those names, and that the names for West Square and East Square be considered at the next meeting to allow for submission of names by the Black community. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- \* 3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR MINOR STAFF RESTRUCTURING, DELETING ELEVEN (11) POSITIONS TO FUND CREATION OF FOUR (4) NEW POSITIONS. Tabled at meeting of February 19, 1999. Tabled until Board gets clarification.**

Chairman Hair said, I personally believe we should take this off the table and deal with it. Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion we take it off the table. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Rivers said, second.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, it's off the table. Now the Chair will entertain —.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion we approve this. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Murray and Thomas voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to two. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

1. Commissioner DeLoach moved to place this item before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioners Rivers and Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request by the Library Board for minor staff restructuring, deleting eleven (11) positions [Position #14, 52, 60, 62, 67, 90, 99, 100, 109, 117 and 173] to fund the creation of the four (4) new positions: Library Technology Coordinator, Assistant Systems Manager, Library Personnel Manager, and Volunteer Coordinator. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Murray and Thomas voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to two.

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

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

1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: GENERAL FUND M & O CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$16,100 TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY FOR REPLACEMENT COPIERS AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF \$8,530 FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR A TRAINING VIDEO; CONFISCATED FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CNT BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE \$17,200 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION TO PURCHASE BULLET-PROOF VESTS; ONE PERCENT SALES TAX EXTENSION FUND (1993-1998) TRANSFER OF \$1,400,000 FROM RESERVE FOR SPECIFIED PROJECTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSULTANTS, PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$500,000 FOR FUTURE TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO HUTCHINSON ISLAND WATER AND SEWER PROJECT.**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? Commissioner Jackel said, yes. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner DeLoach asked, have we got a second? Who seconded? Commissioner Odell said, I did. Chairman Hair said, yes, he did. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, it appears that on almost every agenda now we have something to replace copiers somewhere and the price of these copiers is very high, and I've been wondering if we couldn't —, we need to come up with some plan for replacing copiers and we need to get some sort of mass purchasing than buying one here and buying one there, plus we have different copiers which call for different maintenance. We need to be better coordinated in this area. It's substantial money and I would like to see us do something about that.

County Manager Abolt said, Commissioner Jackel was very considerate and we talked about this before the meeting. You have to understand in balancing the money was not there. We've realized now for about two or three years running that we're ill-prepared to do exactly what Commissioner Jackel advises. We have not replaced and we don't replace. We have to have a Contingency draw down and that's not the best way to do it. Chairman Hair said, but, Russ [Abolt], you still can accommodate what Commissioner Jackel is talking about if you have an approved list of copiers. County Manager Abolt said, no, I'm not talking about —. Chairman Hair said, they'd have to buy the same brand. Still, that's what he's really addressing I think. County Manager Abolt said, and there's no question also if we could, you know, en masse purchase copiers everybody would benefit.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those —. Commissioner Jackel said, I have some more on this list. Chairman Hair said, oh, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Jackel said, I would like to know how many bulletproof vests we're purchasing for \$17,000. What's the approximate cost per vest? County Manager Abolt said, this replaces them all, sir. Commissioner Jackel asked, how many is it?

County Manager Abolt said, I don't know if the staff report says it, but another example: Commander Smith came in with his budget request in the Fall. I eliminated all replacements, which there was a 20 —, at that time, estimated \$20,000 for bulletproof vests. They have, as I think you may recall from previous action for the Sheriff and the Police Department, every five years it's wise to replace the vests. We were unable to replace them through normal M&O monies so Commander Smith came in and said through Confiscated Funds he would like to replace them. It is my understanding, without having a specific number to give you, this would replace all the bulletproof vests in the CNT.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just have a hard time understanding that they all just self-destruct in five years. I would assume some of them were used a great deal and some probably —. County Manager Abolt said, I'm not the expert on this. I would defer either to law enforcement or to —.

Chairman Hair said, Tom [Sprague], I know this is not your area, but could you at least make a comment about the [inaudible] aspect of the vests.

Chief Sprague said, I was CNT when we purchased the vests initially. The shelf life on them, according to the manufacturers, IACP, et cetera, is five years. After that it becomes an officer safety factor that the vests will not stop the bullet, and I'm sure that's why Commander Smith —. Commissioner Jackel said, they do self-destruct in five years then whether they're used or not. Chief Sprague said, basically the guarantee of stopping the bullet ends at about five years. That's recommended from the manufacturers and International Association of Chiefs of Police. Commissioner Jackel said, even if it stays on the shelf. Chief Sprague said, well, when I say shelf life, I'm talking about use life. Chairman Hair said, use. Commissioner Jackel said, well, that's what I'm trying to find out. They're all used and they all need to be replaced or some of them just sit around? Chief Sprague said, I recall when we started the CNT we had nothing. We called, we got the bids on it, and, I believe, at that time I believe Patrick's got the bid on that. They came down and measured everyone. There's 40 police officers down there, and we supplied each officer with a vest. Of course, the fifth year anniversary of the CNT was last week, last Sunday.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions?

Commissioner Jackel said, yes, I have about this Elections Board producing a training video. Now doesn't the company that sold these things show us a video on how they work and how they would be used and things of that nature so that we —. I thought that's how we bought this equipment is they came forward and showed us a video and our people went down to Tampa and looked at it. So I don't understand why we have to produce our own.

Chairman Hair said, would you like to make a comment or answer the question please?

Ms. Kathy Rogers said, no sir, the company did not produce a training video. At this time with 159 counties in the State, no one has an election training video. Commissioner Jackel asked, there's not one from the company to show you how to operate their stuff? Ms. Rogers said, no sir, they don't have a video, and we train 600 coworkers per election cycle, so what we're looking at is producing a modular format video that we can perhaps sell to all these other counties who are currently looking at the system that we just purchased.

Chairman Hair said, I can tell you that may sound expensive, Commissioner Jackel, but that is a cheap video. I'm going to tell you —. Commissioner Jackel said, I'm not questioning the price of it. I just thought that the —. Chairman Hair said, I can assure you [inaudible] cost \$42,000. Commissioner Jackel said, that the company had something out to show people how to use it. Chairman Hair said, yes, I'm surprised they don't.

Ms. Rogers said, I tried to encourage them to produce one for us, however, they —. Chairman Hair said, it's a bargain. Commissioner Saussy said, let's sell it to them.

Chairman Hair asked, okay, any further questions, Commissioner Jackel? Commissioner Jackel said, no. Chairman Hair said, all right, we have a motion and second to approve the item. 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 the following: General Fund M & O Contingency transfer of \$16,100 to Superior Court Judiciary for replacement copiers and Board consideration of \$8,530 for Board of Elections for a training video; Confiscated Funds Special Revenue Fund CNT Budget Amendment to recognize \$17,200 Fund Balance appropriation to purchase bullet-proof vests; One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1993-1998) transfer of \$1,400,000 from Reserve

for Specified Projects to Administrative Account for right-of-way consultants, Project budget amendment of \$500,000 for future transfer from General Fund to Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer Project. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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## **2. INFORMATION ALERT REGARDING STATUS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AND NEED TO AMEND ORDINANCE.**

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is at this stage an alert. It's a continuation in a series of alerts that really had their genesis back in the preparation of the budget in the Fall of 1998. We are reaching a point of great concern to staff as to our abilities to receive what we traditionally refer to as dry trash. We are in earnest looking at a vertical expansion of Thomas Avenue Landfill as our last remaining vestige of being able to deposit this material short of spending what continues to be an ever-increasing price per ton to dispose of it either through other governments or through the private sector. We'll be coming back to you with an ordinance amendment at the 9<sup>th</sup> of April meeting, which will be the first step towards addressing it. It's a situation of —, that is growing in it's critical nature. Our recommendation of all those shown before you will to —, is to change Solid Waste Ordinance saying that every week we will pick up from residential locations what is referred to as the vegetative waste, but other waste such as white goods, cardboard, old bicycles, what have you, once a month.

Chairman Hair said, I'll tell you what I'd like to see us do along these lines. I think now's the time to begin this process. I believe that in the future we're going to have to address this waste issue on a regional basis, and we no longer can do it by ourselves in Chatham County. We're going to have to bring our fellow contiguous counties into it. I've had some preliminary discussions with the Chairmen in Effingham, Liberty and Bryan Counties, and they agree with me. I'd like to see us maybe, and while staff is preparing alternatives, that first at the staff level, he gets with his counterparts in these contiguous counties and find out, first of all, what their need is and are they interested in cooperating with us, and then make sure of that, and then if that —, once we know the need, then maybe convene a meeting of elected officials in these counties to begin planning for a regional. I think long term that's the only solution to it, and I hate to see us miss this opportunity to at least include that as part of the planning process. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, Russ [Abolt], I know that we bought a chipper for using in the —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, that's part of this. Commissioner Murray said, landfill. Most of the stuff going in the landfill right now are limbs, leaves, trees cut up, and things like that. Would it be to our benefit to purchase one of the blowers, incinerator type things to burn stuff —. County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Commissioner Murray said, that keeps the smoke down and you don't have the smoke —. County Manager Abolt said, that's where, you might recall, we got into cross-points with EPD during Tropical Storm Earl. They are on the brink of actually prohibiting that type of disposal for [inaudible] reduction. It's very difficult and I would —, I do not think the County is being excessive in its request for vertical expansion. I think it's a very fair use of the resource we have remaining.

Commissioner Murray said, all right. I've got several questions. Chairman Hair said, sure. Commissioner Murray with the annexation, how many people and how much acreage have we lost in the unincorporated area, and the follow-up on that, does anyone resident anywhere in Chatham County able to bring stuff into the County landfills? County Manager Abolt said, the answer to your latter question is yes, anyone can, and we do attempt to estimate, which is never a good estimate, and have some M&O recognition of the operation of the transfer stations. We have to remember that we still are serving a population of 64,000 people and it is growing within the unincorporated area. Our challenge has always been that this service has been provided at no direct cost to the person that generates it. There's the property taxes and traditionally in years past that would have been a reasonable expense to incur. Landfill operation has been so expensive that about 10 years ago the County Commission said we're going to get out of the business of landfills, and we have systematically closed each of these landfills. They're more dumps than landfills. We're down to one, and that now is Thomas Avenue plus transfer stations.

Commissioner Murray said, all right. In this [inaudible] you sent us, this is a discussion about —, one of the options would be to use private landfills and pay the fees on that. Did the County make any type of response to the DRI on the old Clifton Landfill? County Manager Abolt said, I'll defer to the attorney, who's received that and just been able to analyze it.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. There are two issues pending right now. There's the transfer station. We have received an advisory opinion back and we consider it advisory opinion only from the Coastal Regional Planning raising some concerns of the City of Savannah, the Airport Commission, and one of the municipalities, and this week I've made a recommendation to the City Manager that we go forward with the project but meet with the Airport Commission to address their concerns, meet with the City of Savannah and meet with the City of Port Wentworth. They have all submitted comment letters. We need to address those comment letters; however, we view the Regional Planning Board out of Brunswick basically as an advisory board in rendering an advisory opinion. They have written us a letter that they do not believe that it is in the best interest of the State, and that is their right within their planning agency's organization, but once we have met

the concerns of those that have raised comments and tried to work out any of those situations, I believe the County is within its right to proceed with the project if it deems it to be appropriate and meets the needs of the citizens of this community. In regard to the Thomas Avenue Landfill issue, we're still reviewing that insofar as we have not been [sic] clearly announced what the Regional Planning Board has raised in concerns, and we'll probably be in a better position at the next meeting to address that issue.

Commissioner Murray said, on the landfill I know the Airport Commission is involved in that. Is the Airport Commission speaking for the 165<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing with their planes or is it all —, or do they have a representative sitting on there also? County Attorney Hart said, well, the Airport Commission's letter to the Planning Commission, to be honest with you, is a rather neutral sounding letter. They —, Mr. Patrick Graham raises the issue that he cannot give us carte blanche to proceed with the landfill without knowing the impact it will have on the airport, and I think that's about —. Chairman Hair said, I think that's about the birds. County Attorney Hart said, that's a fair statement. Primarily they've raised an issue of potentially birds, and that's —. Commissioner Murray said, well, that's the issue I want to —. County Attorney Hart said, and this transfer station needs to be —, remember is going to be dealing mostly with dry trash so, you know, your bird issue may not be as significant as raised.

Commissioner Murray said, my last question, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, we have a fee, a dollar a ton fee that everybody pays to dump at the landfill. Is that right? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray asked, does the County pay that fee too? County Manager Abolt said, I'll defer to Mr. Drewry.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, yes sir, we have to pay ourselves according to State law. Every time we dispose, we have to account for it. Commissioner Murray asked, is this just done on paper or do we actually cut a check and put it in an account? Mr. Drewry said, I think it's just a paper transfer. County Manager Abolt said, we pay the money. Mr. Drewry said, but we do pay the money. County Manager Abolt said, it is a reserve fund for which there's very specific strictures on how it may be used.

Commissioner Murray asked, could we get a copy of how much is in that fund and how it's done? County Manager Abolt said, sure. Commissioner Murray said, I'd just like to have it. I don't need it right now. County Manager Abolt said, Solid Waste Fund, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, okay, I —. Last comment, I just —. I know something's got to be done with the landfills, I also know that the dry trash is a problem, but we're creating more problems if we can't get something done because we've got more —, I get more and more complaints about the burning. I know we aren't enforcing it, the Burning Ordinance, because —, unless someone calls and complains about the smoke and then we go out and we tell those people they can't burn any more. The more we cut back on what goes into the landfills we have or some way of getting rid of it, the more people will have to burn to get rid of the problem because if we can't pick it up and take it in, they're going to [inaudible]. I just think these things have to be addressed early, and I'm not —, I'm not really in favor of cutting back on the dry trash pickup in the unincorporated area. It's one of those few things we have out there right now anyway, but I understand also we've got to have a place to put the materials.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, it seems to me that some of the bulky items —, I don't know whether the City is still taking in —, whether they have an incinerator or not. At one time they were getting enough going in there to make it really feasible to do things, but —. Have we looked into the possibility of taking these bulky items to the City? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, more than that —. Mr. Drewry said, yes sir, we have. My understanding is before they burn it, they actually grind it up with more material. They will take certain items. They won't take things like a roll of carpet or things like that, but they'll take the bulky items —. Commissioner Saussy said, refrigerators and —. Mr. Drewry said, but we take the white goods out of that waste stream and we take that and recycle that ourselves. Commissioner Saussy said, oh, you do? Mr. Drewry said, yes sir.

Commissioner Murray asked, just —, what do y'all actually consider white goods? Mr. Drewry said, refrigerators, dryers, washers —. Commissioner Murray asked, appliances and that sort of thing? Mr. Drewry said, appliances, yes sir.

Commissioner Saussy said, the other thing is, I think there was something in this report that I read about grinding the vegetation and possibly —, and there were some ideas of selling that back for —, and Eddie [DeLoach] would know a lot about that, so I don't know how that would work, but it seems to me that that would at least help offset some of the cost. Mr. Drewry said, we are definitely looking into that. The grinder, The Beast as we call it, which is the brand name, it arrived a couple of days ago I'm pleased to announce, and we're going to be doing a demonstration we're going to set up fairly soon. Of course, once it is, y'all come look at it, but we're hoping to take that material and divert it from the landfill and use it in the market somehow as a chip. We can regulate the size of the chips we can develop out of it, and we can get it to the point where it will be very fine and fine enough to put around beds, and that's our hope. Commissioner Saussy said, I think any time we can recycle things, it really helps the environment. Another thing, I know we don't do any regular trash pickup, but I would really like to see something happen in this County and this City where we had a mandatory recycling. I know people say it doesn't —, it's not cost-effective, but I can't believe that. I know the City had tried some things a while back, but it sort of went down, but most other cities that I go into they do have recycling and it is mandatory, so I don't know why it can't work here.

Commissioner Rivers said, I'd like for us to look into —. Chairman Hair said, let's make sure we [inaudible]. Mrs. Whitaker and then Commissioner Jackel and then Commissioner DeLoach.

Mrs. Whitaker said, for the record, Mr. Chairman, my name is Hilda Whitaker. I think it is imperative when you think of waste of any kind that the first people we ought to begin to cooperate with is the City of Savannah. Anything —, any action you take you have to consider how it will affect the taxpayers of the City of Savannah, whether it's going to either divert a waste stream that they could use, it's going to cost those taxpayers money. I have never thought that the dry trash pickup was an efficient operation. Efficiency is not a word you can use in discussing it. I have ridden behind trucks where someone was picking up trash and then the trash was put on the back of a dump truck and they drove down the road and the trash blew back off, and where the mowers were coming behind them and the trash that wasn't picked up was strewn again, so then you had to come back up and bag it again. When you talk about the dollar a ton and the Enterprise Fund, I have never been able to make heads or tails out of that Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and I have tried hard. I have purchased copies of computer sheets trying to make the money fit, and I'll tell you what, folks, it just doesn't fit. It appears that there's a lot of money on paper in that account. If the Enterprise Fund money was used to purchase any equipment that was utilized by Public Works in any of their activities in the bookkeeping system that's in place surely the Public Works Department should be charged back, as they say, for —, and the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund credited for the use for that equipment. I don't think you've ever gotten a full cost accounting. I've never believed that. In 1993 those of you who were here will remember in that Green Room I told you it was costing close to a hundred dollars a ton then for dry trash. I think that the citizens of Chatham County need to know that the number of people that may have been lost by annexation may not decrease the cost, but it will maybe perhaps increase the cost. As far as a regional basis for landfill, I'm all for that. Let's send it somewhere else. I think that —, I want to also have a full cost accounting of how much money's been generated in that Solid Waste Fund, how much interest it's earned, and a definitive list of how the money's been spent. I think that the County must remember that they owe that fund a dollar a ton for all those —, that tonnage that they allowed to be dumped free all those years ago and then you went back and you started charging the dollar. That has to still be accounted for and it all checks out. And I would ask that before you amend the ordinance that you check your Solid Waste Plan and your five-year update to see what you've got to do there to be in compliance with the regulations. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mrs. Whitaker. Commissioner Jackel, then Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner Jackel said, I have said for some time now we need to move away from filling up the landfills with grass clippings and other things that people could eventually switch over to mulching mowers and things of that nature and other places that stuff is no longer allowed to be picked up, it's no longer allowed to be brought, that people can take care of it on their property with some —, not too much trouble adapting to the newer methods. We need to look at it —, are we doing any compacting also? Have we been doing any of that? Mr. Drewry asked, compacting at the landfills or compacting —? Commissioner Jackel said, compacting before stuff goes in the landfill. Mr. Drewry said, well, we have trash compactors and when it's put in the hopper, it's scooped up into the container of the compactor truck and then it's hydraulic compaction there. I don't know how much reduction we get out of that. Then when it's dumped in the landfill, you've got heavy equipment that rolls over it back and forth several times that does the compaction.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, follow up on two things. There's been an attempt to take yard waste and wood chips and pallets and all that stuff by a company. [Inaudible] Enterprises had made an attempt originally to do that and it proved —, I won't say infeasible, but less than profitable so they're out of the business now at the present time, and I think that will be the situation as far as the County is concerned. I don't know if we would —, I don't know exactly what we will pick up and what we won't pick up, but we will need to and should go to the point that we will not pick up grass clippings. Period. I understand bulky leaves and that type thing —, I mean, bulky limbs and all. I can understand that and some of the harder materials like white —, you know, refrigerators and all that stuff, better left side the road, that we pick it up rather than find it in a dump next to the road somewhere else and somebody else's problem. But I think we ought to have an ordinance that limits what goes into the landfill, and we want to protect the landfill and try to continue to use the landfill, and at the present time I don't know that we've got a very restrictive ordinance. I know Dallas, Texas, for one, eliminated any grass clippings going into the landfill, which made up something like 60% of their total volume that went into the landfills. Materials that could be reprocessed on site at that person's location, but until somebody says you can't do it anymore, they continue to do it, and I think it's something that we need to go ahead and say there'll be no more grass clippings, there'll be no more leaves, you know, and you take it and you process it on your property, and it's worked in some of our areas where we can add additional costs or have to take it off. People move towards, well, what can we do with it otherwise. It has a tendency to do that when you put some restriction on it. I think it's something we're going to have to do. We can't continue to keep emptying it into the dump.

Chairman Hair said, I think, Russ [Abolt] it's also very important that we begin to prepare suggested changes [inaudible]. We have any public input, we need to have hearings on this. We also need to make sure that we incorporate all of the municipalities, not just the City of Savannah, but all of the other seven into this planning process and not do this in isolation. We need to have as much information as possible to make sure that —. County Manager Abolt said, the ordinance will be introduced on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We will not have our meeting again until the 30<sup>th</sup>, so we'll have time off [inaudible].

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, the idea of not including grass clippings in the landfill, I have some concerns about that, and if we're going to build in that direction, my first concern would be if we're unable to properly educate the public as to what to do with the grass clippings and/or their leaves. Also, I fear that if we do move in that direction what we'll find is that the maintenance of our canals and the cost for the maintenance of our canals will increase significantly because a lot of people will simply take those grass clippings and they'll dump them in a ditch or they'll dump in a [inaudible], or they'll dump them somewhere that downstream's going to cause some problems so that's something that we need to be very clear about, and how do we manage that. I mean, how do we —, [inaudible] go in that direction, how do you manage that sort of a problem? This is something that's not going to go away. I think we do need to look at those ideas and I commend Commissioner DeLoach for expressing those ideas, but by the same token, how do we manage such a situation?

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, we could call —. I might suggest that we contact the City of Dallas, Texas, and ask them what their ordinance is and go to them and ask them how they educated the public to move in that direction because the main thing they did was not pick up the bag when they went by. People would say, oh, well, I understand now, and eventually they should —. Well, they had a process they went through before they actually opened it up.

Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Ken Earls.

Mr. Earls said, a question's being asked back here. Compared to Savannah, Georgia, what's the proportion of trees in Dallas, Texas, to Savannah? Commissioner DeLoach said, they have a substantial amount of trees in proportion —. Mr. Earls said, I don't think as much as Savannah, Georgia —. Commissioner DeLoach said, I was —. Mr. Earls said, we are pushing so hard for a canopy —. Commissioner DeLoach said, I'm not going to question that, but I will tell you this, that they have a great canopy over their area also, okay. Mr. Earls said, you've been in a different part of Dallas than I have.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Earls. Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, just by way of summary, sir, and I realize discussion has gone here —. Chairman Hair said, yes, we need to —. County Manager Abolt said, I do want to identify though for you one situation involving this overall topic that does bother me for this budget year and why staff and you all are pressing so hard to get that vertical expansion at Thomas Avenue. In the event of another Tropical Storm Earl, where we find ourselves not eligible for disaster relief and we have to do it ourselves, we could be faced with some serious problems. The Chairman has asked and you have asked that we have a contingency plan which will respond immediately and much [inaudible] we have had in the past. My concern is where are we going to put it? Chairman Hair said, right. Well, that chipper will help a lot compared to what we had with Tropical Storm Earl. Okay, next item.

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

Received as information.

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### **3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE POLICY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM CHATHAM COUNTY'S SHARE FROM "OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY" (LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, 1998-2003, ONE PERCENT SPLOST.**

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, I'll defer to Mr. Monahan, but essentially now with the new entitlement period for SPLOST which began to be collected the first of October of 1998 to the year 2003, the economy is good, the money is coming in. We have a very different way of handling those funds as they come in than the previous entitlement periods, namely, all the dollars when they come up are disbursed so in the future there will not be the luxury of interest earnings the County might use for other legitimate eligible SPLOST projects. Mr. Monahan has prepared a staff report that beyond drainage and the normal distribution to the municipalities, the County Commission had indicated in its allotment of discretionary money estimated to be, if the economy is really strong by the end of five years, up to \$14 million. You have assigned certain projects that might be —, would be eligible if the money manifests itself. For example, you've got cultural, recreation, historical facilities: the Library, Greenbriar Children's Center, King-Tisdell Cottage, Lucas Theatre, Savannah-Ogeechee Canal, Senior Citizens, Inc., Telfair Museum, Tybee Lighthouse, Tybee Island Back River Renourishment, Tybee Island Marine Science Center, and public safety equipment. We are trying to craft for your consideration a way in which as money does come in over the projects that are already defined in the intergovernment agreement we might disburse it to these agencies. I'll defer to Mr. Monahan to explain the alternatives.

Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Patrick Monahan.

Mr. Monahan said, the Commission might recall that the 1998-2003 sales tax differs from previous programs in the distribution method. It sets priorities, the highest priority of course being drainage, then roads then open space and greenways, and it gets to the last category that we did not think —, there was some question whether it would ever be fully funded, so the resolution did not address any distribution formula. The total amount is \$33.4 million and of that \$33.4 million the share for local government projects that Chatham County sponsor total \$14 million, and as Mr. Abolt pointed out, there's an attachment that shows how the Board approved those prior to the sales tax vote and those are the projects that you're committed to; however, the resolution does not discuss any distribution formula so that in fairness to all of those projects the staff suggests that the distribution be based on the percentage of each project to the total. I mean, that only seems fair, and that we —, the County has already received some funds that could be distributed for those projects. Now granted, they're small. I think the first distribution was around —, the County's share was around —, in December \$122,000 and then in January \$122,000, but you've got to remember that has to be spread over a dozen or so projects bearing anywhere from \$50,000 up to a million and a half or so. With that in mind, the staff has suggested that the distribution be done on a prorated basis and that the distributions be done every July and January because if you start doing them every month, then in some instances a check might be for \$1,200 and in some instances the check may not be for anything because it is, according to the resolution, the highest rated priorities would be drainage, roads and open space.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked, any further discussion. Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, explain to me again when a check comes in as a pie —. Mr. Monahan said, right. Commissioner DeLoach said, you cut it all up and you're going to hand this person a thousand dollars. Mr. Monahan said, well, we do some things before we distribute, before the first distribution, and that is that in accordance with the law, the County needs a contract with that agency, so first of all there's an existing agreement that sets the responsibility of that receiving agency as far as the expenditure of the funds, they must be limited to capital expenditures as the law requires, an accounting of those funds, so in other words, that agency must accept some responsibility for it. Commissioner DeLoach said, I'll tell you what my concern is on this approach, and I don't know how to do it. We thought when we allocated this money it was for capital projects, and I feel like we still think that way, and I think we'll still move in that direction, but my concern overall is that if we don't limit this to block amounts of money, somebody picks up a thousand dollars one month, they're not going to be able to do a lot with a thousand dollars, and if you go over a five-year period and have a thousand dollars, the tendency to lose that thousand dollars, but if you walk back and hand them \$60,000 in a lump sum, they can make something happen at that facility that will make a difference. I have a concern that dealing this money out a penny at a time, based on the fact that I don't think we will have the impact that we anticipated on having where we hand King -Tisdell or we hand Greenbriar, we hand the Lucas or Telfair, Tybee, Tybee Lighthouse, Ogeechee, Library, Senior Citizens, or whatever, when we hand this money out in a sum of \$1.4 million to that group, they can make something happen, but if you hand them \$200,000 or this or that, things aren't going to happen. I wish we could look at that real close. I'm sorry if people get upset, but I would be scared to death to start handing out thousand dollar checks every week.

Mr. Monahan said, well, we would make certain requirements in the agreement that the agencies could not commingle the funds. The same requirements the County's placed under the sales tax. The only drawback with doing —. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, Pat [Monahan], I'm going to say it again because you'll never convince me that this is the way to send this money out because when you do this and you dilute it to the point that the person is going to have this small amount of money, that money will never impact that group like it would if you handed them a million dollars. I don't care what happens, but it won't happen unless we're more careful that we hand this money out the proper way. Mr. Monahan said, I would agree with you, I mean, I agree with you as far as the distribution goes. The County has already heard from probably half these groups wanting to know when the first check will be distributed. They want to know how much we have collected to date, and even though it is a small amount, we may not collect any more for the rest of another 12 months. Commissioner DeLoach said, and let me understand this. We are responsible for this money. Is that not correct? Mr. Monahan said, absolutely, that's the bottom line. Commissioner DeLoach said, and it is our responsibility to determine when we're going to hand the money to them. Mr. Monahan said, yes sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay. Then we have, I feel like, as the Commission and for the taxpayers of Chatham County, regardless of what these groups think, that we have a responsibility to Chatham County taxpayers that we are very careful that we don't delete the impact that this money was supposed to have on the community by doling it out a dollar at a time. I just —, that's the only thing I'm scared to death of doing this. I just want to put it on record if there's any way we can —, and I don't want to hold anything back from these groups. Absolutely. I don't even want to think about it, but my point is that if we go to start writing checks a thousand, two hundred, whatever, that is going to get lost just like it does in your regular weekly check and mine too. I'm just afraid it's not going to have the impact. Mr. Monahan said, well, it is purely a Commission's —, the policy decision of this Board. If the Board wants to make the distribution annually, bi-annually, that's fully up to the Board.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I'm going to request, and I'm going to appeal to my Commission, that please consider this when it happens that we do it on an annual basis or a —, whatever. Put it on an annual basis. I can deal with an annual basis okay, but if you sit there and hand a check out once a month, there will not be the impact that they need to have. Mr. Monahan said, the recommendation was every six months.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Odell, then Commissioner Murray, then Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Odell asked, Mr. Monahan, there's no legal obligation that would require that we make the distribution on a monthly basis? Mr. Monahan said, no sir. Commissioner Odell asked, and we receive the funds how frequently? Mr.

Monahan said, every month. Commissioner Odell asked, would the interest that's accrued on those funds, would that increase also go to the other capital outlay projects? County Manager Abolt said, no. Mr. Monahan said, that would be the Commission's decision whether to prorate the interest earnings over those projects. And that brings up an issue that really separates this sales tax from the other. The one that Mr. Abolt keeps touching upon is that this sales tax will not generate nearly as much in interest earnings as the prior sales tax because of the immediacy of the distribution plan. Even if the Commission were to follow Commissioner DeLoach's suggestion and make an annual distribution, you're only talking about interest earnings on \$1.5 million, and because of the state of the economy, interest earnings on local government investments is really at an all time low right now. So the interest earnings will not nearly —, will not accrue nearly as much as in —, as the prior years.

Commissioner Odell asked, what kind of increased accounting for paper and/or administrative work would we have to incur as compared to monthly versus annual —? Mr. Monahan said, well, staff would not recommend going monthly because, as Commissioner DeLoach points out, we've got some funding areas of \$50,000, and if you were to prorate \$50,000 over —, as a percentage of what the amount would be collected, it might be —, even after a year it might only be a couple of thousand dollars. So, I mean, to do a monthly would be almost out of the question for some of the smaller appropriations. Commissioner Odell asked, so your recommendation having to —? Mr. Monahan said, we looked at a six-month basis only because of the high level of interest that some of these agencies are starting to get checks. Commissioner Odell said, thank you.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I agree with Commissioner DeLoach. I would not be in favor of doing it on six months. I really am not sure that I'm in favor of doing it on an annual basis, and I guess I'm a little confused on some of it because when we put certain things on the referendum, we voted up here to do that and we said up front that these projects may not take place because the money may not come in support of them. One was [inaudible], one was a million dollars that was attached to that for Tybee Back River Renourishment, and there are several projects like that, and there was some question of whether we would be able to fund them or not. If the money doesn't come in they won't be funded, so how can we start [inaudible] on an annual basis?

Mr. Monahan said, well, if you notice, the policy attempts to address that. In the first few months of collection, now these collections go up and down depending upon the state of the economy and the amount of purchases made, the first few months indicate that some distribution can be made, but it's also our recommendation that we closely monitor that and at the point that we're not fully funding drainage, roads and the greenways, then no distribution would be made one month or over a couple of months, but the staff feels as though that the initial cash flow from last October/November indicates that some distribution could be made.

Commissioner Murray said, you know, I guess another thing that really bothers me with this is we normally talk about these type things before the referendum is even voted on and each time we've done one we've done that. Anytime it's been voted on and approved, it comes back and then everybody starts calling and wanting their money right now, and we go through it —. Mr. Monahan said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, every time we have a referendum and I think we need to stick with what we originally said we were going to do and move on. Mr. Monahan said, well, you've got to remember everyone agreed this would be maybe money, didn't know whether —, how much of it would be funded or all of it would be funded. Commissioner Murray said, and I think we need to leave it that way until after it's over.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, let me ask you a question, let me ask a legal question. Is it possible for us to escrow that money as it comes in and put it in an escrow account to those folks, allow it to earn market rate interest and then the Commission decide when they're going to disburse that. If they've got a project and if they've got a substantial amount of money in that account, we can let them have a draw down, but that account would be in escrow and would be under our auspices?

County Attorney Hart said, well, that's pretty much already being accounted for now, but yes sir, you could do something along those lines. Y'all have no obligation to release the money once a month, once a year, or whatever. You know, it's sort of one of those things that you've probably got half the people that want you to release the money now and the other half wants it at a different time. Whatever decision you make it's going to make somebody not pleased with the decision. You just need to make a decision.

Commissioner Rivers said, okay. If we escrow that account to them, then would we be allowed to go beyond what we allowed to invest in, or —? County Attorney Hart said, now that would —, I doubt. I'd have to think about that some.

Mr. Monahan asked, is the question would you be able to allocate interest earnings to those agencies? County Attorney Hart said, we could do that. Commissioner Rivers said, well, have it all in that escrow account. County Attorney Hart said, yes, you could do that. Mr. Monahan said, it's really not an escrow account. It's a separate account and the County would just keep accounting records of it. Commissioner Rivers asked, on the individual agency? Mr. Monahan said, the only

thing I would caution you is you've got somewhere around 15 different distributions to make and if you want to hold those until the agency makes a formal request, then you're going to be hit 15 times.

Commissioner Rivers said, I would agree with Eddie [DeLoach] and Frank [Murray] that, you know, we give on a year basis. Even if you don't do it on a year basis, there's not substantial amount of funds in there that it should be at our discretion whether we release those funds unless they have something substantial that they're going to do with that money.

Chairman Hair said, okay. I'm going to recognize Commissioner DeLoach and then I'm going to recognize Dr. Farmer, who wants to speak.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, you're absolutely sure the money's going to be there? Mr. Monahan said, no sir. County Manager Abolt said, no. Mr. Monahan said, I cannot tell you that. I can tell you that the December/January checks are here because they're in the bank. Commissioner DeLoach said, what I'm saying is, based on what we had in the referendum, I don't see how we can do it any other way than what we agreed to originally is not use that money until we had that money. Mr. Monahan said, yes sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, I want drainage first. That is what this thing was passed for and until I had money for the drainage in the bank, I wouldn't give anybody a dime. Mr. Monahan said, yes sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, that's what I would do. I would not fund a project until every bit of the drainage money was in place and then I would go forward. Chairman Hair said, okay. Mr. Monahan said, for example —. For example, I might point out that our collections generally average somewhere around \$3 million. You will find that both drainage and roads will be funded —, you could almost guarantee they will be funded unless the economy totally collapses, and no one expects that. Now whether the open space and the other capital outlay projects, which includes the local government projects, get funded depends purely on the growth beyond historical levels. Commissioner DeLoach said, well, I'll assure you that all the local governments are looking for their share of this thing before these other projects come on line. I don't want them coming to me saying, well, you told me I was going to have such and such; now you don't have it and you give me some of yours. I'm not willing to give them any of mine. I think we ought to fund it —, I think we ought to keep it just like it is and whenever the money comes in —. Commissioner Murray said, that's exactly what we said when we talked about the referendum. Commissioner DeLoach said, and when the money comes in in five years —, let's hold it.

Chairman Hair said, I'm going to recognize Ms. Heimes and then Dr. Farmer.

Ms. Heimes said, I'm Marianne Heimes. As a taxpayer, when we voted on this referendum, as I recall, the idea was that this was to do the drainage, which was causing so many problems in the City and the County, and I was told, because I was very interested in the open space part of the project, that nothing would be funded until the drainage was done. Commissioner DeLoach said, exactly. Commissioner Saussy said, exactly. Ms. Heimes said, now I saw on the TV this week that they have just started with the drainage on Fell Street, which is one of the —, as I understand, is one of the worst problems in the City, so I think we have a long way to go before we start talking about giving out money to open space, agency, anybody. Let's do the drainage and then wait until we have a flood or, you know, whatever and see if it is indeed fixed and then how are we going to maintain it?

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Ms. Heimes. Chairman Hair recognized Dr. Farmer.

Dr. Farmer said, gentlemen, Bill Farmer from the City of Tybee Island. As you know, the City of Tybee Island is the local sponsor for a beach renourishment project in the amount of about \$9 million, and as such it's a joint project between the Federal government, the State government, the City government and the County government. When the City was attempting to raise the \$9 million, it was determined that the Federal people would come up with about 60% of that and the State and local governments needed to come up with about 40% of that. The County identified a million dollars in this category which you all have been discussing, to be allocated for this project. Unfortunately, the receipt of that money is probably not going to occur until the year 2003, or 2002 depending. However, the project is going to occur this year in 1999, so there's an incompatibility in the documentation of approving the project but not having the funding available. It's sort of like two parts of a scissors: both blades are needed to make the scissors work. So basically there are —, the documentation for handling these monies was drafted by the County Attorney and it provides three methods to make this happen. One is called forward funding whereby the future cash coming in in two or three years can be borrowed against and that flow of money can be pledged as collateral. So the million dollars could be sort of borrowed and then as collateral put toward the future flow of money. The second way is to shift the money from the other capital projects into another category, and you can do that by resolution by amending your capital plan, and the other one is to forecast that the money needed for current road projects or drainage projects was too much and therefore you have some money available you can spend for the Tybee Island Beach Renourishment Project. Basically, it's a matter of whether the County wants to find a way to have that million dollars available. It is a project which will provide recreation for the citizens of the County, of course, and tourists and everybody else. The impact of not having that million dollars is very simple. Since the Federal government pays 60% of the project and the local governments pay 40%, that million dollars would be like a 40% reduction, and the Federal people would take out their 60%. So roughly out of a \$9 million project, you have \$2.5 million that would be deleted from the project and that means there would not be sufficient sand placed on the beach or other works that would be necessary. You have less of a good recreational facility, got more storm damage on the Island, several repercussions there, but basically that's the issue. The million dollars that was identified by the County was identified to the Corps of Engineers as funds that will be available for the project.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray and then Commissioner Saussy and myself.

Commissioner Murray said, Dr. Farmer, I think there's some misunderstanding about all that million dollars that was allocated for Tybee. That million dollars was put in as an amendment to the motion to put the fire engines [inaudible] one of the fire stations. That million dollars was specified at the time for renourishment of Back River. I'm not saying that can't be changed and used on oceanside, but that's what it was specified for in the motion, and during this whole process it was also said that if the funds come in, meaning that that money for the fire engines and for the \$1 million for beach renourishment would be at the end of the referendum because we don't even know if the funds are going to come in, and so how y'all can sit now and say that these funds have already been allocated and it's been used to go against the Corps of Engineers and to get matching funding stuff, you know, we were very careful when we talked about the referendum not just on this issue, but some others, y'all don't go out and spend the money yet because we don't even know it's going to come in. That was if the full amount comes in, the maximum we can collect comes in, then these projects will be funded. That's why I'm opposed to giving any of the money out in front right now because drainage was the number one priority. I wanted all of it to go to drainage, but the votes weren't there to do that, but we allocated X-amount of money for drainage and anything beyond that would have to come later. And that's the way the referendum was and the way I understood it to vote on it. I know the motion was done on the million for Tybee beach renourishment that way because I was the one that amended the motion to put the million dollars in there.

Dr. Farmer said, we understand that. The Back River wording is the Back River portion of the project is in the project, so it's all part of the same project. There's not two projects. Commissioner Murray said, well, that part is fine. That money, you know, could be swapped back and forth as far as I'm concerned, but the major part of this is that that money was there to —, it would not be allocated until after all the monies had come in from the referendum and the drainage projects had been taken care of and the funds were there to do those projects first, and that's the way it was set up originally and that's what I think we need to stick with. I understand your concern with the beach and stuff, but we said up front don't go out and spend the money because we don't know it's all going to come in, now whether it does or not remains to be seen. Dr. Farmer said, that's understood, Commissioner Murray. The facts are that about every seven years there's a beach renourishment project because of erosion on the Island basically caused by the channel of the harbor there. So if the money won't be made available for beach renourishment projects until the year 2003, it won't actually be spent on the thing until 2006 or 7, but this current project will, therefore, have to be adjusted and not completed. Commissioner Murray said, well, I understand there's still some funds in the last referendum that y'all have not allocated yet. Is that right? Dr. Farmer said, well, the County Attorney wrote you all a note to that effect. I don't believe the letter indicated how much funds were available, but I believe those funds are in the neighborhood of \$20,000, and that's insignificant. Commissioner Murray asked, that's all that's left on that first million because we had a million before —, 900,000, or something like that?

County Attorney Hart said, yes. Originally we were told it was more than that. Commissioner Murray said, 900,000 or something. County Attorney Hart said, our estimate at that time was it might be as much as three, but it turned out to be 50 or something like that.

Commissioner Murray said, but I don't see how we could even borrow against it or front the money up front when we don't know if the money's going to be available at the end of the referendum. That's the point I'm trying to make. Dr. Farmer said, right. That's —.

Chairman Hair said, I've got to —, I've got several —, I really. Commissioner Saussy and then Commissioner DeLoach, but I really think one good thing about —, and Dr. Thomas is, I mean, I think you become a good mathematician in this position and I think the consensus is there. I mean, we've pretty much talked it to death, so I hope after we get these three recognized, we'll go ahead and make a motion and try something. Commissioner Saussy and then Commissioner Thomas and then Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner Saussy said, I think when we went out for this referendum on this SPLOST, we told the taxpayers of this County that we were going to do drainage first. That's what we should do and we should leave it at that and go forward.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, that was all I wanted to reiterate, Mr. Chairman, that we [inaudible] what we said to the taxpayers at the time, and I think that drainage should have the priority.

Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Well, I'm going to go ahead and make a motion. Chairman Hair said, yes, make a motion. Get it off —, make a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion that we in fact do not distribute this money ahead of time, but we do finish all of our allocations for our drainage projects and all of the projects that we listed before we start allocating otherwise. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and 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 that the County make no distribution of any of the proceeds from Chatham County's share from "Other Capital Outlay" (local government projects), 1998-2003 One Percent SPLOST, until it has finished the allocations for the drainage projects and all of the other projects listed in the referendum. Commissioner Murray 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. Commissioner Price said, #5. Chairman Hair said, #5. Commissioner Odell said, #7. Chairman Hair asked, anybody else? Commissioner Jackel said, I want to look at some of these liquor licenses. Commissioner Price asked, 13? Chairman Hair said, you tell me. Commissioner Jackel said, let's look at Southbridge —. Chairman Hair said, you've got to give me numbers. Commissioner Price said, 13. Chairman Hair asked, you want all of 13 or just 13-B? Commissioner Jackel said, let's look at all of 13. Chairman Hair said, okay. What else? Commissioner Saussy asked, what about 14. Commissioner Odell said, there's liquor in 14, Martin [Jackel]. Commissioner Price said, no, leave 14. Chairman Hair said, we've got to have enough to make it last until lunch, right? Commissioner Price said, don't encourage him. Chairman Hair asked, what else? Commissioner Jackel said, we need to look at E. Chairman Hair asked, E what? E and —, 19-E? Commissioner Jackel said, yes, 19-E and J. Chairman Hair said, 19-J, okay. Commissioner Jackel said, and P. I think that's it. Chairman Hair said, P. Well, that's enough. What do you mean that's it? Okay, we need a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Murray 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.

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

Commissioner Price moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 5, 7, 13A-C, 19-E, 19-J and 19-P. 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 MARCH 12, 1999, AS MAILED.**

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

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 1999, as mailed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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### **2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 17, 1999.**

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

Commissioner Price moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period March 4, 1999, through March 17, 1999, in the amount of \$4,391,165. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE USE OF 1985-1993 SPLOST ROAD CIP FUNDS FOR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PIPEMAKERS CANAL DRAINAGE PROJECT . (NOTE: AMENDMENT #11 TO THE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH EMC ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,929 IS ON THE PURCHASING REPORT.)  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to authorize the use of 1985-1993 SPLOST Road CIP funds for project construction for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Project. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR THE FY 1999 APPROPRIATIONS FOR CULTURAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve contracts for the following FY 1999 appropriations for Cultural Arts and Social Services agencies: Cultural Agencies: A Knowing So Deep, \$500 (M&O); City Lights Theater, \$5,000 (SSD); Coastal Heritage, \$11,000 (SSD); Family Resource Center, \$12,220 (M&O); Friends of Johnny Mercer, \$0; Georgia Historical Society, \$21,850 (M&O), \$3,150 (SSD); Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, \$1,700 (M&O); Historic Savannah Foundation, \$2,500 (M&O); King-Tisdell, \$3,020 (M&O), \$11,980 (SSD); Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Heritage Museum, \$3,000 (M&O); Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, \$3,000; Savannah College of Art & Design, \$2,000; Savannah Maritime Festival, \$5,500 (M&O); Savannah On Stage, \$25,500 (M&O); Savannah Sailing Center, \$5,000 (M&O); Savannah Symphony, \$41,000 (SSD); Telfair Museum, \$19,000 (SSD); Tybee Arts Association, \$2,500 (M&O); and Veterans Council, \$2,000 (M&O); and Human Services: Ashtree, \$8,940 (M&O); CARC, \$6,445 (M&O), \$4,850 (SSD); CASA, \$8,475 (M&O); Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, \$0; Citizens Advocacy, \$1,660 (M&O), \$5,340 (SSD); Coastal Children's Advocacy, \$8,005 (SSD); Compassionate Friends, \$0; EOA, \$32,810 (M&O), \$4,850, (SSD); Fair Housing Council, \$2,250 (M&O); First Call for Help - United Way, \$0; Frank Callen, \$15,345 (M&O); Georgia Legal Services, \$13,580 (M&O), \$2,425 (SSD); Girl Scouts, \$0; Hope House, \$4,645 (M&O); Hospice - Savannah, \$4,120 (M&O), \$3,880 (SSD); LIFE, \$12,400 (M&O), \$9,900 (SSD); Marshlands Foundation, \$9,410 (M&O); Open Arms, \$14,125 (M&O); Parent & Child Development, \$65,000 (M&O); Parenting Coalition, \$0; Rape Crisis Center, \$14,575 (M&O), \$16,495 (SSD); Royce Learning Center, \$2,060 (M&O), \$1,940 (SSD); SAFE Shelter, \$15,795 (M&O); Salvation Army, \$9,410 (M&O); Savannah Association for the Blind, \$25,305 (M&O); Savannah Ports Society - Seaman's House, \$0; Second Harvest Food Bank, \$1,040 (M&O), \$8,250 (SSD); Senior Citizens, \$31,070 (SSD); STEPS, \$6,920 (M&O), \$4,850 (SSD); Summer Bonanza, \$3,600 (M&O); Union Mission, \$9,410 (M&O); Volunteer Center, \$2,350 (SSD); Wesley Community Centers, \$9,885 (M&O); West Broad YMCA, \$23,535 (M&O); West Chatham YMCA, \$16,485 (SSD); Youth Futures (Casey Foundation), \$258,875 (M&O); and Youth Service Corps, \$38,805 (SSD). Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE UNFUNDED CHATHAM COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG WILD HERON ROAD FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILD HERON BACK TO KING GEORGE BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 6.]**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, we have determined and recognized that there's a safety problem of kids walking to Georgetown Elementary. You have to go along Wild Heron Road and some of the new development that's down toward Chevis Road, which includes the Village of Wild Heron and some other developments down there. We're inconsistent though in the requirement of sidewalks among the newer developments as opposed to what has happened in the past and the variances given or what have you, but for safety reasons that's why this item is on the agenda, but the reason I pulled this item was because there's even a greater safety issue in my feeling of what's going on currently with the new development that occurring on King George Boulevard near the clubhouse of Georgetown. We have developers that are in there now putting in the —, I forget the name of it. It's right here in the memo I handed out to you though. It's Village of Georgetown. That's where we have a new restaurant coming in. We have a Dollar General, we have a pizza place, we've got a [inaudible], a small shopping center that's actually going to occurred there. We also have —, fixing to be announced, another supermarket that's going to be located out in Georgetown, and this is on the same side of 204 where King's Grant is and where all the rest of this development is. So we have —, we have a large area being developed. It's no doubt the fastest growing area of Chatham County right now with the population standards, and if you've ever tried to go out King George Boulevard or towards Richmond Hill or out I-95 off 204, you know what the traffic is like out there, and a lot of that traffic has to do with what's going in and out Georgetown and Village Green. We need to add to the CIP list, and bear in mind it is an unfunded CIP priority list, but we need to add the sidewalks for —, along the King George area all the way from the BP Station to Red Fox and make it contiguous to what's already being developed out there. And so I would ask as an amendment to this item that we include the estimates of cost. I know that's not been done yet, but that we include this in and if we need to bring it back at a later date, Al [Bungard]—.

County Manager Abolt said, this action will be enough. We can —. Commissioner Price said, okay. Chairman Hair said, okay. So make a motion to that effect.

Commissioner Price said, so moved that we amend to include —. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Commissioner Price said, those sidewalks. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any further discussion? All those in favor —.

Commissioner DeLoach said, as a amendment to that, I'd like to pick up on the other side of the road and carry that to Village Green because there's no sidewalks on the opposite side also. Chairman Hair said, okay. Do you accept that, Commissioner Price? Commissioner Price said, I accept that. Chairman Hair asked, do you accept that as second? Commissioner Saussy said, yes. Chairman Hair said, all right. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request to amend the unfunded Chatham County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include the installation of sidewalks along Wild Heron Road from the Village of Wild Heron back to King George Boulevard and also the installation of sidewalks on the other side of Abercorn Street to Village Green. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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- 6. REQUEST FROM THE ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, MR. C. L. LEWIS, FOR THE COUNTY TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR RECORDING FOR BURNSIDE VIEW SUBDIVISION, PHASE D, ACCEPT THE LETTER OF CREDIT AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND APPROVE WAIVING THE STREETLIGHTING REQUIREMENT. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from the engineer for the developer, Mr. C. L. Lewis, for the County to approve the final plat for recording for Burnside View Subdivision, Phase D, accept the letter of credit and subdivision agreement and approve waiving the streetlighting requirement. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 7. REQUEST FROM KONCUL ENTERPRISE, INC., THROUGH THEIR ENGINEER, JOHN S. KEARN, P.E., P.C., FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE SUBDIVISION BOND FOR BRANDLEWOOD SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4B, ACCEPT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT DEDICATIONS, AND ACCEPT THE PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE.**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell asked, Russ [Abolt], would this be you or would this be Al [Bungard]? County Manager Abolt said, not knowing what your question is, I'll go to Al [Bungard]. Commissioner Odell said, okay. County Manager Abolt said, he can stumble over it rather than me. Commissioner Odell said, I guess my question is that we've got the inspection —, we've done the inspection on the roadway in the Brandlewood Subdivision and we concluded that it comes up to specs and they should be allowed to —. Mr. Al Bungard said, I'm sorry, sir, I was —. Commissioner Odell said, we've done the inspection —, we're talking about Item #7. Mr. Bungard said, okay. Commissioner Odell said, I noticed the staff recommends Alternative One be approved, and we've done the inspection. Is that true? Mr. Bungard said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell asked, is there anyone that ever fails the test? Mr. Bungard said, yes sir. For instance, I remember one case was in Southbridge —. Commissioner Odell said, Southbridge. Mr. Bungard said, Myrtlewood Drive. We did not accept it. We made them rip up the road and repave it. That's one that's happened since I've been here. Commissioner Odell said, all right. Maybe I'm just [inaudible]. I just hadn't seen one. I just wanted to —. Mr. Bungard said, you don't see that because we don't make the recommendation until they've been accepted. Chairman Hair said, we wouldn't know that. Mr. Bungard said, staff comes in and says, sir, it's not good enough. I say, fine, tell them to rip it up. We only come to you when it does pass the test. You don't see the failures. Commissioner Odell asked, even if that applies to our district? Mr. Bungard said, roger. Commissioner Odell said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Hair asked, do you have any further questions? Commissioner Odell said, no. I move approval. Chairman Hair said, all right, we have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Koncul Enterprises, Inc., through their engineer, John S. Kearns, P.E., P.C., for the County to release the subdivision bond for Brandlewood Subdivision, Phase 4B, accept the right-of-way and easement dedications, and accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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**8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF .37 ACRES OF PROPERTY OWNED BY JOHN AND CATHY FARMER, 1 MICHAEL AVENUE, BLOOMINGDALE, FOR \$70,000. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the acquisition of .37 acres of property owned by John and Cathy Farmer, 1 Michael Avenue, Bloomingdale, for \$70,000. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT TO FUND THE COUNTY'S Y2K REMEDIATION PROJECT WITH THE LOW BIDDER AS SOLICITED BY THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request to enter into a four-year lease agreement to fund the County's Y2K Remediation Project with the low bidder as solicited by the County's Financial Advisor and to fund the Superior Court On-Line Sentencing Project. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**10. REQUEST CHAIRMAN SIGN THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Program Application. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**11. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE CHATHAM COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AS REQUIRED BY HB 489.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to adopt the Chatham County Service Delivery Strategy for submittal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as required by HB 489. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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12. **REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER: ANGUS JOSEPH HAYNES, D/B/A COUNTRY SOCIAL CLUB OF SAVANNAH, LOCATED AT 5150 JASMINE AVENUE. MR. HAYNES IS THE NEW LICENSE HOLDER FOR THIS CLUB. *Staff recommends denial of renewal for Sunday license.* [District 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to **deny** the request of Petitioner Angus Joseph Haynes, d/b/a Country Social Club of Savannah, located at 5150 Jasmine Avenue, for renewal of Sunday Sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 1999. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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13. **REQUESTS FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 1999.**
- A. **PETITIONER: ELEANOR M. COURSEY, D/B/A GRANT'S CROW BAR LOUNGE, LOCATED AT 205 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**
  - B. **PETITIONER: BRYAN L. HALE, D/B/A SOUTHBRIDGE GOLF CLUB, LOCATED AT 415 SOUTHBRIDGE BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 7.]**
  - C. **PETITIONER: DONNA M. LOVE, D/B/A LOVE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 6817 BASIN ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]**

Chairman Hair said, we're going to take them individually. First is Eleanor M. Coursey, doing business as Grant's Crow Bar Lounge, located at 205 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, I have —, if you look at the figures on this one here, in Item E, they don't list anything. Some of the others —, Item E is listed, but it's not specific what those items are. I don't —, without it being specific further up, it's —.

Commissioner DeLoach said, we're on 13. Chairman Hair said, Crow Bar, 13-A, Crow Bar Lounge.

Commissioner Jackel said, all right. If you compare that to the Southbridge Golf Club, they list \$80,000 in annual gross receipts, other, and in effect that is counting as a liquor or wine or beer item when it may not be. I was just wondering if the formula that we're submitting is correct. Chairman Hair asked, didn't we deal with this issue a month or two ago about how those forms had to be filled out? I mean, we get this every time. I thought we had a —.

Mr. Patrick Monahan said, yes sir, and I might address this even though I don't work in that area. At our docket meeting on this very item I brought that question up. Because it was so late and we needed to get this approved and they already had that 50%, we went ahead and put this one on even though the form was not filled out correctly. But you're absolutely right, we should not be counting the other category towards alcoholic beverages. It includes things like tobacco items, crackers. The ordinance says prepared food, and we are correcting that very point. Chairman Hair asked, but they meet it without that? Mr. Monahan said, but it's unusual that you would even read that because I always get criticized for looking at the fine print on those. Chairman Hair asked, but even if they had that, it would still be 50%? Mr. Monahan said, they would still get the 50% regardless. Chairman Hair said, and it wouldn't make any difference. It's not going to —. Mr. Monahan said, they would actually have a higher percentage in other words. Chairman Hair said, it's not going to affect their application. Mr. Monahan said, it does not affect this application and that's why it went on through.

Commissioner Jackel said, it doesn't affect Southbridge, but it does affect one of the other ones. Mr. Monahan said, no, it shouldn't affect —. The only one that was denied was the —. County Manager Abolt said, Country Club. Mr. Monahan said, the Social Club. County Manager Abolt said, Social Club. Mr. Monahan said, and that percentage wasn't even close. As I recall, that percentage was around 30%. Commissioner Jackel said, about 36. Mr. Monahan said, yes. Commissioner Jackel said, if they had taken the others out, it wouldn't have made a difference. All right, so their —, that is going to be changed? Mr. Monahan said, that will be corrected. We won't see that any more.

Chairman Hair asked, anything else on that item? What about B, Southbridge Golf Club? Commissioner Jackel said, that issue we compared to the other one. Chairman Hair asked, what about Donna Love, Love's Seafood? Commissioner Jackel said, all the others are fine. Chairman Hair said, all right. I'll take a motion to approve 13-A, B and C. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All

those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve requests for renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 1999 for (A) Petitioner Eleanor M. Coursey, d/b/a Grant's Crow Bar Lounge, located at 205 Johnny Mercer Boulevard; (B) Petitioner Bryan L. Hale, d/b/a Southbridge Golf Club, located at 415 Southbridge Boulevard; and (C) Petitioner Donna M. Love, d/b/a Love's Seafood Restaurant, located at 6817 Basin Road. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**14. REQUESTS FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 1999.**

- A. PETITIONER: WILLIAM J. YOUNG, D/B/A PIZZA INN, LOCATED AT 313 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**
- B. PETITIONER: LISA M. CLARK, D/B/A THE UPPER CRUST RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 3-A SKIDAWAY VILLAGE WALK. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve requests for renewal of Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 1999 for (A) Petitioner William J. Young, d/b/a Pizza Inn, located at 313 Johnny Mercer Boulevard; and (B) Petitioner Lisa M. Clark, d/b/a The Upper Crust Restaurant, located at 3-A Skidaway Village Walk. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**15. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING AND NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER: THOMAS W. WILLIAMS, D/B/A WILLIAMS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 8010 TYBEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of petitioner Thomas W. Williams, d/b/a Williams Seafood Restaurant, located at 8010 Tybee Road, for renewal of Sunday Sales of beer and wine pouring and a new liquor pouring license for 1999. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**16. TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND OFFER FOR BID CHATHAM COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A PROPERTY HELD BY TAX DEED AT 1228 WEST VICTORY DRIVE IN THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to declare as surplus and offer for bid Chatham County's interest held by tax deed in property located at 1228 West Victory Drive in the City of Savannah (PIN 2-0072-08-010 and 2-00072-08-011), and described as the South one-half of Lot 79 and South one-half of Lot 80, Bagwell Ward, and North one-half of Lot 70 and North one-half of Lot 80, Bagwell Ward. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 17. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A UTILITY RELOCATION CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SAVANNAH ELECTRIC TO RELOCATE THEIR UTILITIES ON THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND INTERCHANGE TO CLEAR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE ROAD PROJECT. [DISTRICTS 3 AND 8.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve a utility relocation contract with Savannah Electric to relocate their utilities on the Hutchinson Island Interchange to clear the right-of-way for construction of an improved interchange and a new boulevard on Hutchinson Island. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 18. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CROSSING FOR STATE ROUTE 26 (VICTORY DRIVE) OVER THE PLACENTIA CANAL. [DISTRICT 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct a new crossing for State Route 26 (Victory Drive) over the Placentia Canal in Thunderbolt. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 19. 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. Final renewal option to annual contract to provide on an "as needed" basis automotive repair parts	Fleet Operations	Brooks Auto Parts	Same terms and conditions	General Fun/M & O - Fleet Operations Inventory Account
B. First renewal option to annual contract to provide on an "as needed" basis miscellaneous computer parts and components	I.C.S.	Entré Computer Center (MBE)	Same terms and conditions	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •CIP - Various
C. First renewal option to annual contract to provide various high volume paper and chemical products	•Detention Center •Southside Warehouse	Paper Chemical Supply Company	Same terms and conditions and recognize a price increase on selected items	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
D. Deductive Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the renovation of the West Broad Street YMCA	SPLOST	C. E. Hall Construction	(\$502.60)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - West Broad Street YMCA

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
E. Annual contract, with renewal options for two additional one-year terms, for cellular phone service	Various	AllTel	\$2,083.61 per month	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
F. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the construction of Science Drive relocation, for additional services	SPLOST	Triangle Construction	\$12,072	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Science Drive Relocation
G. Demolition of the remaining trailers and house in the Collum Trailer Park	SPLOST	Honey Bear Demolition (MBE)	\$15,500	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/Highway 21 Interchange
H. Sale of unserviceable surplus property	Surplus Property	N/A	\$1,062.12	Revenue Producing
I. One (1) storm sewer cleaner	Public Works	LJL Truck Center	\$196,023	Lease Proceeds
J. Contract for management of Henderson Golf Club	Henderson Golf Club	Club Group Limited (CGL) of Savannah	\$0 monthly (net profit on concessions after 10% retail, 33.3% food to County)	Henderson Enterprise Fund
K. Change Order No. 3A to the contract for engineering services for Hutchinson Island Utility Extension	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	\$30,374	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Hutchinson Island Utility Extension
L. Seventy (70) golf carts	Henderson Golf Club	E-Z-Go/Textron	\$119,000	Lease Proceeds
M. Approve the "short list" of three firms for the design and engineering services for the construction of the new Mosquito Control facility	SPLOST	•Gunn-Meyerhoff-Shay •FWA Group •Kolman-Smith/Lominack	N/A	N/A
N. Change Order No. 6 to the contract for the design and engineering of the Skidaway Road Widening Project to include revisions to the intersections with Gwinnett, Gobel, Henry and Anderson Streets	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	\$9,500	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Skidaway Avenue Widening Project
O. Change Order No. 11 to the contract for engineering services for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Project to include additional services	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services	\$80,929	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal (pending Board approval of fund transfer)
P. Two (2) copy machines	Superior Court Judiciary	Herrin Business Products	\$16,100	General Fund/M & O - Superior Court Judiciary (pending Board approval of transfer)

**Items 19-A through 19-O, except 19-E and 19-J:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 19-A through 19-O, except Items 19-E and 19-J. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Item 19-E:**

ANNUAL CONTRACT, WITH RENEWAL OPTION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE, ALLTEL, \$2,083.61 PER MONTH.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel asked, what is our policy on who gets to have a cellular phone? Mr. George Lynch said, it is justified to the department head, who makes the determination of whether it is necessary for an individual in his department to have a cellular phone in order to carry out his mission. You don't buy me one; I don't need one day in and day out. Fred Thompson does. I make that decision in Central Services. Commissioner Rivers said, I don't think he wants one. Commissioner Saussy said, you don't want one. Mr. Lynch said, I will be happy to give the Commission my cellular phone number anytime y'all might like it, I just don't ask y'all to pay for it.

Commissioner Odell asked, does Russ [Abolt] have a cellular phone? Mr. Lynch said, I beg your pardon, sir? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Mr. Lynch said, no. I understand —. Commissioner Price asked, does he have a pager? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Commissioner Price said, I think you need either or —. County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Chairman Hair said, I think he needs a cell phone not a pager because he could ignore the pager. Mr. Lynch said, I don't think he carries one of those either. Chairman Hair said, I think he needs a cell phone.

Commissioner Jackel said, it needs to be some unified policy on who's getting one. I think this is a great idea that we're going to one provider and we're pooling our minutes so we don't wind up with these overage charges, but if we don't have some standards then we'll start getting the complaint Joe has one and I don't and those sort of things, so —. Mr. Lynch said, sir, we'll be glad to work on that if you would like. I'd point out, however, that really your department head has got the responsibility for making sure the judgment is correct. We can certainly put together some guidelines however.

Chairman Hair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**Item 19-J:**

CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF HENDERSON GOLF CLUB, CLUB GROUP LIMITED (CGL) OF SAVANNAH, \$0 MONTHLY (NET PROFIT ON CONCESSIONS AFTER 10% RETAIL, 33.3% FOOD TO COUNTY), HENDERSON ENTERPRISE FUND.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we've got a motion and a second. Commissioner Jackel, do you have a question?

Commissioner Jackel said, I didn't really have a question. I just thought this was important enough that people ought to know that we're sticking with the people who had been doing it for us because we're satisfied with the job. Commissioner Price said, they're doing an excellent job.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**Item 19-P:**

TWO (2) COPY MACHINES, SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY, HERRIN BUSINESS PRODUCTS, \$16,100, GENERAL FUND/M&O - SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY (PENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF TRANSFER).

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

Commissioner Jackel said, this is the item that I was talking about before. Each time we have to put these things out for bid, we get different prices, different types of copiers. Chairman Hair said, well, I think we've already addressed that issue earlier what's staff going to do. We've already addressed that issue that staff's going to look into that, so —.

Commissioner Odell asked, when will they get back to us? Chairman Hair said, give us some time line. Commissioner DeLoach said, about this time next year. Mr. Lynch said, no, I'd say —. Chairman Hair said, about a month. Mr. Lynch said, yes. Chairman Hair said, maybe the second meeting in April. How about that? Mr. Lynch said, fine. Chairman Hair said, I think the ought to be approved. I'm conservative, but I agree with Martin [Jackel], if we go into the market for all the various departments and we buy copy machines at odd times, we're not getting the best price, we're not getting the best agreement maintenance wise. This is not a multitude of little departments, this is one major organization and we need to act as if it's one organization, not little —. Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Let me give you one thing to reassure you. We baseline

every one of our copier recommendations, making sure it does not exceed the State contract price. You've got the massive buying power of the State. When we get in bids, we go check the State contract to make darn sure the amount that's offered to us by Herrin or one of the other local ones doesn't exceed it. They have not been exceeding the State contract price. So we're going to go into it as to whether we can do it better, but be assured we're not being ripped off. Commissioner Odell my question, Martin [Jackel], if I may just —, my question was not directed to staff. I think the staff is doing an excellent job. My point to be made is that I think it's incumbent upon us to better plan and judge it so that we do not put staff in the position of all the time going into the market at odd times to get the lowest prices. That's the sole point that I wanted to make, not a criticism of staff. Mr. Lynch said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Mr. Danny DeLoach asked, can I do one thing? Chairman Hair said, sure. Mr. DeLoach said, thank y'all for the \$16,000. I will now deposit the \$91,249 from the State into the County's account. Commissioner Jackel said, make a copy of that for us.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- 1. Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 19-A through 19-O, except Items 19-E and 19-J. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 2. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 19-E. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
- 3. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 19-J. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
- 4. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 19-P. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting.  
 Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AND ADOPT THE REVISED COUNTY SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Read into the record as first reading.

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- 2. **THE COUNTY HAS REQUESTED THAT MPC REVIEW THE PROVISIONS REGULATING BANNERS. MPC HAS RECOMMENDED THAT STRONGER BANNER STANDARDS BE ADOPTED. THE MPC HAS RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO PERMIT BANNER SIGNS AS PART OF A PERMANENT SIGNAGE PACKAGE (THEREBY MAINTAINING THE PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY BANNERS). HOWEVER, LANGUAGE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD CREATE PERMANENT BANNER SIGNS SHOULD THE COUNTY WISH TO PURSUE ITS ADOPTION.  
MPC FILE NO. 98-12071-C**

**NO DISTRICT - TEXT AMENDMENT (UNINCORPORATED AREA)**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Read into the record as first reading.

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**3. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR 1999 FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Read into the record as first reading.

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Commissioner DeLoach said, since we're in the process of trying to combine the codes and all with the City of Savannah, do you think we need to deal with this here or we need to just refer it back to the MPC since they're going to be doing all of that in a short period of time now, or what do you want to do.

County Attorney Hart said, first reading we generally don't take anything for discussion, but your point is well taken at second reading. Chairman Hair said, yes, it probably does need to be referred back at that time. Commissioner DeLoach said, all right. Chairman Hair said, in fact, that may be requested at staff meeting.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

None.

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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. INFORMATION REPORT REGARDING A CHANGE TO THE COUNTY'S GROUP HEALTH PLAN (NEW UTILIZATION REVIEW AGENCY).**

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

Report received as information.

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### **4. MONTHLY ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Jackel wants to talk about Truman Parkway. Commissioner DeLoach said, Truman Parkway. Chairman Hair said, you have the floor, Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, we received a memo from Al [Bungard] telling us that we were having trouble with GDOT not responding properly —. County Manager Abolt said, Jordon, Jones' ruling. Mr. Bungard said, no, that was my letter that I was unhappy with the performance of Jordon, Jones & Goulding in the pursuit of developing the EIS. My point there was on this issue concerning the Section 106 out there in Vernonburg. Chairman Hair said, if I may [inaudible] to be clear. This was not GDOT. Mr. Bungard said, it was not GDOT. Chairman Hair said, this was not. Commissioner Jackel said, okay. Mr. Bungard said, my point to them was, hey, you know, you guys are our experts, if you knew this was going to be an issue, why weren't you dealing with it at the October or right after the public hearing, and then I followed up with a second letter. I'm not sure if that went to you or not. County Manager Abolt said, yes, it did. Mr. Bungard said, they did have the meeting night before last, I believe it was. There were a half a dozen GDOT reps, one rep from the Federal Highway and about I believe eight or ten, no more than a dozen, residents. That input is now being considered by the Federal Highway. I had another prayer meeting with that representative in my office yesterday. I've emphasized very strongly that I'm still pushing —, I've put in here for a January 2000 let, and I've talked to, you know, of course the project manager in Atlanta and, as far as the EIS itself, they tell me it will be ready to go back to Federal Highway next month. The proof will be in the pudding, but I know I'm pushing it.

Chairman Hair said, also at our CUTS meeting on Wednesday that was dealt with as well and we had Bob Bowie from DOT and he basically said the same thing that they were putting a lot of pressure on this contractor to complete that, and he got the same message that, according to him, it would not delay the January let.

Mr. Bungard said, right, and that was the other question I asked, so —.

Chairman Hair asked, thank you. Any further discussion or items?

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

Report received as information.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Saussy, Price and DeLoach failed to cast a vote; Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was recessed at 10:45 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel. Following conclusion of Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

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**GEORGIA STATE PATROL HEADQUARTERS (COMMISSIONER DELOACH).**

Commissioner DeLoach advised the Board that the Georgia State Patrol will be moving their headquarters out of Chatham County into Effingham County. They will still retain their coverage of Chatham County, but their headquarters will just be in another county. Commissioner Price asked what they are asking to remain here. Commissioner DeLoach stated that they want us to provide the land and build a building for their headquarters. Chairman Hair said, he personally thinks that's a lot of money to spend just to have the headquarters here when our coverage would be the same if they moved elsewhere. Chairman Hair asked, staff to get some numbers on it to find out what we are talking about and then the Commissioners can compare the cost versus any loss of services.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to reappoint Joel D. Lynch to the Chatham County Hospital Authority to a term which will expire October 24, 2004. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.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