

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON JULY 23,1999, 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, July 23, 1999.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jackel introduced Rabbi Belzer, Temple Mickve Israel, who gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT:	Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight 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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ABSENT:	Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four
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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 SHIRLEY LOPEZ ON HER RETIREMENT.

Ms. Shirley Lopez said, it's been a pleasure. I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything in the world. You have some good employees, take care of them. Thank you for everything.

Ms. Kim Middleton said, Shirley, on behalf of the employees and the Trustees of the Pension Board I want to take this opportunity to present you with this plaque, and it reads: "Presented to Shirley Lopez in appreciation of your commitment, dedication and loyalty of service as employee representative from the Board of Trustees, Chatham County Pension Plan, 1983-1999." We're going to miss you.

Ms. Lopez said, I wanted to slip quietly away, but nobody would let me. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Rivers asked, Mr. Chairman, may I? Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner Rivers said, Shirley, personally I would like to thank you for my early education in budgetary process. I think with your help it got me off the ground and running and it made me very astute in the budgetary process. So I want to thank you for that and I want to thank you for everything that you've done for the employees of Chatham County on the Pension Board and throughout your service to Chatham County. Thank you very much. We love and appreciate you. Commissioner Price said, here, here. Commissioner Thomas said, ditto. Ms. Lopez said, I'm glad I could help. Thank you very much.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CABLE CHANNEL.

Chairman Hair said, the next thing on our agenda this morning is we're going to have a presentation on our new cable channel and it's to take them about 45 seconds or a minute to set up. Fred [Thompson], if y'all are ready. Fred [Thompson] is going to set up here for about a minute and they can roll in the TV's. Commissioner Price said, we're timing you.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to announce, I believe as the Board knows, that in the near future because of the work of Mr. Lynch and Mr. Thompson we will have installed in a permanent position TV monitors so you will not have this delay.

Chairman Hair said, while they're setting up I'll just make a few introductory remarks. I think this cable channel is going to be a great addition to the citizens of our community and Lori [Griffin] and Pete [Nichols] have done a really good job of putting this together. Lori [Griffin] is out with a sick child today, but these two folks have worked very hard in putting this together. It's taken a lot of effort and I think you're going to be very pleased with the product they've produced.

[Pause while television and VCR was set up for viewing by Commissioners and audience.]

Commissioner Jackel asked, is this a presentation on how not to do it? Commissioner Price said, it reminds you of the GIS presentation.

Mr. Pete Nichols said, I'm just sorry the Emmy Award nominations were handed out yesterday, but I guess we're a little bit late. Ladies and gentlemen, this is what our new County government TV channel is going to look like. And, you know, initially when I started the first of the year, I had the opportunity to videotape the Police Awards Ceremony back in February and I heard a comment out there, and if I heard it once at that event, I've heard it a million times since, and that is that the public doesn't know what we do. This new TV channel hopefully will be able to answer that question. You know, since C-Span first went on the air in '79 and it was a peek into the workings of our Federal Government, the advent of specialized cable channels has given us the opportunity to now let the public know what our local government does. This, in essence, basically is our C-Span. We've got the capabilities to be part news service, part info channel, part civics lesson, and also at the same time to have some fun and to do some entertaining things. So I'm very excited about what we've got and we are days away from being on the air. All we're waiting for now is for Jones to hook us up and we'll be ready to rock and roll, and they have guaranteed us that we'll be up and running by the end of the month.

The channel is made up of three components: a display system, video camera and video editing system that we have. I was given a budget of \$50,000 in the beginning of the year, and the total cost of those three items ended up at \$52,342. A little bit over, but yet I still think we got a good bang for our dollar. The display system that you see here will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The audio track will be provided by Jones and their music choice and it will be based on the light jazz channel so it will be very pleasing to listen to. The display system was created by a company based out of Salt Lake City called Prime Rate. It is called the Millennium Information Suite. It allows us to use a lot of different media in creating the pages. We can use photography, graphics, graphics on background, slow-motion video, animation. So we've got the capabilities to be very, very creative in what we do. Once you create the pages, then you can group those pages together into what would be known as a magazine. Those magazines will run independently on their own schedule and

so far today I have four magazines completed. I have Commission news, which will be information about y'all, your individual districts and what goes at Commission meetings; government highlights, which is currently running right now, which is basically a potpourri of all the different things that come under the heading of County government; parks and recreation because of the size of their organization and all of their events. I also have one for CEMA right now and I'm currently working on one for law enforcement, for CAT for their schedules and routes, and also with Human Resources for jobs. So eventually we'll have probably six or seven magazines up and going.

The schedule that I've come up with is to set it up with something consistent and something with a high rotation so these magazines will run on a 15-minute block basically using the concept of talk radio, CNN Headline News, something like that, and that way I think we're going to get a full good rotation of all of the announcements that we have going on so you don't have to sit there for an hour waiting for something else to come up. Right now the schedule that I have is top of the hour Commission News, 15 after Government Highlights, 30 after CEMA, and 45 Parks and Recreation. When I have the other magazines up and going, we'll probably set it up on an odd/even hourly basis. So again we'll have that continued frequency. One of the other features that we have on this too is, which you'll see in the lower right-hand corner, we have current time and temperature. We installed a small weather station —, well, not on that page, but coming up —, we installed a small weather station on the roof of the building, down next to my office on a wireless 900 MHZ frequency and from that we can also create our own instant weather page giving you current temperature, wind direction, wind speed, humidity and barometric pressure. So I think that's going to be a nice little added excitement to our channel.

I just want to go ahead and remind all the Commissioners I put on your —, in front of you this morning, a form which I'm using with different department heads, and please go ahead and keep this because in the Commission news magazine, you know, those are events that happen in your districts and you have town hall meetings or special recognition for a public service people or whatever. Just use that form, fax it to me. If you have a picture, get that to me, and I'll go ahead and get it on the air. I've sent these out to different department heads and what not, and it seems to be a good way of keeping the flow of information coming in to me and keeping it organized, but we've got plenty of space to fill since we're on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Also from the schedule that's on this display system here, it will control the playback of video tape productions that we do with our own camera and editing system. The closet next to the Commission meeting room is our head-out room and all I have to do is load the tapes. From the computer in my office scheduling when those events are going to come on. Once that tape comes on it overrides the display system, runs the tape production, be it the Police Memorial Ceremony, its award ceremony, the Spring Garden Festival from the Extension Service, and other events like that we've got on the cam right now. It will play those. Once it stops and kicks into rewind, this comes right back up exactly where it was so there's no lost time. Another nice feature about this system too is the fact that I can create new pages and new information and get it on the air with no down time. It's just a matter of shooting it over the land line and getting it going, but to give you an idea of some of the —, some of the videotape elections we have going on right now, like I said, the Police Award Ceremony, Police Memorial Ceremony. I also have a very nice memorial to former Tybee Island police officer Trey Alley, which will run after the Police Memorial Ceremony and the Spring Garden Festival, Coastal Gardens. The Healthy Heart Day, Coastal Gardens, GEMA's Hurricane Preparation, and David Lowe out of the Child Support Enforcement Office is also putting together a monthly program highlighting the deadbeat parents. So those are the things we've got going on right now and we'll continue to create things as we go along, but we do have the capabilities to do a lot of really neat things.

And, finally, the last portion of our production capabilities is the fact that Jones Communications, we will be able to use their studio production facilities over on Abercorn and we'll be putting together kind of an information talk show format. I will be getting with the Commissioners individually because this will be a good opportunity for the public to meet the Commissioners individually and get to know them not only as a public servant but just as neighbor, which is what all of you are in all of your different districts, and we'll also do the same thing with different department heads: the County Manager and so on. So that is another production that we'll be going into.

The final thing I want to point out is the fact that even though we all suffered off of that storm a couple of weeks ago, I was very pleased from the standpoint that the UPS backup power supplies kicked in as they should have, and we did not suffer any down time at all. What we will do in the event should that happen again is I've talked with CEMA Director Phillip Webber, and he's looking into the possibilities of going ahead and linking my power supply up to the backup generator itself so I won't have to rely on the UPS so much, but I will also have the type of the CEMA magazine and should we go into an emergency situation again, what I will do is just run the CEMA magazine as a continuous loop. Therefore, we can get the information out there as far as all the emergency phone numbers, evacuation routes and all of the other information that falls into that type of magazine. So from that standpoint, from the technical standpoint, I was very pleased to see that we did not suffer any damage whatsoever during the recent storm, but I'm very excited about this and I know some of you have taken advantage of it so far. Dr. Thomas with all of her different programs, I've thoroughly enjoyed getting out and taking pictures with you, so I do want to encourage all of the other Commissioners to do the same thing.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Pete [Nichols]. Does anybody have any questions? We do have —. Yes, Mr. Earls.

Mr. Ken Earls said, my name is Ken Earls. I was just wondering, are the magazine —, the pages, is it just going to be strictly text-based or is there going to be audio? Mr. Nichols said, it will be strictly text-based. Trying to do audio, I wanted to keep with consistency, number one, with the soundtrack of the light jazz, plus the fact that trying to do audio on the magazine pages themselves, the production capabilities that I have in my office are basically just, I would think, one step

higher than recording on an Edison cylinder. They sound very scratchy and I don't want that [inaudible]. Chairman Hair said, that might be something we could look into in the future in terms of adding —. Mr. Nichols said, another thing we are looking at, an idea was brought to me and, you know, we'll consider it as we go on is also to check into closed-captioned capabilities for when we have our playback videotape productions.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Any questions? Thank you very much, Pete [Nichols]. We appreciate the work y'all are doing. It looks really good. I think it's something we'll all benefit from.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. COMMISSION/LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (CHAIRMAN AND BOARD).

Chairman Hair said, the next item on the agenda is to discuss the Commission/Library Advisory Board. I understand this is something that the Commission discussed after Executive Session last meeting when I had to leave. I'd like to start the discussion by simply stating that I have a little bit of concern about creating a separate advisory group. I think we have made a lot of progress in the last few months in establishing better dialogue between the Library Board and us and I think we've got new leadership over there and I really —, I think the advisory board quite frankly is unnecessary and I think what happened is they could become an advocacy group for one or the other sides, and so I would personally think this is probably something that's not necessary and I think it might actually hinder communications because then, you know, it'd be another group we'd have to go through, so that would be my feeling about it. I'll entertain any comments from any members of the Board.

Commissioner Price asked, whose idea was it? Chairman Hair said, I was not present so I —, y'all discussed this at the meeting after —. Commissioner Price asked, do you remember it, Sybil [Tillman]? The Clerk said, I don't know whose idea it was originally, but he said that it had been discussed or broached —, he'd been broached about it previously and he wanted us to make a decision on it one way or the other. He didn't have any thoughts about it one way or the other, but he just wanted us to make a decision. Commissioner Price asked, who did? The Clerk said, Frank [Murray]. He just wanted us to get it before the Board so that we could make a decision.

Chairman Hair said, unless somebody feels a strong need for this I don't see any strong need —. Commissioner Jackel said, why don't we say it died —.

Commissioner Saussy said, I think that our dialogue now that we've had and hopefully we'll have in the future —. Chairman Hair said, I think so, and I just think it's the kind the think that could actually make it worse, and I just think we've got good dialogue now and I'd like to see us continue that positive —, the positive communication step we've had. So, okay, we've discussed it and we've made a decision not to do it. That's always something we could do in the future if we felt the need to do it in the future, that sort of thing.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

General consensus not to create a Commission/Library Advisory Board.

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2. RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN IRELAND YOUNGSTERS (COMMISSIONER JACKEL).

Chairman Hair said, the next item is where we're going to recognize some visitors from Northern Ireland and we have Mr. Jerry Hogan with us and we also have Danny Powers, our Tax Commissioner, I think also one of the host families, and I'm going to ask Commissioner Jackel if he will join me down front. We have some medals we'd like to present and also a proclamation. Chairman Hair asked, Danny [Powers], would you like to introduce them first and then I'll —? Mr. Powers said, I don't know if I can remember all their names. Jerry [Hogan], why don't you do it. Mr. Hogan said, if you don't mind. Chairman Hair said, certainly.

/s/ Dr. Billy B. Hair
Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

/s/ Sybil E. Tillman
Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Mr. Hogan said, thank you very much. This will go back to Ireland with these young ladies in both counties and they will be —, it will be passed around in Northern Ireland. And now I think that Claire has her presentation.

Claire [last name unknown] said, I'd just like to say a few words on behalf of the girls from Northern Ireland. We would like to thank the people of Chatham County and Savannah City for their overwhelming hospitality and southern friendliness. I'm sure I can say for all of us that we are really enjoying our time in your company and all of your support and kindness has really made us feel at home in Savannah. So I'd like to present to you a plaque from our counties, County Fermanagh and County Antrim, to Chatham County to say thank you very much for everything you've done to make us feel at home. It is definitely a county we would all like to return to. So behalf of the Children's Friendship Project of Northern Ireland we thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. On behalf of the Commission, we really appreciate that. Thanks a lot.

Claire said, also I'd like to present this [card] to Mr. Jackel for the other night and thank you very much. We all enjoyed it. Commissioner Jackel said, well, thank you.

Commissioner Saussy said, y'all come back. Mr. Powers said, that's their favorite word now, y'all. They love it. Chairman Hair said, David [Saussy] made them feel right at home there, that southern charm there.

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VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

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

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$2,560 TO JUVENILE COURT FOR A SALARY INCREASE MANDATED BY LEGISLATION; A GENERAL FUND M&O RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$112,500 TO MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR PURCHASE OF INSECTICIDE; A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX EXTENSION FUND (1988-1993) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$61,850 TO THE SKIDAWAY WIDENING PROJECT FOR LAND ACQUISITION.**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Thomas said, I move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the following: General Fund M&O Contingency transfer of \$2,560 to Juvenile Court for a salary increase mandated by legislation; a General Fund M&O Restricted Contingency transfer of \$112,500 to Mosquito Control for purchase of insecticide; a One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1988-1993) Contingency transfer of \$61,850 to the Skidaway Widening project for land acquisition. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAVANNAH BMX, INC., AND CHATHAM COUNTY FOR RENTAL OF SPACE AT L. SCOTT STELL COMMUNITY PARK AND THAT ALL FEES, PAST AND FUTURE, ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL OF THIS SPACE ALLOCATION BE WAIVED.

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is a little bit unusual. Not inappropriate, but unusual. I think Jon [Hart] is back and I do want to defer to him. Mr. Golden's done an excellent job in trying to work out something that would be beneficial to all of our citizens, particularly those who participate both directly and through their children in the BMX track out at L. Scott Stell Park. At issue here is waiving certain fees. We did make a fact and finding there was some initial concern as to possible violations of the gratuities clause of the Constitution. Jon [Hart] is on top of that and is prepared to comment.

County Attorney Hart said, basically this is a little bit different than the normal agreement that we enter into. It's on a year-to-year basis, and this organization is going to provide some in-kind services insofar as maintaining maintenance and that type of thing out there. The only real issue you have is you want to make sure that the in-kind services are a fair consideration, fair value for the services, and as long as the County staff is satisfied of that function, I don't think we have a gratuity problem. I just wanted to bring it to your attention though because normally we don't get into this trade of services type situation. It's fraught with people perhaps not living up to their obligation on the other end. That's why it's on a renewable basis. If people don't live up to their commitments, then we'll terminate and change the agreement, but you just need to be aware of that.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell asked, Jon [Hart], this can be terminated without cause? You don't have to have cause? County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Chairman Hair said, I think this is a good idea. This is a great program out there and a lot of young people benefit from this. I don't know if you've been out there recently and seen the operation out there, the track, and it really is —, and I commend the folks that are helping out here because it really is. I've talked to a number of parents, a number of children out there. This really is a good —.

Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and 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.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve renewal of the agreement between Savannah BMX, Inc., and Chatham County for rental of space at L. Scott Stell Community Park and approved that all fees, past and future, associated with the rental of this space allocation be waived. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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3. REQUEST FROM MR. SONNY HOWARD, D/B/A FOREST CITY GUN CLUB TO WAIVE LATE PENALTY PAID FOR DELINQUENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POURING LICENSE. STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUEST. [DISTRICT 1.]

Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Gregori Anderson.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, yes. This is a typical application for renewal of alcohol beverage service out at the Gun Club. As indicated in the staff report, we send the renewal notices out —, this past year November 25th, and we give them until the 31st of January to file without penalty, and we're here before you this morning. Staff has no administrative authority to waive that penalty. Chairman Hair asked, what is the fee? Mr. Anderson said, the fee is —. Chairman Hair asked, the late fee? Mr. Anderson said, the late fee is 50% of the regular required fee. In this case, you're looking at about —. County Manager Abolt said, fifteen hundred. Mr. Anderson said, fifteen hundred bucks.

Commissioner Price asked, what address had —? It sounds like in the letter that we didn't have the correct address in sending the renewal notice. Mr. Anderson said, yes. We certainly —, we sent it to the mailing address that the applicant fills out on the application. That's where we send it to. That's where we've always sent it to, and we haven't had any problems up until this point, so —. Commissioner Price said, on the application itself not only do you have the —, I mean, what address did you send it to? Did you send it to the business address or to —. Mr. Anderson said, we sent it to the mailing address. That's why on the application we have a differentiation because some businesses do have a P. O. Box that they prefer to have their mail sent to as opposed to the on-site address or business street address. Commissioner Price said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, anybody —. The Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner Jackel said, I move that —. Commissioner DeLoach said, move for denial. Commissioner Jackel said, we waive the —. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to waive. Do we have a second? [No response.] Commissioner Thomas asked, you said denial? Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Chairman Hair said, to deny. No, to waive. You said to waive. We have a motion to waive. Do we have a second. Commissioner Odell said, he doesn't have a second. Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain another motion. Commissioner Odell said, motion to deny. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to deny and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor of denial —.

Commissioner Jackel said, I was looking at his letter here. He said, they've had one break-in at the premises, they've changed managers twice, there was road work which interfered with their mailbox —. Commissioner DeLoach said, and the dog ate my homework. I can't do anything about it. Commissioner Jackel said, well, the thing is they have no history —, they have no history of late payments or any problems like that. They don't have —. Commissioner DeLoach said, we can't make an exception. I mean, I'm speaking for myself. It's hard to make an exception and if you do, you can make an exception for everyone that comes up here, which is about a thousand a year. Commissioner Jackel said, I think we have to do it on a case by case basis.

Chairman Hair said, okay, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioner Price said, I have a question. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price asked, from a legal standpoint, would we be setting a precedent in your opinion, Jon [Hart], if we waived it? Commissioner DeLoach said, absolutely. County Attorney Hart said, well, there's nothing within the code section, as expressed in that letter, that fits within the parameters to permit a waiver. On occasions, the Commission has exercised substantial discretion and allowed a waiver. It has been generally in those cases in which the applicant has appeared and pled his case before this Commission. Commissioner Price said, and they're not here.

Commissioner Jackel said, you're talking about a non-profit organization and you're talking about \$1,500.

Commissioner Price asked, were they given adequate notification that it was going to appear on today's agenda? Mr. Anderson said, yes, they were.

Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Odell and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Jackel and Price voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we already have a motion and it's passed. The motion is to deny the waiver. Commissioner Jackel said, remember it's a gun club. [Unintelligible comments when several Commissioners were speaking at the same time.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to **deny** the request from Mr. Sonny Howard, d/b/a Forest City Gun Club to waive late penalty paid for delinquent alcoholic beverage pouring license. Staff recommends **denial** of the request. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Odell, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Jackel and Price voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR CREATION OF NEW LIBRARY POSITIONS.

Chairman Hair asked, who's going to make this —? Is there anybody from the Library here that's going to make a formal request?

Mr. Bill Johnson said, yes sir. These are the new positions that were under discussion at a previous and funded at a previous Commission meeting to open Bull Street Library. The funding is in place.

Commissioner Price move for approval. Commissioner DeLoach said, second.

Chairman Hair said, I just have one question. I —, at the meeting that we attended —, most of the —, a lot of the Commissioners attended with the Library Board a couple of weeks ago—. Mr. Johnson said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, the question came up what we approved versus what was actually spent in terms of creating positions. Mr. Johnson said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, can you tell me that unequivocally that this Library has not created any more position than have been approved by this Commission, including this that do not require any additional funding? Mr. Johnson said, yes sir, I can. The question that came up at that meeting is the same one that was raised in your meeting when the \$150,000 was approved for new positions for Bull Street. The question was whether that funding was for a full year or not, or whether it would —, whether the \$150,000 would then become more in the year 2000. Chairman Hair said, but it was for a specific number of positions though. Mr. Johnson said, yes sir, that's correct. Chairman Hair said, that's my point. And you have not filled any positions beyond those approved number. Mr. Johnson said, no sir, we have not. Chairman Hair said, okay. All right, Commissioner Odell and then Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Odell said, just a point of clarification. The increase in staffing that was approved, in essence what we're doing is we're increasing your budget from here out forever by this amount of money. Wouldn't you agree with that? Mr. Johnson said, by an amount of money, yes sir.

Chairman Hair said, you know, if we've already agreed to positions by the budget, why do we need to have this —, why is this even before us? If we've already created positions by the budget. I don't understand. Commissioner Odell said, we technically haven't, but I—. Chairman Hair said, well, we approved the budget for it. Commissioner Odell said, I know, Billy [Hair], but I have the floor. If I could just finish. Chairman Hair said, certainly.

Commissioner Odell asked, how many positions do you have? Mr. Johnson asked, how many additional positions that are included here? Commissioner Odell said, right. Mr. Johnson said, it's a net of nine full time and six part time.

County Manager Abolt said, and I also believe, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, this is a sequence of events, the first being what occurred on the 15th in abolishing certain position. Mr. Johnson said, yes sir.

Commissioner Odell asked, is that your rationale of why it has to come back to us? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, yes. I'm concerned. I don't think I was here on the 15th when this took place, but we're looking at \$159,000 additional funding that we have to find next year from somewhere and I just —, even though we're coming close to budget time now, I still want to caution this Commission that these things that we do that we don't have the kind of revenue for, we're going to run into trouble come 2000. There's going to be a big hole here and we keep doing this over and over again. We've replicated this along with if you add the Sheriff's stuff to it and you don't have the money, where are we going to get it? And I think that we need to begin to look at that from a budgetary standpoint as far as whether we've got recurring revenue or revenue stream when we start doing these things. I don't have no problem with doing it, but —. Chairman Hair said, I concur with you. Commissioner Rivers said, the revenue stream needs to be —.

Chairman Hair said, I have some concerns about this as well. I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to approve and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Mr. Johnson said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request for creation of new library positions#. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion. Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Jackel, DeLoach, Price and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE 90-DAY HIRING FREEZE AND AUTHORIZE HUMAN RESOURCES TO ADVERTISE POSITIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS MORE COST EFFICIENT TO FILL.

- CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT - CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST I (ONE POSITION)**

Chairman Hair asked is, anyone here to explain this to us? Commissioner DeLoach said, I move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and second. Any questions? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no.

Commissioner Odell asked, are you in Child Support Advocate? Are you doing them one at a time, Mr. Chairman? Chairman Hair said, yes, that was for Child Support Specialist. Commissioner Odell said, Child Support Specialist. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

- **MAGISTRATE COURT - DEPUTY COURT CLERK II (ONE POSITION)**

Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to make this motion for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any 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.

- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT - FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER (ONE POSITION)**

Commissioner Price said, I move for approval. County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, this is Ms. Lopez's position. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

- **PUBLIC WORKS - EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II (THREE POSITIONS)**

Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? Commissioner Price said, I want to hear —. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. [Unintelligible comments when several Commissioners were speaking at the same time.] Chairman Hair said, you've already got the votes, you don't need to get up. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Child Support Enforcement - Child Support Specialist I (one position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
2. Commissioner Odell moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Magistrate Court - Deputy Court Clerk II (one position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
3. Commissioner Price moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Finance Department - Financial Services Manager (one position). Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
4. Commissioner Odell moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Public Works - Equipment Operator II (three positions). Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to pull anything off the Action Calendar? Commissioner Jackel wants to pull several I'm sure.

Commissioner Jackel said, Item 3. Chairman Hair said, Item 3. Commissioner Jackel said, Item 7. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Jackel said, Item 11 and Item 13. Chairman Hair asked, anybody else? Commissioner Jackel said, Item F. Chairman Hair said, F as in Frank. Commissioner Jackel said, G like in George, K like in Killer, Q like in —. Chairman Hair said, Q. Commissioner Jackel said, Q's the last one. Chairman Hair said, good, I'm glad. The Chair will entertain a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Saussy said, hold it. Just for information I'd like to know about U. Chairman Hair said, U, okay. Commissioner DeLoach asked, what do you want to know about me? Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Saussy wants to pull U. Commissioner Saussy said, I already know a lot about you.

Commissioner Price said, I move to approve the balance of the agenda. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The balance. There's not much left, but —, it's a small balance, but —. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] 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 3, 7, 111, 13, 14-F, 14-G, 14-K, 14-Q and 14-U. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

[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 JULY 9, 1999, AS MAILED.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 9, 1999, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 14, 1999.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period July 1, 1999, through July 14, 1999, in the amount of \$5,964,376. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COMMIT \$7,980 IN FUNDING FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CONTINGENCY FUND AS THE CASH MATCH REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I think this is a wonderful thing, something that we need to be doing and I think we ought to have the Chief tell the public a little something about it.

Chief Thomas Sprague said, this is a —, this is a grant, of course, from the Federal Government and it comes in block grant fashion coming direct from Washington to the Police Department. It doesn't stop off in Atlanta. It's based on Part One crime statistics and that's how the monies are dispensed from Washington. We've received it in the past. I've been here three and a half years and we've received it each year, and we've used the money in order to build up new equipment, computers. We've put it —, we've married it up with seized monies and put in a AFIS identification system for fingerprints, we use it for forensics in other areas. Commissioner Jackel said, we only have to put up \$7,900 and we get back some \$80,000. Is that right?

County Manager Abolt said, well, we wouldn't have to do that. You might explain why.

Chief Sprague said, well, we take a 10% penalty off of the —, right off of the top because of a current glitch in the disability retirement system as it comes from the County, so we will receive approximately, I believe, on this one about \$71,000, and then —, but we need the match in order to get the entire grant. Commissioner Jackel said, that's great.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Chief, you indicated Part One of crime statistics. Chief Sprague said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell asked, and that means exactly what? Chief Sprague said, that major crimes from murder, burglary, armed robbery, those type statistics, they look at each department in the country in different population zones, of course ours we're —,

we're handling about 67,68,000 people now. The City of Savannah also gets one annually, and theirs is unfortunately quite a bit higher than ours based on their problem with crime statistics. Chairman Hair asked, so is this based —, the grant is based upon localities that have a higher crime rate than other similar localities? Chief Sprague said, well, for instance, I talked with the Chief of Glynn County Police Department. They also get a block grant. Their Part One crime numbers are lower than ours, as is the population that they service, and their amount is lower, but it is passed out by the Bureau of Justice, by the Justice Department, in order to deter crime and bring crime down. Commissioner Odell said, yes but, I guess my question, Chief, nevertheless is that we received this grant based upon the fact that looking per capita our crime statistics are higher than comparable other localities. That's the criteria upon which the grant is given. Chief Sprague said, this grant, yes. Now in rural areas they have a different formula they use. Chairman Hair said, I know, but is it yes for the County. Chairman Hair said, yes, the answer is yes.

Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Thomas 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 Price moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program for the Chatham County Police Department and commit \$7,980 in funding from the Special Service District Contingency Fund as the cash match required by the grant. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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- 4. REQUEST FROM KING GEORGE BOULEVARD ASSOCIATES, THROUGH THEIR AGENT, JOHN KERN ENGINEERING, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR GEORGETOWN BUSINESS PARK, PHASE 2, TO COMBINE THE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITH THE EXISTING DISTRICT, TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO BEGIN THE 12-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from King George Boulevard Associates, through their agent, John Kern Engineering, to approve the final plat for Georgetown Business Park, Phase 2, to combine the streetlight assessment district with the existing district, to approve construction of the improvements, and to begin the 12-month warranty period. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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- 5. REQUEST FROM ENGINEER REPRESENTING THE DEVELOPER, TURNER'S COVE DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR TURNER'S COVE, PHASE 1, AND ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from the engineer representing the developer, Turner's Cove Development, L.L.C., to record the subdivision plat for Turner's Cove, Phase 1, and accept the financial guarantee. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA V. 0.093 ACRES OF LAND AND CROSSROADS SHOPPING CENTER, L.P., CIVIL ACTION NO. X92-1403-FR.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve settlement of Chatham County, Georgia v. 0.093 Acres of Land and Crossroads Shopping Center, L.P., Civil action No. X92-1403-FR, in the total amount of \$90,000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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7. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER: ANTHONY WAYNE CLARK, D/B/A THE UPPER CRUST RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 140 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD #7. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, when I first looked at this thing, I thought these were statistics submitted for a year and then I found out this was a new business. The statistics seem a little bit low. Do you feel like they're accurate? Mr. Gregori Anderson said, well, this is a new business and under the Sunday Sales they have a year's time to kind of —, to monitor their food sales and then since the percentage after a year's time. This is a new installation for Sunday sales, so you don't evaluate those statistics until after a year that it's been in operation. Commissioner Jackel said, well, they're talking about here, if I under —, they start from December 31st of '98 and they move forward to —, well, it says —, well, I guess they went from May of '98 to December of '98 for —. Mr. Anderson said, I'm not following, Commissioner Jackel —. Commissioner Jackel asked, what's the time period that they reported these figures for? Mr. Anderson said, well, they have currently a retail wine and beer sales license, so they can sell wine and beer all days but Sunday. What they want to do is a new Sunday sales license —. Commissioner Jackel said, I understand that.

Commissioner Price they opened their business May 28th of '98 and reporting what they did last year.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay. So in this —. Commissioner Price said, their fiscal year is a calendar year. Commissioner Jackel said, so we're to believe that in seven months time that they did less than a thousand dollars a month in beer sales. Commissioner Price said, that's a pizza place. I mean, sure. Commissioner Jackel said, and then they did —. Commissioner Price said, it's a good pizza place too. Commissioner Jackel said, I hope it's better than the beer. Commissioner Price said, a lot better.

Commissioner DeLoach said, let me ask you this. Is that the same group —, is there one over on Skidaway Island? Chairman Hair said, yes. By my house, yes. There's also one out in —, there's another one out in the Westside some place. Commissioner Price said, Garden City. Chairman Hair said, there's also several Hilton Head —. Mr. Anderson said, it's a chain.

Commissioner Price said, but the reason why that's a May 25th number, Martin [Jackel], is I believe when they opened that one on Wilmington Island, they opened it and so they just reported that period. Commissioner Jackel said, if you think the figures are accurate, we can move on.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Commissioner Thomas 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 Price moved to approve the request of petitioner, Anthony Wayne Clark, d/b/a The Upper Crust Restaurant, located at 140 Johnny Mercer Boulevard #7, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 1999. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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8. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER: MATTHEW K. STARLING, D/B/A BONA BELLA MARINA, LOCATED AT 2740 LIVINGSTON AVENUE. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of petitioner, Matthew K. Starling, d/b/a Bona Bella Marina, located at 2740 Livingston Avenue, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 1999. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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9. REQUEST BOARD'S CONCURRENCE IN EXTINGUISHING THE TAXES FOR THE TREMONT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. [DISTRICT 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to concur in the Land Bank Authority's plan to extinguish the tax liability of \$11,531 on the property of the Tremont Park Community Center. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO QUITCLAIM PROPERTY AT 1606 LEGRAND STREET IN SAVANNAH TO THE FORMER OWNERS IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST. [DISTRICT 2.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to quitclaim property with a legal description of Lots 132 and 133, Block 10, Schwarz Ward, PIN 2-0054-24-007, and located at 1606 LeGrand Street in Savannah to the former owner, Cyrus Alvin Wright, in exchange for payment of outstanding taxes, penalties and interest. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ASSUME MAINTENANCE OF THE SPA INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM. [DISTRICT 7.]

Commissioner DeLoach said, I move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Chairman Hair said, we already have a motion for approval.

Commissioner Jackel asked, on #11? Chairman Hair said, yes, #11. Commissioner Odell said, don't try to anticipate him. We don't know where he's going. [Unintelligible comments were made when several Commissioners were speaking at the same time.] Chairman Hair said, no volunteering. You'll make him mad, okay. Just wait for the question.

County Manager Abolt said, just give us the okay to negotiate too.

Commissioner Jackel asked, is that all we're asking for on this? The City is taking this over. They're going to do it for free. Mr. Patrick Monahan said, you basically just wrapped it up. The City would assume it at no cost, and as Mr. Abolt pointed out, staff will return with the formal intergovernmental agreement that spells that out. But, yes, you might see the letter from the City's Finance Director that says that. Commissioner Jackel said, I saw that. I was just a little incredulous about it and wanted to know if they were going to do that for free what else we could we get them to do for free. Mr. Monahan said, but, no. They're very concerned about the fact that the County owns a water system within the City of Savannah. Actually, this system exists elsewhere too because the County owns a water system within the incorporated limits of Pooler, both due to annexations. And what they're concerned about is there may be a different level of service within this area of which those property owners pay City taxes versus in other areas and if there were a fire —, if there was a fire to occur and they could not provide adequate pressure for the fire, then the City feels as though it may be liable. So they're concerned about the equitability of services in all areas of the City.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we already have a motion and second to approve. 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 DeLoach moved to approve a plan that would allow the City of Savannah to assume maintenance of the SPA industrial park water and sewer system. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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12. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SEACOAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve an updated Memorandum of Agreement supporting the concept and activities of the SeaCoast Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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13. REQUEST FROM TAX COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE THAT BOARD APPROVE WRITE OFF OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES WHICH ARE UNDER \$5.00 BUT STILL REMAIN ON THE TAX DIGEST THROUGH JULY 13, 1999. LIST IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COMMISSION.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Saussy said, second.

Commissioner Jackel said, we’ve lost —, our Tax Commissioner has stepped out. It seems to me that we might ought to raise this figure up to even an higher figure. I don’t know that for \$7.50 or \$10.00 we can afford to keep sending out the notices, and if the people do pay it, the cost of listing it —. I think \$5.00 is certainly doable, but maybe even —, we need to find out where the break even figure is.

Chairman Hair said, well, I think we have to rely on the Tax Commissioner for his best advice, and I think his best advice this morning. We certainly can discuss that with him and if he wants to raise it, then —.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, let’s take a look at it —. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Jackel said, because there comes a point where it just doesn’t make sense.

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 DeLoach moved to approve the request from Tax Commissioner’s office that Board approve write off of Real Property taxes which are under \$5.00 but still remain on the Tax Digest through July 13, 1999. *List is on file in the office of the Clerk of Commission.* Commissioners Saussy and Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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14. 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. Confirmation emergency purchase and installation of a water tank	Water and Sewer	Lakeside Water Company	\$21,370	Water and Sewer
B. Change Order No. 4 to the contract for drainage improvements and paving Central, Cherokee, Saussy Avenues and Smith Drive for addition of a grate inlet and storm drain pipe	SPLOST	ARCO, Inc.	\$4,564	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Paving Central, Cherokee, Saussy Avenues and Smith Drive

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
C. Annual contract, with option to renew for two additional one year terms, for elevator maintenance and service	Building Maintenance and Operations	Atlantic Coast Elevator (WBE)	\$23,796	General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations
D. Final renewal option to the annual contract to provide fire extinguisher inspections and service	Various	Savannah Fire and Safety	\$9,839	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
E. First renewal option to annual contract to provide title search services and Change Order No. 1 to the contract for additional scope of services	Tax Commissioner	Buttimer Law Offices	\$70 per title search	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
F. 140 Glock 9mm pistols	Police	Glock, Inc. (sole source)	\$16,685	SSD - Police
G. Custom designed Quarter-master system software	Sheriff	Data Access (sole source)	\$14,860	CIP - Y2K Remediation
H. Second renewal option to lease agreement for the workshop and surplus property building	•Central Services •Purchasing	Melaver, Inc.	\$6,000	•General Fund/M & O - Central Services •General Fund/M & O - Purchasing
I. Reject all bids for the purchase of various vehicles	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A
J. One (1) 2x4 pickup truck	Animal Control	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$14,990.60	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
K. One (1) 15 passenger van	Recreation	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$23,038	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
L. Table shirting, skirting hangers and skirting carts	SPLOST	Jack the Ripper	\$7,890.90	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
M. Forty (40) flexible rubber floor mats	SPLOST	Foam Spray	\$2,777.20	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
N. Twenty-one (21) open storage shelving units	SPLOST	Millworks and Supply, Inc.	\$1,722	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
O. Performance staging and portable accessories	SPLOST	StageRight	\$114,299	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
P. Forty (40) 2-tier lockers	SPLOST	Atlanta Bin and Shelving	\$4,576.40	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
Q. Contract to perform management study	Human Resources	ACCG/DMG-MAXIMUS	\$389,000	•General Fund/M & O •SSD
R. Non-exclusive lease of square footage on the roof of the Judicial Courthouse to erect a small, unobtrusive cellular communication antenna		Triton PCS	\$15,600	Revenue Producing
S. Annual contract, with option to renew for one additional one year term, for contract labor	Public Works	Eastern Personnel Services	\$6.75 per hour per man	•SSD - Public Works •Solid Waste Fund

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
T. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to extend utilities to Hutchinson Island to extend the exit point of the eastern leg of the bore by 150ft. to a lower valued portion of the property	Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer Extension	Harrison Wright	\$55,000	Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer Extension
U. Annual contract for the operation of the Whitemarsh Island Community Center	Parks and Recreation	St. Joseph/Candler Health Care System	\$75,711	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
V. Contract for professional services for the design, engineering and construction observation of the new Tag Office	SPLOST	L. Scott Barnard and Associates	\$56,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Bond Proceeds
W. Professional services contract for programming services associated with the Y2K Remediation Project	ICS (Y2K Remediation Project)	Merri Lynn Pearson	\$25,000	Y2K Remediation Project
X. Change Order No. 2 to the third party administrator contract to prepare, produce and distribute individual benefit statements to each Chatham County employee		Jones, Hill & Mercer	Not to exceed \$18,000	General Fund/M & O - Special Appropriation Account

Items 14-A through 14-X, except 14-F, 14-G, 14-K, 14-Q and 14-U:

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 14-A through 14-X, except Items 14-F, 14-G, 14-K, 14-Q and 14-U. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

Item 14-F:

ITEM: 140 Glock 9mm pistols; DEPARTMENT: Police; SOURCE: Glock, Inc. (Sole source); AMOUNT: \$16,685; FUNDING: SSD - Police.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner DeLoach said, I move for approval. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I was reading this report here and it talked about that the Criminal Investigation Division Officers soon switched from the 45 caliber pistol to a lighter, smaller frame 40 caliber pistol, which it felt was better suited to the role of plain clothes, and yet the Police Department is switching to the 9mm, which is less of a gun. From a close friend of mine who knows a great deal about firearms I recently questioned him because I was looking into a Glock, whether to go with the 9mm or the 40 caliber, and he said the reports he had read that the 40 caliber had much better knock-down power than the 9mm, it had sufficient bullet speed to be a very good weapon. Chairman Hair asked, what specifically is your question? Commissioner Jackel said, well, if they —. Commissioner DeLoach said, he's trying to see which one he wants to buy. Help him out there. Help him out. He's trying to figure out which one to buy. Chairman Hair said, I don't think we give Commissioners advise in a Commission meeting.

Commissioner Jackel said, no, no. I've already made up my mind. Why are we saying here that these people like the 40 caliber and then we choose the 9mm? Chairman Hair said, okay, Chief.

Chief Sprague said, the 40 caliber —, initially the 45 was put in place in '92. The detectives —, the 45 Smith & Wesson is a very heavy weapon. 45 bullets are heavier than 9mm. They went to a smaller caliber, the Detective Division, and the bulk of the weapon sticks out. If you notice in restaurants around this County or in this City, you won't find Chatham County Police Criminal Investigators wearing a weapon and their badge on their belt. They go in with a coat on. It was bulky, but what instituted this was my Firearms Division came to me and the scores, which should be in your staff report, accuracy with the weapon, 70% of our officers were firing in the sharpshooter down range, some in very, very low, in the low 200 range. I directed them to evaluate other weapons, the Glock 9mm, Model 19, which was the weapon that we evaluated

and chose for the CNT in 1994 and is now in service with CNT. The hundred and twenty some-odd officers fired the evaluation course in companion with the 45 caliber Glock. The scores changed dramatically. They changed from 70% firing below that sharpshooter range to 70% of the officers were firing the same score or better scores. It took our lower shooters and in the game of knock-down power, Mr. Jackel, if an officer has to use his weapon and he can put six out of ten in your chest cavity with a 9mm, I'll guarantee you that you have the stop power as opposed to one or two rounds possibly from a 45, which is bulkier, it's not as accurate as a Glock, et cetera, and the weight, there's a big difference, and developing —, and when we get these weapons if y'all approve, the officer will become comfortable and their confidence in their sidearm is going to go up. The departments around the county, they have gone to Glock 9mm, Model 19's. It's just a long string.

Commissioner Jackel said, but my question is why not the 40 caliber? Chief Sprague said, because it also —, when they went to them, it is lighter than the 45, but it is no comparison with the Glock, and the scores after adoption of the 40 caliber in about 1994 or '95, the scores were comparable with that 70%, equaled the firing qualification with those also. Commissioner Jackel asked, now are these weapons going to go to all the officers are just street patrol? Chief Sprague said, yes sir, we're converting and going completely, 100% to the Glock, Model 19, 9mm. What that also does is our ammunition will be standard. Right now we have several calibers, et cetera. Commissioner Jackel said, okay.

Commissioner Rivers asked, can you requisition one extra for Commissioner Jackel? Commissioner Jackel said, I've already —.

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second to approve. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. That's more than I ever wanted to know about [inaudible] pistols. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, thank you, Chief.

Item 14-G:

ITEM: Custom designed Quartermaster system software; DEPARTMENT: Sheriff; SOURCE: Data Access (sole source); AMOUNT: \$14,860; FUNDING: CIP- Y2K Remediation.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just wanted to —, Sheriff. Sheriff, we talked about this the other day. This is the Y2K thing that we're talking about. That's what we need to do?.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, Y2K Remediation, and it's —, it's software that was custom designed for what we actually need it for. It will keep up with all the equipment and everything else. Commissioner Jackel said, okay, good. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's what it is. It's part of that Y2K.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner DeLoach said, move to approve. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and 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 14-K:

ITEM: One 15-passenger van; DEPARTMENT: Recreation; SOURCE: J. C. Lewis Ford; AMOUNT: \$23,038; FUNDING: CIP - Vehicle Replacement.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, we have a motion and a second.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay, I just wanted to mention —, make everybody aware that this local preference thing is working for us, and because of this, this —, the local preference, J. C. Lewis, is going to be the seller of the van to us, and I wanted to pat ourselves on the back for doing that.

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 14-Q:

ITEM: Contract to perform management study;; DEPARTMENT: Human Resources; SOURCE: ACCG/DMG-MAXIMUS; AMOUNT: \$389,000; FUNDING: General Fund/M&O and SSD.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay. I thought when we went into this that we were mostly doing a wage and hour study and to equalize the pay. Chairman Hair said, that's a separate study. Commissioner Odell said, separate. Chairman Hair said, that's a separate study. One is wage and salary and one is the management, the efficiency study. Commissioner Jackel said, all right. Now then when I read this, the first report you come in the book [sic] I couldn't tell what it was reduced from, but then in the back it had the additional report. Now what concerns me about this is initially we started out to conduct a survey of 100% of our employees, and by reducing it down to 33% they can come in under the budget requirements. When you read the report that they have further in the book, they tell us that typically, and they interview a large portion of staff up to 50% in larger department. In smaller departments, it's up to 50%, in larger departments it's no more than 20%. If that's typically what they do, I was curious why we started out with 100%.

Mr. George Lynch said, 100%, sir, would have been very, very nice if we could have afforded it. Commissioner Jackel asked, well, why did we even start that way if that's not what they typically do? Mr. Lynch said, it would have involved everyone in the County, it would truly have given everyone an opportunity to express their views; however, the cost of going to 100% instead of a base line, which we've been assured will give us adequate coverage, we needed to get within budget. It's just that simple.

Chairman Hair said, I can also comment on this since this is the business I'm in. You —, what you do is you —, Ideally in a perfect world, yes, you'd like to do 100% and typically in smaller companies that we do, if you've got 50 or 60 employees, we recommend doing everybody. When you get 1,000 and above, it's very expensive to do everybody. And the key to this, even with that 30% to 50% range, you can get a very good study as long, and I stressed this to the staff, as long as the company makes the decision and they use a random sampling technique and the department heads don't make the decision which interviews to do. So the consultant has to randomly select the people, and I can assure you that with random selection, and I think that is in the contract, is it not? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, you have random selection and it's also the consultant makes the decision who to talk to, not the department head, that you can get a very, very good study with this parameter.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, my question then comes down to is when we put out the bids for 100%, did any of the companies write us back and say, that's too high a percentage, you ought to be using a lower percentage? Mr. Lynch said, all of them during the interviews, sir, commented that it was expensive. During the interviews you have not received the fee proposals. We thanked them very much for their view and told them to come on in with their fee proposal. We then saw it was rather expensive. Rather is not the word for it. It was very expensive, and went back on negotiation with the selected firm. Commissioner Jackel said, well, I think now that we're down to these appropriate levels, we're still at 33%, and I guess that's an average because they talk about 50 and —. Mr. Lynch said, yes. Commissioner Jackel said, all right, now on what we're paying these people —, I think it's page 34, Revised Project Cost, and the number of hours that they're going to put in. Are these —, there's a difference to me in hours and billable hours. Attorneys always talk in terms of billable hours, and that's actual work done, not just actual time present. Are we talking billable hours on these people or is it just —? Mr. Lynch said, we're paying, sir, on the basis of fixed cost. We're going to pay them \$389,000. The hours that you see are to provide us additional insight into their distribution of time. If in order to produce the required study it takes them twice that number of hours, they eat it. Commissioner Jackel said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, please remember we still have the courts and the District Attorney to fold in that we have yet to fix the final cost on.

Chairman Hair said, right. All right, we have —, do I have a motion? Commissioner Price said, yes. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Saussy 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. Thank you.

Item 14-U:

ITEM: Annual contract for the operation of the Whitemarsh Island Community Center; DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation; SOURCE: St. Joseph/Candler Health Care System; AMOUNT: \$75,711; FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, I just wondered about how this works. Is this a pass through or whatever and St. Joseph's?

Chairman Hair said, Jim [Golden], do you want to just briefly —, I think he just wants to know how it's going to work and that sort of thing. I think we —, Mr. Golden.

Mr. Jim Golden said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, what we have here is the contract with St. Joseph's and Candler Hospital. It's a contractual format that services be provided on a year to year basis. In fact, monthly we will have a flexible schedule to meet the needs of all age groups and this will be on a seven —, six-day basis and service will be provided Countywide, but the center is located on the Island. As you are aware of, in a few weeks we'll be opening up a center [inaudible], and this is on a contractual basis. It only deals with the operation of costs for programming.

County Manager Abolt said, it's run by an affiliate of St. Joseph's. Mr. Golden said, yes sir.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes, but I —. Mr. Golden said, and Garden City is tied into other activities with this group, but we have —. Commissioner Saussy asked, this is not a medical thing, it's just —? County Manager Abolt said, no. Chairman Hair said, no, this is [inaudible]. Mr. Lynch said, operation of the center. County Manager Abolt said, this is privatization. Chairman Hair said, right, exactly. Mr. Golden said, we have Ms. Melissa Allen here.

Chairman Hair said, if you have any questions, we have a St. Jo rep here if anybody has any questions for her.

Commissioner Odell asked, is this a [inaudible]? County Manager Abolt said, it's a contract with that agency to provide day to day operational services at that community center. Chairman Hair said, we're just letting them privately manage the center.

Commissioner Price said, one of the aspects of it is that St. Joseph's/Candler Health Services not only has extended hours, the fact that you will have seven hours on Saturday versus the others that offer —, have a weekend component, but a strong health component. Can you explain what that means?

Ms. Melissa Allen said, sure. Yes, we have the infrastructure already in place. We have offered a number of services to that group. That's why it's so easy for us to get it up and running. We have called Tier 65 that already offers a number of social activities for that constituency. This simply offers another venue to be able to offer those services at no additional expense to the County to do that.

Commissioner Price asked, what about to the citizens themselves, will there be any additional expense? Ms. Allen said, no, there will not be. Commissioner Price said, okay. What about if you see a need for some type of sports medicine for an injured individual or, I mean, I guess what I'm asking is, is your interest as an entity also from the standpoint that this may be an opportunity for sports medicine business or —? Ms. Allen said, well, certainly ultimately that could happen. One of the things that we talked about was offering a free sports clinic to citizens out there so that, you know, once a month if they wanted to come in and have injuries looked at or, you know, ask some questions about sports related injuries, then that staff would be there free of charge to answer those questions. But certainly ultimately there could be referral into the system at some point if that was necessary later.

Mr. Golden said, by the way, we [inaudible] with the sports medicine.

Commissioner Price said, let me follow up on the last question. Did we, George [Lynch], just to be in every sense fair to both of our health institutions, did we approach Memorial about this? Mr. Lynch said, no sir, we did not. We first had talked to the Y, the Y of course aimed us in this direction. We did not, no. Commissioner Price asked, why? Why didn't we? Mr. Lynch said, primarily because we had had no indication of interest in that regard for running a community center and I didn't feel it was necessary. Commissioner Price asked, what other community centers or experience does this organization have, and what —, what previous experience do you have running —? Mr. Lynch said, I'm unaware of running, per se, a community center. Commissioner Price said, but my question is —. Chairman Hair said, I think the question was to the St. Jo's rep. Commissioner Price asked, are you doing this anywhere else?

Ms. Allen said, we're already doing it. Our Tier 65 Program is essentially the exact same program that you're asking for. We run that out of the Medical Arts Center and we offer the services of both of our hospitals. In addition to that, we have a partnership with the YMCA and we talked to them about offering their services [inaudible] as well, and so we have satellite offices in all of the Coastal Empire YMCA facilities, called health connection locations, which essentially do the same thing.

Commissioner Price said, this will be your first public community center. Ms. Allen said, it's a public community center. Commissioner Price said, this would be your first not affiliated with the YMCA —. Ms. Allen said, non-affiliate, exactly. Commissioner Price said, but the general public. Ms. Allen said, that's correct.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions? Do we have a motion? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Memorial Medical Center is our institution created by the County and Federal government, and their experience, although admirable, this is the first time for them also. I cannot understand why we did not at least contact Memorial to see if there was —. Commissioner Price said, I agree with that. Commissioner Odell said, level of interest.

Chairman Hair said, I do too. I think maybe —. Would it delay, Jim [Golden], would it delay anything if we put this off to the next meeting and contact them and see if there is any interest there? Would that? Commissioner Odell asked, would that

delay anything? Chairman Hair asked, would it delay the opening or anything like that? County Manager Abolt said, the facility will not be open until at least the first week in August. We're going to have a special ceremony out there. It could be —. Chairman Hair said, so we could just delay this until the first meeting in August without causing any problems. I think we ought to table this and get staff to do that.

Commissioner Price said, I move to table. Chairman Hair said, at least contact Memorial. I think in a sense of fairness I think that would be a good idea. We have a motion to table. Do we have second? Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of tabling it 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:

1. Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 14-A through 14-X, except Items 14-F, 14-G, 14-K, 14-Q and 14-U. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
2. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 14-F. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
3. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 14-G. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
4. Commissioner Price moved to approve Item 14-K. Commissioners Saussy and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
5. Commissioner Price moved to approve Item 14-Q. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]
6. Commissioner Price moved to table to the next meeting Item 14-U, Annual Contract for the Operation of Whitemarsh Island Community Center. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. [NOTE: Commissioners Murray and Thomas were 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.

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE. *Note: Effective date to be determined based on budget allocation for additional staff.***

Chairman Hair said, if you'll note in your agenda, the effective date will be determined based on budget allocation for additional staff. Who's going to —, is this going to be a presentation or what is this going to be? I mean, is this —? Commissioner Price said, I hope it's going to be warm and fuzzy. Chairman Hair asked, does any —? I guess probably the best way to handle this, before we get into the full blown presentation, is let's see if we're going to get a motion and a second on the floor and then we'll have discussion and we ask specific questions. I think that's probably the best way to proceed. Does anybody object to that? Proceed in that format.

Commissioner Saussy said, I move for approval. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to approve. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, okay. Now specific questions that any Commissioner has. We have a number of people that can answer these questions. I think we basically all know the issue here. The issue here is the staffing. I don't have a problem with this ordinance. I do have a problem with adding staff prior to January 1st in our new budget year. I think Commissioner Rivers raised a good point, and I would recommend to my fellow Commissioners that we approve the ordinance, but not any money until January 1st in our new budget year. Commissioner Odell said, I'll make that —. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second to approve the ordinance, but no funding until January 1st in the new budget year. Any request for funding would be a regular budget request. If you put that in there we can deal with it at that time. County Manager Abolt said, but the ordinance would not come into effect though. Chairman Hair said, that's correct. Chief Sprague said, until January 1st. Chairman Hair said, that's correct. We understand that.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor of that motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you, folks.

Commissioner Price said, thank you. Thank you for your work.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Saussy moved to approve an amendment to the Chatham County Animal Welfare Control Ordinance effective January 1, 2000. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Murray and Thomas were not present.]

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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. **REPORT ON STATUS OF PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES ON THE TRADE CENTER'S CONSTRUCTION.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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4. **STATUS OF MERGER OF INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT WITH CITY OF SAVANNAH.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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5. MONTHLY ROADS AND DRAINAGE BRIEFINGS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for what purposes? County Manager Abolt said, litigation, property acquisition and personnel.

Commissioner Saussy moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, and personnel. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Murray and Thomas were not present.]

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened.

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ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present.]

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APPOINTMENTS

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1999

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK