

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10,1999, 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, September 10,1999.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr., 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 (arrived approximately 9:20 a.m.) 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. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF 1999-2000 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.

Chairman Hair said, I'm going to ask Dr. Thomas if she will join me up front and also ask the Youth Commissioners and Van Johnson if they would come forward.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Dr. Hair, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, today is a happy day in Chatham County. Today is the day that Chatham County reveals its brightest hopes and our greatest future aspirations in the form of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Because of Dr. Thomas' vision and because of your continuous commitment and support of these future leaders, the Chatham County Youth Commission has become the prototype of communities across the country that want to follow your example in taking a pro-active approach in developing future governmental leaders. During the past few months we have traveled to Gainesville, Florida, and have met with the county commission who want to make a definitive commitment to you. We were visited by representatives from Fulton County, who will debut their version of their youth commission this Fall, and we have provided consultation to government officials in Camden, New Jersey, and in Texas who felt the need to do the same, all of this because of Dr. Thomas' vision and because of your commitment and support. These 46 special young people represent public and private high schools in Chatham County and several community-based organizations. They are from all over Chatham County, they have a variety of interests and they certainly have a lot of energy. Naturally, these young leaders receive a lot of love and a lot of support and this is evident this morning, and I ask all the parents, family members and friends of these special young people to please stand at this time. [Applause.] Mr. Johnson said, on behalf of Mr. Abolt, Mr. Kaigler and the advisers, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Meier, I proudly introduce the 1999-2000 Session of the Chatham County Youth Commission. They will stand as their names are called. They are: Chairperson Lisa Meier, Johnson High School; Chairperson-elect Leontyne Jones, Jenkins High School; Vice Chair-elect Crystal Boggs, St. Vincent's Academy; Secretary Brianne Draffin, St. Andrew's School; Executive Board Members Marisa Drexel, St. Vincent's Academy, and Yen-Chieh Tseng, Windsor Forest; and Parliamentarian Alonzo Alston, Savannah Country Day. The members are as follows: Mr. Dwayne Allen, Savannah Arts Academy, Mr. Carvell Allen, Savannah Arts Academy. As your name is called please stand. Thank you. Ms. Renee Bellino, Savannah Country Day, Mr. Brandon Brown, GCAPP; Mr. Eric Brown, MLK Observance Day Association; Ms. Moya Bullock, Johnson High School; Ms. Hannah Carter, Calvary Baptist; Ms. Kelie Connor, St. Vincent's Academy; Mr. Stephen Crawford, Benedictine; Ms. Lauren Dunant, Calvary Baptist; Ms. Courtney Edwards, GCAPP, Ms. Brooke Fortson, Savannah Runaway Home; Mr. Joseph Geffen, Jewish Educational Alliance; Ms. Katie George, Savannah Christian; Mr. Jimmy Groover, Memorial Day School; Ms. Sumati Gupta, Indian Student Association; Mr. Justin Heddleson, Groves High School; Ms. Beth Layer, Providence Christian; Mr. Frederick Lindsay, Johnson High School; Mr. Frederick [sic] Lowe, St. Andrews; Ms. Lauren McCraw, Providence; Mr. Henry O'Neal, Educational Talent Search; Ms. Lindsey Porter, Bible Baptist; Ms. Dana Roberts, Savannah Housing Authority; Ms. LaVon Samuels, Beach High School; Ms. Lee Ann Sikes, Bible Baptist; Ms. ZaDonna Slay, Girl Scouts; Mr. Wilbert Smith, Jr., Leadership Savannah; Ms. Kimberly Stogner, Savannah Arts Academy; Ms. Shradaha Subramaniam, Indian Student Association; Ms. Jillian Sussman, Memorial Day School; Ms. Bonita Taylor, Windsor Forest; Mr. Matthew Tuttle, Benedictine; Ms. Katie Ussery, Jenkins High School; Ms. Tiffany White, Port City BPW Little Sisters, and Ms. Lydia Williams, Savannah Christian. We will ask Chairman Hair to administer the oath of office and present the certificates to this year's Youth Commission. Let's give a round of applause. [Applause.]

Chairman Hair said, I'm going to ask all of you to raise your right hands and repeat after me: I, and state your names, a citizen of the State of Georgia, and of the United States and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties assigned to me, and that I will at all time abide by and conform to the laws, ordinances and rules and regulations approved by the Chatham County Commission. So help me God. Congratulations.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you very much. We feel quite excited about these young people and it certainly wouldn't be without a bunch of dedicated staff that are very interested. Certainly we have to remember our County Manager, Mr. Abolt, who is always very, very considerate and helpful towards these young people, the Human Resources Director, Mr. Kaigler. We also have some of my staff that help that I would like to recognize because they put in a lot of time. This is a labor of love, and after working all day and dealing with children —, excuse me, youth, is always a very, very interesting challenge and I would like for them to come up to receive some recognition for the hard work they do, and they are Mrs. Debra Allen, Mrs. Connie Roberts and Mrs. Wanda Meier. We also have Mrs. Louise Copeland, who is probably preparing for the reception immediately following this ceremony. Thank you very much.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, I'd like the opportunity —. You've just met some very fine people who you've known for years that could —, very well could do the job that they were hired to do for the County and no one would have said beyond thank you for a job well done. They volunteered and responded to a program that truly has now national recognition, and I've got to confess to you they enjoy it, and particularly in the person of Van Johnson, who is a very special person with these youth. There is so much of what he gives beyond the —, and far, far beyond the call of duty. These are great people working for Chatham County. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say ditto to what the County Manager has said about staff. They truly are exceptional, and I want to also thank this Commission for accepting these young people because without your support we could not be doing what we are doing today, so thank you for your support and I know that you're going to continue to give that support to these young people because they represent us very, very well.

Chairman Hair said, thank you for your leadership, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Rivers asked, has anybody received a call from the Youth Commissioners? Somebody did their homework. Remember your second.

Commissioner Murray said, I'd just like to say that today when the youth are getting such negative criticism, to have this many youth volunteering to serve on a commission like this says an awful lot for them and it says an awful lot for their parents, and I just want to commend the parents and the youth who are willing to do this. Commissioner Thomas said, right. Commissioner Murray said, congratulations to all of you.

Chairman Hair said, for the benefit of the audience, this is a working Youth Commission and each Commission meeting we have three representatives of the Commission that sits up here and advises us and they participate in the discussion and they contribute an awful lot to our meetings, and I want to introduce the three that are going to be here today. Your places are waiting for you up here: Lisa Meier, Leontyne Jones. Leontyne is the Chairperson-elect and she's a senior at Jenkins High School, and we have Crystal Boggs. She's Vice Chair-elect and she's a senior at St. Vincent's. Thank you.



2. DEMONSTRATION OF BOMB SQUAD ROBOT.

Chairman Hair said, we will now have a demonstration of the Bomb Squad robot. County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to have Chief Sprague come forward, and as the Chief comes forward, and this certainly was not on the agenda, it was late developing, I would like to publicly recognize the Chief, the Dive Team and members of the Marine Patrol for an excellent job they did in the recovery operation of the Savannah River a few days ago. Chairman Hair recognized Chief Sprague.

Chief Thomas Sprague said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, the demonstration you're about to see of the robot, which is now assigned to the Chatham County Bomb Squad, was made possible by two factors: One, was this Commission's convening of the meeting with our State Legislative Corps of which Representative Burke Day is a member, and then at that meeting we made the request for help in Atlanta to obtain this robot. Representative Burke Day's unfailing effort —, he worked hard for us and for the people of this County to get that here. It's now in a partnership with the GBI so we'll be able to respond to explosive threats not only in Chatham County and the industrial complex here, private businesses, residences, but also in Southeast Georgia through the conduit with the GBI. And I'd like to personally thank on behalf of the Police Department Representative Burke Day from Tybee Island for what he did for us.

Representative Burke Day said, I'm one of many players, but your lobbyist Bob McAlister was up there really working hard and other members of the local delegation as well. When I walked up and saw it, one of the first things that hit me was, you know, where's the head? I kept thinking of Robie the Robot. You know, Will Robinson, beware, and I've got an interesting response to that. They're still looking for that most frightening face and it's my understanding that the bust of Martin Jackel is forthcoming. Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity just to be a part of it. Thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Chief Sprague said, what you're not seeing is the operator using a video camera installed on the robot. [Demonstration.] Chief Sprague said, this is the first public demonstration of the robot. The first exercise which we decided not to use was to pour the Chairman a glass of water from the stand with the robot. We decided not to do that. Chairman Hair said, that was a wise choice.

Chairman Hair said, thank you for bringing that. That was very impressive.



3. PROCLAMATION FOR CHIEF JAMES ROBERTSON, SOUTHSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

Chairman Hair said, the next item on our agenda this morning is a proclamation to honor Chief James Robertson, Southside Fire Department, in recognition of his retirement. I'm going to ask the Chief if he'll come forward. It's a real pleasure today that I have to read this proclamation on behalf of the entire County Commission to recognize Chief Robertson. Most of you know that the tremendous work that he has done in this community for many, many years and, therefore, I'll read the proclamation. Chairman Hair read the following proclamation into the record:

Chief Robertson said, I would like to thank y'all so much for this. I've really enjoyed the 31 years of having the Fire Department and it's been a real blessing and especially to come up here and nobody's getting on me. Thank you so much.

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4. PRESENTATION BY DR. BARRY BUXTON ON STATUS OF MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE HERITAGE MUSEUM.

Chairman Hair said we will now have a presentation by Dr. Barry Buxton on the status of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum. Chairman Hair recognized Dr. Buxton.

Dr. Buxton said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I've had some tough acts to follow, but the Youth Commission and the bomb-sniffing robot is a tough one, but it's good to be with you this morning. I appreciate your taking the time. Dr. Thomas, if I might just say, I couldn't help but, as I saw these young people, reflect on Columbine High School and the Trench Coat Mafia and the contrast in the values of these young people. It's just fantastic. I have just a few items that I wanted to talk to you about this morning and give you an update on our progress and then try to answer any questions that you might have. The first item that I wanted to discuss with you is the financial progress that we're making at the museum. You should have a packet in front of you and inside the cover sheet, behind the cover sheet is a financial analysis looking at the budget trends of the first third of the year. It's actually attempting to contrast the first third of last year, the April through July period, with the April through July period of 1999. Now the financial information that is in front of you is strictly for the operating budget for the museum. This does not include any restricted funds or special project funds for exhibits

or information or programs in the Memorial Gardens, but this is something that I'm very pleased to be able to share with you because if you take a look at and compare the two you'll note that the rev —, on the revenue side for April-July, '98, our revenue was \$549,377 and, if you would, contrast with that with our revenue picture for this year, the first third of this year, which is \$601,400. Does everyone follow me so far? Then on the expense side, if we can look at the expense side of the picture, and obviously this is just a summary. This does not include every line item in the budget. I have complete budgets with me if any of you want to see it, but on the expense side last year our expenses were —, for the operating budget, were \$602,127, again looking at that left-hand column for '98, and the expenses for this year \$536,175. The bottom line last year, at the end of July the museum in terms of the operating budget was in the deficit position of \$52,749, and this year we're operating with a surplus of \$65,225. So I really do feel that in terms of —, and that's a net swing of about \$118,000. This has been achieved through some restructuring within the museum, a reduction in personnel. We've gone from 28 full-time equivalent staff to 25, we've eliminated some of the contracts the museum had for maintenance and for security and other adjustments that we've been able to make. And while the picture is not perfect and while it's not everything that we would like for it to be and planned for it to be and hoped for it to be in the future, I think you can see that we are —, we're really making some progress. These figures indicate that we are generating or about 63% of our operating needs are coming from generated revenue, are coming from admissions, from our sales in the catering business, from sales in the gift shop, and we would like for that to be —, I would like to see that at about 70% if possible so we were only raising about 30% of our operating needs through contributions and foundation grants and corporate giving. But that is a summary of the financial picture. Now how we will end up the end of the year, I think I can assure you that we're going to end up the year operating in the black and I never want to come to you in a situation other than that in the future. I always want to come to you letting you know that we're operating in the black in terms of our operating budget. If there are no questions —, yes sir, Mr. Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I was looking over your Board of Trustees —. Dr. Buxton said, yes sir. Commissioner Jackel asked, are there fixed requirements, so many people from the County, so many people from the City? Dr. Buxton said, no sir. The by-laws of the museum currently provide for a large percentage, almost half, being from the Eighth Air Force. Now when I came in July of last year, we changed the by-laws of the organization and the principal focus of that was to get more local ownership and more local leadership for the museum. Since that time in the last eight months we've added 20 commissioners from our local community. Some of those have been government officials, some have been citizens all the way from homemakers to professional people, but we've added —, and I was going to address that just a little bit later in the presentation. We've added 20 commissioners —, 20 new trustees in that period of time. Commissioner Jackel asked, is there a requirement that any of them be a disabled person? Dr. Buxton said, a disabled person, no sir. We adhere to the, of course, disability standards within the profession and our facility is approved for the disabled. We do have in addition to the Board of Trustees, one of the things that we did was we instituted nine standing committees and these nine standing committees are constituted of people from the local community, from the region if you will, who advise us on everything from educational programs to marketing strategies to development efforts, fund raising, and one of the programs is the exhibits committee and the exhibits committee's responsibility is the disability standards and adhering to the standards set forth by the American Association of Museums. Commissioner Jackel said, I understand that. I just want to point out that not too long ago we added Wayne Dawson to our CAT Board and we're going to be asking the State Legislature to make that a requirement that we have a disabled person on our board and I would just —, he has been a great asset to our board because he is constantly aware of the problems and we sometimes up here through —, we have the good intentions but when we do something he knows to ask the right questions, and I just wanted to add that to you as a suggestion. Dr. Buxton said, with your permission we'd like to go ahead and invite him to join us or someone that he might recommend. Commissioner Jackel said, that would be great. Dr. Buxton said, perhaps on the exhibits committee. Commissioner Jackel said, whatever. I just offer that as a suggestion. Dr. Buxton said, great. We'll follow up on that. Yes sir?

Commissioner Price said, Barry [Buxton], that's a great financial report and I don't want to throw any water on it by any means, but I think it's \$1.2 million a year of debt service cost that the County subsidizes for the bonds that were used to build the museum. What —, I guess my question is where do you see these positive results going, and hopefully becoming more positive, but do you realistically expect we will ever see the museum generating enough money to offset the debt service cost for these bonds to retire? Dr. Buxton said, Commissioner Price, it's really too early for me to give you a definitive answer on that. I wish I could. I think that the initial challenge has been to stabilize the museum operations to make it a functioning entity that serves all the needs of the County and to try to chart the future for the museum and that's something I want to talk about here in a few moments. The answer to that lies in how the museum evolves, and I speak strictly from the perspective of income that we would generate not from a large gift from the federal government or a large gift from an Eighth Air Force veteran perhaps that would —, you know, the old sugar daddy idea, but rather how much we can generate internally. We're in the process through the first strategic plan and other work that we're doing trying to chart a course for the museum that's much more dynamic. It broadens the scope of the museum and I'll be addressing this in a few minutes. It broadens the scope of the museum without trying to draw on the taxpayer's money to do so, but it's a much more exciting path and challenging path and dynamic path for the museum. Now if those things come into being, new exhibits, new programs, then I could see the museum being in a much stronger financial position and being able to contribute to that, but candidly the first year for me has been getting there, dig in, see what needs to be done, and try to make the day-to-day operations from a financial standpoint work, and —. Commissioner Price said, you've done a good job of that. We appreciate your efforts in that regard. Dr. Buxton said, well, thank you very much. I don't mean to dodge your question, but —. Commissioner Price said, no, you're not. Dr. Buxton said, I'll try to be as candid with you about that issue as I possibly can be.

Dr. Buxton said, item number two, Mr. Chairman, is —, relates to something that may seem a bit —, a bit farfetched to bring to you, but the American Association of Museums conducts a program that they call the museum assessment program, and they do this for new museums that are just starting out. What they do is they send a team of seasoned, experienced professionals in to an institution. They stay with you for about a week. They analyze every aspect of your operation, and they make recommendations for improvement. We asked the American Association of Museums to come in and conduct what they call a —, what we call within the profession the MAP-1 Study, Museum Assessment Program Study, and we had a visitor on the team come to the museum in November of this year [sic] to conduct this internal assessment, and the next five pages in your packet of materials pertains to the Museum Assessment Program Study. The team that came to the Heritage Museum was led by Kim Maher, who —, she is the Executive Director and CEO at the Virginia Air and Space Museum in Hampton, Virginia, a very sophisticated and mature institution. And they came in and looked at our entire operation, and what you have before you is the summary, and I have the entire study that I'd be glad to give to you, but this is an executive summary for your analysis that —, of the team and what they had to say about the Heritage Museum, and then in addition to those recommendations a letter of my response to the American Association of Museums is attached. There are just a few of these items that I wanted to share with you because I think you'll see a connection between their study of the museum and our strategic plan. Just very quickly, number one under the recommendations category was really, Mr. Jackel, I think addressing one of your questions, and that was the Board of Trustees and local leadership, local ownership. They said in the review that the museum must get more representation from the business and social leadership of Savannah and Chatham County and make sure that they are included in the Board of Trustees and, as you will see, we have done a lot to achieve that already, and in the last eight months I mentioned we've added 20 people.

Item number two in their recommendations was that we must strengthen our educational programs, and I agree wholeheartedly with that. We have created an education department at the museum, we have hired an experienced educator, Dr. Vivian Price, a Fulbright scholar from Armstrong Atlantic with a degree in history, and she has been working hard to put together some exciting educational programs that I'll get to in just a minute.

Item numbers four and five really have been completed and are internal matters. Item number six addressed the organizational structure at the museum, and it was the feeling of the Visitation Team that not enough attention was being paid to education and certainly we needed to restructure. They felt that too much of our time was devoted to military reunions and the operation of the food service program out there. I agreed with them completely and we have since restructured the organizational chart for the museum and I think it's much more in keeping with what they recommended. After all, our primary focus is future generations, education and we've done everything we can to try to create a better situation there.

Item number seven was a recommendation that we have thorough strategic planning process, and we have now completed our first strategic plan, and I want to highlight just a few parts of that with you in just a second.

On the next page, item number eight was a recommendation that we improve the quality of all of the materials that we produce in the museum. The materials that we produced at the museum, while covering a lot of information, did not have a very professional look and certainly would not impress anyone and we have since tried to upgrade that and I have samples of that in the back of your packet that I'll talk about in just a minute.

Item number nine was a recommendation that I feel strikes at the heart of Commissioner Price's question and something that we really, really need to be attentive to because there's a great opportunity, and that is family visits to the museum. We feel strongly that we need to make the museum a more family-friendly place, a place that has something for everyone, a place that's not identified as a place for old men, but a place for families, children, school groups, the complete audience of the County and the surrounding counties, and so we are embarking on some new exhibits. With your support and your help we're getting ready to start a women in aviation exhibit, and I'll talk more about that in a few minutes, a new science of flight gallery that will be very important to the museum, and I think those are in keeping with the recommendations of the AAM folks when they came to visit.

My letter back to the American Association of Museums follows, and I'll just touch on a few of the things that we said that we had achieved since their visit. They came in November, we received their recommendations in June. The date of this letter is June 29. It says we had expanded our Board of Trustees to include many local and governmental leaders, we have completed our first strategic plan, we've produced a new and comprehensive employee handbook, we've developed a standard orientation for new trustees, we've adjusted inequities in staff salaries, we've upgraded our marketing materials and newsletter, we've diversified and expanded our educational programs, and we've increased our membership base and corporate gift. So those were just some of the things that we felt we were able to tell the American Association of Museums, and if you would like to see their entire study, I have and can provide for you copies of them. I didn't bring it because I know you're busy people. Any questions about any of that?

Commissioner Rivers said, I just have a comment. Dr. Buxton said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, I notice that most of your exhibits are built around the World War II faction of the Eighth Air Force. Dr. Buxton said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers asked, how do you expand to the future or present day Eighth Air Force and how do you relate and how do you bring them in to enhance and make an ongoing commitment to the museum? Dr. Buxton said, Commissioner Rivers, that is a great segue into the next section of the report, which is the strategic plan and talking about that. Could I do just one more thing before we jump right into that? The next piece is really information for you about the Board of Trustees, and

I just wanted you to see some of the people we have added to the board. There are two pieces in there, one is as a roster and the other piece is just some biographical information about the individual trustees. Let me just tell you the people that we have added to the board real quickly, and I'm not dodging your question at all, I'm anxious to answer it, but we've added Mayor Floyd Adams, we've added Ms. Bette Anderson, General Bill Bland, William Bland, the former Adjutant General, Walter Carson, the President of SEDA —, Chairman of SEDA I should say, Mayor Buddy Carter, the Mayor of Pooler, Mr. Gene Cartledge, Mr. Hap Chandler, the head of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society, Rob Demere, President of Colonial Oil, Dick Eckburg, who I'm sure most of you know, Mrs. Virginia Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, Doug Friesen, the General Manager out at the new JCB Plant, Charles Glover, the former President of Cox Communications, Cox Enterprises in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Hair, the Chairman of the County Commissioners, Mr. Bob Jepson, who I'm sure most of you know, Mr. Bill Lattimore, President of Branigar Corporation, Mr. Ben Love, the former CEO of Texas Commerce Bank, later Chase Bank in Houston, Texas, Mrs. Ruth McMullin, a local citizen who's retired here, Joe Reese, a former insurance executive also living here, Provost Paula Rowan, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Mr. Harold Rutka with the [inaudible] Association. Those are some of the people that we have added to the Board of Trustees, and we think it goes a long way, although not completely where we want to be, a long way in the direction of assuring local ownership and local leadership of the museum. If there are no questions about that I'll go right to Commissioner Rivers' question because it's a very important one.

Dr. Buxton said, the next item in the packet is an executive summary of the strategic plan of the museum for 1999, and just —, there is just a little bit of information about the planning process. It covered —, extended over a period of eight months and involved people from the community, our standing committees, our volunteers, of course our staff. The strategic planning committee was representative of the entire community. We had representatives from almost every aspect of the community and we came up with the first strategic plan in the history of the museum. We considered everything from the name of the museum to the scope of the programs that we operate there, and there was a lot of conversation about the name of the museum even. Should —, do we have the right name? So everything was out on the table and, Commissioner Price, when I think about your question, I think about some of the issues that have been discussed, and I think this is a very fluid document because the name of the museum stays the way it did in the first round does not mean that it will stay that way forever. It may, but everything is on the table right now for consideration. The mission statement of the museum changed significantly, and if you can read the mission statement there you'll see that one segment talks about people who served in the air forces of the United States. Well, air forces meaning Air Force, Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard. We want to be more inclusive and we have to be more inclusive if we're going to take the museum where we need to be together.

Just a couple of conclusions and priorities from that planning process and, Commissioner Rivers, we'll get to yours in the second segment —, phase here. Roman Numeral I. We need more balance in our operating funds. We need to be sure that we have good balance between individual giving, corporate giving, foundation giving, but more importantly our generated revenue, money that we generate internally, and we're working towards a 70% figure for that. Item two, solicit support in the Governor's budget, the Governor's 2000 budget for funding for our post-World War II exhibit galleries. And, Commissioner Rivers, that includes, as you may recollect, it includes Berlin Air Lift, the Strategic Air Command. You know, I was talking with my 17-year-old son and I told him at one time we were building bomb shelters in our backyards, and he said, I don't believe that. You've got to be kidding me. And I said, no, I remember in the small town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, our next-door neighbor was building a bomb shelter in the backyard. Now today those days seem far behind us and it seems almost farfetched to a young person. It's hard to believe, but that was part of the Cold War, so the Cold War, Korea —, Korea is extremely important to me because that is the forgotten period of time and a lot of men and women gave their lives and without recognition, and we need to be sure that's an important part of what we're doing. Then Vietnam, which is clearly a critical era for a lot of us who grew up during that period of time and who served or did not serve, but that Vietnam era and then rolling on into current day Desert Storm, Desert Shield, et cetera. But —, so the Governor —, Tom Coleman and Bill Bland and I met with the Governor and the Governor agreed to consider our request for \$800,000 in his budget this year to fund the phase two exhibit galleries. We felt that our best strategy going into the legislative session this year would be to try to get in the Governor's budget, and he's visiting the museum the last day of October to try to work with us and get some additional information. Item C, explore all opportunities including federal sources to reduce the bond debt. We are committed to and pledged to working toward this and doing everything that we can to make it happen.

Dr. Buxton said, Roman Numeral II, under Exhibits and Programs, just quickly, strive for inclusivity and interactivity in our exhibits. We want to be sure that we are as inclusive of our entire country as we possibly can be and we want to be sure that the exhibits that come on line at the museum are as interactive, touch, pull, crank, engage with computers so that we are doing as much as we can to be dynamic for young people and for families. Item two, Women in Aviation. We have received \$50,000 from the State and \$50,000 from Cox Communications —, excuse me, Cox Enterprises in Atlanta, to start our Women in Aviation Gallery. The Women in Aviation Gallery will begin pre-Amelia Earhart and run all the way to Eileen Collins, the woman who was the commander of the last space shuttle, and it will touch on everything in between. Would you believe that Barbie, the doll, Mattel doll, has been a fighter pilot, a helicopter pilot, a stewardess and an astronaut. So we're going to exhibit everything in this gallery, all the way from the ridiculous to the sublime. Science of Flight. The number one request that we have received from the school systems, from Virginia Edwards, teachers, headmasters, principals, is we need to have something at the museum dealing with the science of flight. So this Summer, working with Gulfstream Aerospace and retired engineers from Kraft Whitney, we developed a Science of Flight program that includes a model jet engine that explains —, that young people can operate, that explains how a jet engine works, it

includes an aerodynamics wind tunnel with an airplane in there that you can manipulate and see the effects of aerodynamics. It includes a small miniature aircraft that you can operate with flaps, it talks about boosts, lift, drag, all the scientific equations. This is an important piece, Commissioner Price, when I think about your question and the future, this is a very, very important piece in the future of the institution, we think, and we are now working with Cessna in Kansas. We're in negotiations with them right now to see if they will fund this Science of Flight Gallery. I don't know what the result of that will be, but that we think is very important to our future and the future of the young people in Chatham County. You know, how many times have we gotten on a jet plane to fly to Atlanta or wherever and we really don't think a lot about what a miracle it is, we don't think a lot about the scientific principles underlying it, and we'd like to turn that around and create a lot of educated young people when it comes to that topic.

Post-World War II, Commissioner Rivers, I've talked a lot about that already. I won't say any more unless there are other thoughts about that. Item E, create an exhibit area for young children. When families come, one of the feelings has been there's nothing for the really young children to do so we would like to create something that a lot of other museums have that would be for young children to do, and we want to work with the new Trade Center to develop theme events: big band nights, swing music, USO shows. You know, one of the big things is —, in the business of convention and visitors is theme events, and we would like to work with the Trade Center and have already begun some discussions surrounding that.

Second page, Museum Leadership. I've already talked a lot about that, I'll skip that. That's mainly local leadership. Collaboration, to work with the other museums, the other institutions in our area, both marketing and programs. Education, I spent a good deal of time talking about already. In the immediately following this piece about strategic planning is our new guide to educational programs. I encourage you to take a look at this and see what we're talking about doing there. Marketing. If I may just say a few words about marketing. Create and enhance our visibility in the Trade Center, the airport and the Visitors Center, restructure our billboard campaign. We were spending \$160,000 on billboards. We're reducing that to about \$85,000. Improve the quality of our newsletter, work with the Convention and Visitors Bureau in marketing our museum to military reunions. Now let me just say a quick word about that. There are 25,000,000 military reunion goers every year. They're going somewhere and they might as well be coming here because we have so much to offer. I've taken one of the positions at the museum and assigned that person to do nothing but market the museum, Savannah, Chatham County, to military reunions, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the first time has allocated some funds to help us target that group.

Chairman Hair said, Dr. Buxton. Dr. Buxton said, yes. Chairman Hair asked, just for planning purposes, how much longer do you think your presentation's going to be? Dr. Buxton said, I'm ready to wrap up right now, sir. Chairman Hair said, okay.

Dr. Buxton said, I've probably taken more time than I should have, but there's some other attachments in there. If there are any questions, I'll be happy to answer them. I have copies of the entire strategic plan if anybody would like to see it. Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry to have run over my time.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray said, not a question, just one comment, and I was glad to see the new list of board members that you read off and one in particular being Bill Bland, so I'm sure the National Guard will not be forgotten and the mission and the role they've played with the military. Dr. Buxton said, just so you know, we've already brought together a team of team of them to have a part in the planning. Commissioner Murray said, good.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, I just want to congratulate you for a well-presented program, and this guide to educational program and things like that, this is really what's definitely needed I think, and I think you'll find a lot of results from it. I know that you have a web page. How is that working and do you know how many hits you've had so far? Dr. Buxton said, yes, I checked that before I came down. In a two-week period we had 8,000 hits. Commissioner Saussy said, good. Dr. Buxton said, and we've redone the web page. I just want to tell you, we've got a great staff out there. I'm so proud of them, and one of the young people created the web page. He's managed it, he's just done a super job. Visit our web site if you will. We think it's great.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Dr. Buxton, for this very fine report. I will not take the time this morning because I do have some additional things that I would like to bring to your attention, but I will share them with you later in reference —, one in reference to the Tuskegee Airmen permanent exhibit and how you market it and other, you know, exhibits. Dr. Buxton said, great. Commissioner Thomas said, it needs to be a part of your overall —. Dr. Buxton said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, and not just when you're emphasizing Black History Month. It needs to be a part because people need to know that it's there. Dr. Buxton said, I agree. Commissioner Thomas said, and some other things I would like to share with you. Dr. Buxton said, we'd love to visit with you about that. If I might add, in these new —, in the Women in Aviation Gallery we have some great women, black women aviators who are a part of that story, but I agree wholeheartedly with you. Commissioner Thomas said, that's the reason why I worked very hard so that we would make

sure that we can have these, you know, included. So I will give you the list of other things that we need to be aware of. Dr. Buxton said, all right. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you again, Dr. Buxton. We appreciate the fine presentation. We appreciate you being here. Thanks.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CONSULTANTS' WORKSHOP WITH BOARD.

Chairman Hair said, we need to set a date —, the consultant for the Management Study has requested a time to brief us midway through the project, and I think it would be better to do that as a separate meeting. I'm going to suggest to the Commission that we do that as a lunch meeting on September 23rd. That's a Thursday. If there are no objections, we would do the lunch here in the Commission Room. That would give you plenty of time to plan for it and that would give us kind of a —, 12:00 o'clock, 12:00 Noon. Commissioner Odell asked, how long will it take for this? Chairman Hair said, I anticipate no more than an hour. I think we can do it briefly. If we get here on time, right at 12:00 o'clock, we can eat very quickly and we can have the presentation while we're eating, so I think 12:00 to 1:00. Russ [Abolt], if you will communicate to the consultant they can have one hour —. He has one hour.

County Manager Abolt said, that's a perfect date and we'll also —, as I know you're aware, we will also invite our compensation consultants.

Chairman Hair said, right, but let them know that we don't have all afternoon, one hour is going to be the time limit. County Manager Abolt said, Noon on the 23rd. Chairman Hair said, the 23rd and with lunch here in this meeting room, and Pete [Nichols], if you will make sure that the press —, Gail [Gordon] will notify the press and all of us will be here as a meeting so we don't violate any rules.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 1999, at 12:00 Noon, in the Commission Meeting Room.

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2. LIBRARY UPDATE - MARY ELLEN SPRAGUE (5 MINUTES).

Chairman Hair said the next thing is the Chairman of the Library Board, Mary Ellen Sprague, called me and asked for about five minutes to give us a brief presentation. We are happy to continue the dialogue, and I'll recognize Mary Ellen Sprague.

Ms. Mary Ellen Sprague said, thank you, Dr. Hair and Commissioners, for allowing me to come. I'll make this very short and very sweet. First of all, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for making us number five on your list of priorities. We are delighted to be there, we're delighted with your support and we're very thankful for that. Secondly, there have been some newspaper articles in the last couple of days and some of it was correct, some was incorrect. We want you to know that if we had spent all our money, or 50% of our money as of June 30th, we would be in serious financial straits right now. We will spend it and spend it wisely. We want to assure you of that. Then I'd like to turn it over briefly to Vicki Minor, who wants to give you an update on the Carnegie fundraising.

Ms. Vicki Minor said, not necessarily an update, but to thank you, the Commission, for supporting the Carnegie effort. The banquet that was held was more of an awareness than as a fundraiser. We did raise a little money. A special thanks goes out, of course, to the Chairman for participating with us on our program and also for Commissioner Rivers, who is our leader in this effort. And I brought for you for your information booklets that were —, souvenir booklets that were part of the program, and again thank you very much for your support and we'll keep you abreast of our progress. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Vicki [Minor].

Ms. Sprague asked, are there any questions or comments or things you'd like —? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I've just got one. Several weeks ago there was an editorial in the newspaper and it was about —, it was the same time that we were trying to deal with the intersection down on Johnny Mercer and Highway 80, and the editorial read that —, it was criticizing the Commission because we would not transfer that money over to the Library Board, and just from a correction standpoint, legally we cannot do that because it was one percent sales tax for road projects. Ms. Sprague said, I understand that. Commissioner Murray said, and I don't know if the general public really realized that or not, but the newspaper was way off base with that editorial. Ms. Sprague said, I know about newspaper reporting. Any other?

Commissioner Price asked, what's the status of the main branch? Ms. Sprague said, we are getting very, very close to opening up. An educated guess on my part, November. We are almost to the opening stage. They should be out of there they said the end of September and then punch list October and then getting all that's required, what they call, to let you open where you have to get everybody, the Fire Department and everybody to make sure everything is okay. I'm very hopeful for November. If we don't get there pretty soon or get very close, I'll be sitting on the contractor's desk every

morning to get it opened, but I am very sure that it's going to be opened before 2000, and we look forward to giving y'all a tour.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mary Ellen [Sprague], we appreciate that. I really think —, for the benefit of the Commissioners, I really think a fairly brief presentation like this on a frequent basis would help dialogue as opposed to three-hour presentations. I don't that benefits either one of us, but maybe just quick updates like you've done today, Mary Ellen [Sprague], and allow us to ask, you know, brief questions I think will be very helpful. Ms. Sprague said, we'll be back. Chairman Hair said, okay, thanks. Ms. Sprague said, thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, I just want to make one brief comment about the Carnegie Library. The affair that Commissioner Rivers and I attended, I don't think —, was anybody else there? Commissioner Murray said, I was out of town. Chairman Hair said, it was a very, very well done —, Vicki [Minor], I want to congratulate the Library staff for doing this, it was a —, Dr. Jahannes was the speaker and —. Commissioner Rivers said, long winded. Chairman Hair said, as Commissioner Rivers says, it was rather long, but he did a wonderful job. He has spent hours and hours researching the history of libraries in the world and it was a very, very interesting presentation that he gave and I thoroughly enjoyed. It was a first-class affair. We were glad to participate.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Hair declared the meeting of the Board of Commissioners in recess at 10:08 a.m., and the Board reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the meeting of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

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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 (*).

See Second Readings - Item XII-1.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: A GENERAL FUND M & O BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE \$3,350 IN REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$3,350 FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION; A CONFISCATED FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE \$108,700 IN CONDEMNED FUNDS FOR CNT AND TO APPROPRIATE THIS AMOUNT TOGETHER WITH \$88,020 FROM CNT CONTINGENCY AS FOLLOWS: \$150,000 FOR SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, \$12,020 FOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION, AND \$34,700 FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, AND A CONFISCATED FUNDS POLICE CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$5,010 FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE; AND A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX (1993-1998) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$11,000 TO THE TRADE CENTER BUDGET FOR A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER.**

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Murray said, so moved but I've got —, I have a question. Chairman Hair said, all right. Let's get a second to —. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Okay, Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray asked, Russ [Abolt], can we get —, and I'm not questioning how the money's being spent at this point out of the Confiscated Funds, but can we get a listing so we know what's in the Confiscated Funds and how that money is —? I'd just like to see the amount of money that's in that fund and how we allocate it out. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. It's part of your audit each year. You have Confiscated Funds assigned to the Police Department, Sheriff's Department and CNT. Commissioner Murray said, I knew it was just —.

Chairman Hair said, just a summary list of it. County Manager Abolt said, as we've done in the past, we'll give you a list of expenditures. Chairman Hair said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, just for clarification. Confiscated Funds has to be used by the department? County Manager Abolt said, it's for law enforcement, it's for very specific reasons. The policy of this Board was adopted a number of years ago. Before we ever come to you with the request to expend it, it always passes the legal test.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Any further questions? We already have a motion and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved to approve the following: A General Fund M & O budget amendment to recognize \$3,350 in revenue and to appropriate \$3,350 for the Chatham County Youth Commission; a Confiscated Funds Special Revenue Fund budget amendment to recognize \$108,700 in condemned funds for CNT and to appropriate this amount together with \$88,020 from CNT Contingency as follows: \$150,000 for surveillance equipment, \$12,020 for vehicle acquisition, and \$34,700 for computer software, and a Confiscated Funds Police Contingency transfer of \$5,010 for computer software and hardware; and a One Percent Sales Tax (1993-1998) contingency transfer of \$11,000 to the Trade Center budget for a contract change order. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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2. **FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHANGING THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR. AUDITOR HAS BEEN ASKED TO BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, I'm sorry. The County Attorney was advising me. Sir, on the next item we have the issue of the fiscal year. Mr. Tindol is present here. Based on what Jon [Hart] has just told me, I want to make sure Mr. Tindol is given a chance to speak on this, but essentially this would be a resolution you will adopt that will create your next fiscal year as being of six-months duration and then embarking upon a new schedule of fiscal year as running from the 1st of July until the next 30th of June. Initially we found no problems in this. We had to go back to the drawing board, as you know, and correspondence because there was concern as to whether or not the County could accrue revenue that would be collected after the close of the short six-month fiscal year. I would defer and based on what Jon [Hart] has whispered to me, I would

ask that Mr. Tindol come forward and respond to any additional questions or make comments as he feels appropriate.

Mr. Rick Tindol said, thank you. Gentlemen and lady, I have researched this issued from an accounting standpoint and there is no problem as far as your revenue recognition is concerned. As a practical matter, the cash flow will be the same for the County, and as Russ [Abolt] just mentioned, I spoke briefly with Jonathan Hart this morning and there may be some legal issues to look into, but he would be doing as the Manager is saying that a special levy for the period 1/1/2000 through June 30, 2000, that would be based on, I guess, the 1/1/99 assessed value since you wouldn't have the 1/1/2000 values in. You would bill one time, or actually one bill for that short year in April, collect those taxes, and then turn around in July or thereabouts of the year 2000 and do a fiscal year levy for the fiscal year ending June of 2001 based on the 1/1/2000 assessed values, and I would presume then that you would want to go ahead and maintain the two installment basis that you currently have to maintain the cash flow. What would happen at that point, and this gets a little confusing, is that what is now your second installment becomes your first installment and your first becomes the second. So as a practical matter, you know, nothing really changes in terms of the citizens and the actual payment of taxes although you may look at some of the legalities of penalties and interest and when they would accrue if not paid. But that's essentially it from an accounting standpoint.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much. I just think this is a wonderful idea and think it's going to solve so many problems we have and it's going to make the lives of the department heads a lot easier. [Inaudible] be back in the middle of the year trying to adjust budgets and cut budgets, and so whatever problems we have we just need to work them out and continue to move forward with this because it's a wonderful idea.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, it's a resolution you can adopt, but I wish that the County Attorney could advise you.

County Attorney Hart said, we talked about it briefly this morning before the meeting and from a practical standpoint, cash flow wise, it's an accounting issue more than it is a legal issue. The only time it gets to be a legal issue, and just to be honest with you, between the time we spoke and now I just haven't had a chance to look at it, is we're flip-flopping first installment and second installment by the way the fiscal year runs and we're just going to have to look at the Revenue Commission rules and get with Mr. Powers to make sure that his office mechanically can do that and then legally see whether we've got to do any adjusting within our —, with our own local ordinance, which is no problem, and make sure we stay out of traffic at the Revenue Commissioner's level. It's clear that y'all can set the annual meeting —.

Chairman Hair said, I would just ask that we approve the resolution pending legal review, you know, and discussions with the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any further discussions? Chairman Hair said, Commissioner DeLoach has a —.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I just —, I can't help but thank Ben [Price] for this effort that he's put in. He was a prophet crying in the wilderness for the last six years and we have —. [Inaudible when several Commissioners began speaking at the same time.] Commissioner DeLoach said, well, actually he's been out asking for it for years and we're finally getting to it, and I just want to thank him for making the effort and staying with it. He never did give up on it, I'll tell you that.

Commissioner Price said, well, you can thank your Chairman for getting it to this point. Billy [Hair] is the one who really brought it to a head.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, just a couple of questions. In the year 2000, there will be —, the homeowner will not pay any additional amount as a result of this technical change, is that true? Mr. Tindol said, that's correct, Commissioner. Commissioner Odell said, I would like to see us, Russ [Abolt], if we could —, any change creates concerns and especially with the homeowners. We have a [inaudible] that we use, if we do a summary of events, we've got it into place, and that be part of the program. I think that would be very helpful and communicate —, it's a change, it's a beneficial change. It's not going to cost the citizens any additional amount of money.

Chairman Hair said, we'll do that. Pete [Nichols], make sure that we get that done, okay. Thank you very much. Commissioner DeLoach said, call the question. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes, I would also like to say if we could do this, if we could write this up and give it to the paper and let them print it like that.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to adopt a resolution, pending a legal review, establishing the County's fiscal year to be July 1 through June 30 effective July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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3. CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL PROJECT.

Chairman Hair said, most of you know, there's a —, for about the last seven or eight months there's been a lot of work being done by the City, the County, the Port Authority, the Georgia Ports Authority. They are now in the process of getting to the point of doing an engineering study and the Georgia Ports Authority has already put up \$10,000, the CVB and the Chamber is going to put up, I think, \$10,000 or \$15,000, and they're asking the City and the County to put up only \$5,000 apiece. We can do this out of our Commissioners' budget. We have \$9,000 in our public affairs budget, and I'd like to ask that we contribute \$5,000 to this effort to promote the engineering study for the Cruise Ship Terminal.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of the Chatham County Port Planning Committee for an allocation of \$5,000 to promote the engineering study for the proposed cruise ship terminal project with the funds to be taken from the Commissioner's Public Affairs Budget. Commissioners Murray and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT CHATHAM COUNTY COMMIT TO FUNDING THE DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND END-ON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE VERNON RIVER BRIDGE, TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE V. [DISTRICT 1.]

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is yet again another challenge. With construction of Truman Parkway as it applies to Phase Five, I believe at least in passing, members of the Board are aware of a concept end-on construction where in effect bridges are built without very much disturbance within a marshy area. The State of Georgia typically does not support in financially this type construction. Mr. Bungard literally has —, his hair has been turning grey and he's been trying to come up with some way to keep EIS fully on project and course and yet not compromise future expenses that we might incur. In this particular issue we're asking for your direction. We cannot find a way out other than for the County to make a commitment —, with a footnote that end-on construction would not be ruled out in the actual construction of Phase Five. It can be very expensive. To stormwall at this point, we feel is going to delay the project, but there is some liability.

Chairman Hair said, Al [Bungard], before you begin, I just want to make sure for the benefit of the public and the press, this in no way would affect the construction of Phase Three and Four. This is Phase Five only. It does not delay Phase Three or Four from our original dates that we talked about previously. This is Phase Five which has not even been funded to this point.

Mr. Al Bungard, County Engineer, said, but it is part of the EIS and that's what makes it a tough issue right now. Chairman Hair said, right. Mr. Bungard said, actually this is —, Russ [Abolt] is going to leave the room while I explain this, but this came us during the final EIS review. Other federal agencies, including the Corps, are questioning the method of construction. They think by requiring end-on construction that we can reduce the impact on the marshes. As I put in the memo, our consultant has written seven states from Virginia down to Alabama. We have responses from three that say —, four actually, we don't do end-on, we have no data to give you. Construction companies have been able to provide, you know, any precedent. What the State has asked us to do is to, as Russ [Abolt] said, commit to funding it should there be a requirement. The dilemma is how do we commit to funding something that we don't already have funds approved for like we normally do with the SPLOST. It could be an academic drill. We send a memorandum that simply —, a letter that says should the other agencies require it as a condition for the EIS, when funds are available, if funds are available, we the County will pick up that cost. GDOT does not want to set a precedent for automatically agreeing to end-on construction for all marsh construction in the State of Georgia.

Chairman Hair asked, as long as you say if funds are available that should protect us legally, should it not, Mr. Hart? County Attorney Hart said, yes sir. Mr. Bungard said, that's my recommendation. Chairman Hair said, there really shouldn't be any jeopardy if we just put that caveat in the resolution that we're just saying if funds are available then I think that would cover —, that should satisfy. Does anybody have any questions?

Commissioner Price asked, how would pass the motion? Chairman Hair said, well, the way it's in the staff report. Mr. Bungard said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, with your permission too, it would be our intent that when we have the opportunity to build Phase Five that we go back to GDOT and say we did all this stuff, but they have traditionally funded construction, wouldn't they consider funding construction? Mr. Bungard said, it can go under my signature, but I just need a direction from the Board to say that's okay because I think that exceeds my authority.

Chairman Hair said, I think that's a very good compromise so I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, is there a second? Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, do you have to say you'll fund the difference or can you just say you'll fund the project or you'll —. Mr. Bungard said, they're asking us to fund the difference. Chairman Hair said, if funds are available. Mr. Bungard said, if funds are available. Chairman Hair said, so you just say if funds are available. Then we can just say funds aren't available. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes, I can understand that. In the bidding process it's always nice to low bid the one you're not going to use and then make your money on the high side, but whatever that's fine.

Commissioner Price asked, is this something —, for instance, a toll road, would a toll road —, revenues from a toll road or those type of —? County Manager Abolt said, that's premature. Our point now to get the EIS approved is we have to make certain commitments. Chairman Hair said, just say we will agree to this if money is available. Commissioner Price said, but that could be a possible source. Mr. Bungard said, of course. County Manager Abolt said, sure, there's all sorts —. I would not diminish our great partnership with GDOT. Mr. Bungard said, let's say GDOT decides to fund the project in its entirety later on, it makes the point moot. Chairman Hair said, exactly. Commissioner Price said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, 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].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board commit to funding any additional costs for end-on construction, if funds are available, understanding that none of the construction is currently funded for Truman Parkway, Phase V. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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5. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR EARLY ACQUISITION FOR CAROLYN C. DENITTO, 9139 WHITFIELD AVENUE, FOR THE WHITFIELD AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT. [DISTRICT 1.]

Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request of Carolyn C. DeNitto, 9139 Whitfield Avenue, for early acquisition for the Whitfield Avenue Widening Project. Commissioners Saussy and Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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6. 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.

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

- **SHERIFF - ACCOUNTS CLERK I (ONE POSITION)**
- **FLEET OPERATIONS - EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III (ONE POSITION)**
- **FLEET OPERATIONS - RUNNER/MESSENGER (ONE POSITION)**

Probate Court - Deputy Court Clerk II (one position):

Chairman Hair asked anybody here from —. Yes. Just tell us why this position needs to be waived and filled within the 90-day period.

Ms. Gail Jones said, we've been short a clerk for four years since 1996. The lady we had has just resigned, now we're short two clerks. This position, of course, all clerks the work they do is mandated by the Code. This position is vital.

Commissioner Odell asked, is this Probate Court? Ms. Jones said, yes. Chairman Hair said, if —. Commissioner Odell said, I'll move for approval. Commissioner Price said, I'll second that. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff - Accounts Clerk I (one position):

Chairman Hair said, Sheriff - Accounts Clerk I (one position). Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner DeLoach said, that bad boy turns over there. Chairman Hair said, not [inaudible] you don't. Not until the Sheriff gives his spiel.

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, the title is a little misleading. That's a cashier's position. I've got seven cashiers that operate that office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and that's in all the money and discharging the money and jewelry, plus the accounts that the inmates have. I can't operate seven days —.

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Commissioner Price said, yes. The Clerk said, I didn't hear who made the second. Commissioner Rivers said, the Tax Commissioner said you only need four. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, he could probably cut his department in half. The motion carried unanimously.

Fleet Operations - Equipment Mechanic III (one position); Runner/Messenger (one position):

Chairman Hair said, Fleet Operations —, I'm going to deal with both of these at one time since they're both Fleet. Fleet Operations, first is Equipment Mechanic III (one position) and Fleet Operations is also Runner/Messenger (one position). Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Lynch.

Mr. George Lynch said, quite simply, the heavy duty mechanic, we had two of them authorized, one of them aboard now. When we have to send work out it costs \$56 an hour for labor. We're able to do it for \$40. It makes sense to get it filled fast.

Chairman Hair asked, what about the Runner/Messenger? Mr. Lynch said, that one, sir, we pay him about \$8 an hour, we're paying our mechanics approximately \$16. It makes sense to use them to go out and run the parts instead of having them picked up by a mechanic. Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve.

Chairman Hair said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Odell moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Probate Court - Deputy Court Clerk II (one position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Odell moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Sheriff - Accounts Clerk I. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Odell moved to approve waiver of the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize the Human Resources to advertise: Fleet Operations - Equipment Mechanic III (one position) and Runner/Messenger (one position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to remove anything from the Action Calendar? Commissioner Odell said, DD, double D. Chairman Hair said, D as in Delta, double DD. Commissioner Jackel said, R, T and Y. R, T, Y and double D. Commissioner Thomas said, double E. Chairman Hair asked, Dr. Thomas, you want to do W? Commissioner Odell said, double E. Chairman Hair said, oh, double E, I'm sorry. Commissioner Jackel said, I had double D. Chairman Hair said, okay. Anything else? I'll entertain a motion to approve to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9-HH, be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9-R, 9-T, 9-Y, 9-DD and 9-EE. Commissioner Price 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 AUGUST 27, 1999, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 27, 1999, as mailed. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 1999.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period August 19, 1999, through September 1, 1999, in the amount of \$3,936,158. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**3. REQUEST FROM SOUTHEAST BUILDERS THROUGH THEIR AGENT, FREEMAN & VAUGHN ENGINEERING, TO RECORD THE FINAL PLAT FOR HENDERSON TOWNHOMES, PHASE 1, TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO BEGIN THE 12-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Southeast Builders through their agent, Freeman & Vaughn Engineering, to record the final plat for Henderson Townhomes, Phase 1, to approve construction of the improvements, and to begin the 12-month warranty period. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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4. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAVANNAH HARBOR

**PROJECT” FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCAL ASSURER RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an “Agreement Between the Department of the Army and Chatham County, Georgia and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Savannah Harbor Project” for the transfer of local assurer responsibilities to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO REIMBURSE THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR UNDER-PAID PER DIEM RATES UNDER CHATHAM COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY FOR HOUSING OF STRAY CATS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize a one-time payment of \$2,132.06 to reimburse the Humane Society for under-paid per diem rates from April 1997 through June 1998 under Chatham County's contract with the agency for housing of stray cats. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CRIME STOPPERS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Savannah, Chatham County, and Crime Stoppers Board of Directors regarding the Crime Stopper Program. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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7. **REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER: LARRY JAMES WHITE, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE #5159, LOCATED AT 435 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request of petitioner, Larry James White, d/b/a Circle K Store #5159, located at 435 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, for a new beer and wine retail license for 1999. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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8. **REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 1999. PETITIONER LARRY JAMES WHITE, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE #5164, LOCATED AT ROUTE 4 BOX 441-J, AT I-95 AND HIGHWAY 204. [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request of petitioner, Larry James White, d/b/a Circle K Store #5164, located at Route 4, Box 441-J, at I-95 and Highway 204, for a new beer and wine retail license for 1999. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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9. **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. Various trash receptacles	SPLOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mason's Inc. •VIP •CKC •Lavi Industries •Landscape Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •\$153 •\$8,206.72 •\$128.90 •\$6,690 •\$25,977 	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E Budget)
B. Various presentation equipment	SPLOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VIP •Stage Front •Staples/Ivan Allen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •\$31,920 •\$5,708.22 •\$5,478.50 	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E Budget)
C. Portable hydraulic wheelchair lift	SPLOST	Ascension of Tucson, AZ	\$18,967	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E Budget)
D. Purchase and installation of fixed seating for the Lecture Hall	SPLOST	Design Link	\$113,105.73	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E Budget)
E. Change Order No. 32 to the contract for the design of the Trade Center to reflect the landscaping design associated with the relocation of the West Square entrance road	SPLOST	TVS&A	\$11,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Contingency
F. Portable garment racks	SPLOST	Mason's, Inc.	\$13,800	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E Budget)
G. Final renewal option to the annual contract for audit services	Finance	Karp, Ronning, Arkin & Tindol (formally Tindol and Smith)	\$100,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •Special Revenue Funds - Various •Enterprise Funds - Various
H. Second renewal option to the annual contract for the acquisition of right of way for road and drainage projects	Engineers	Moreland-Altobelli Associates	\$3,250 per parcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST (1985-1993) •SPLOST (1993-1998) •SPLOST (1998-2003) - Road and Drainage •CIP - Drainage
I. Declare unserviceable and surplus computer equipment for redistribution	I.C.S.	N/A	N/A	N/A - Surplus Property
J. Technical surveillance equipment	CNT	Saul Mineroff Electronics (sole source)	\$19,803	Confiscated Funds - CNT
K. Six (6) used undercover vehicles	CNT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dan Vaden •Fuller Oldsmobile •J. C. Lewis Ford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •\$32,000 •\$33,500 •\$31,200 	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
L. Confirmation Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the design of Runaway Point and East Broad Street (Mother Matilda Beasley) Parks for additional easement survey and design	SPLOST	Hinesley-Hickson Associates	\$1,600	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Runaway Point Park
M. Professional service contract to map Mosquito Control drainage ditches for inclusion in SAGAS	Mosquito Control	Oscar Fultz	\$1,500	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
N. Annual contract with option to renew for two additional one year terms to provide attendant services at the Wilmington Island Recycle/Drop Off Center	Solid Waste	James R. Lexie (MBE)	\$18,000	Solid Waste Management
O. Contract for the paving of Tom Triplett Community Park Drive	SPLOST	Clifton Construction Company (MBE)	\$90,826.35	SPLOST (1985-1993) Tom Triplett Park Roads
P. Change Order No. 5 to the contract for designing the White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road Widening Project due to GDOT changing requirements	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung	\$17,636	SPLOST (1985-1993) - White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road Widening Project
Q. Contract for the construction of 450 linear feet of sidewalk and two handicap parking pads	SPLOST	Claco Construction	\$22,610.02	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Sallie Mood Area Parking Lots
R. Five (5) in car video systems	Police	Mobile Vision, Inc. (state contract)	\$18,350	SSD - Police
S. Contract for the asbestos removal from five (5) County owned homes	SPLOST	Atlantic Insulation & Refactory	\$7,929.50	•SPLOST (1985-1993) - Stephenson Avenue and Truman Parkway Phase IV •SPLOST (1993-1998) Pooler Parkway Highway 80 Interchange
T. First renewal option to the annual contract for insurance agent broker	Finance	Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton	\$12,000	Insurance and Surety Bond Premium Account
U. Amendment No. 1 to provide for the design and landside phases of the contract for the preliminary engineering study and report for a ferry system between River Street and Hutchinson Island	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	\$58,500	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Inland Ferry Docks
V. RESCIND purchase order no. 149188 in the amount of \$18,973.99 to Department of Administrative Services (D.O.A.S.) Issue a replacement purchase order to D.O.A.S. in the amount of \$27,266.40	I.C.S.	D.O.A.S. (sole source)	\$27,266.40	CIP - Y2K Remediation
W. Annual maintenance agreement for the network operating system software	I.C.S.	D.O.A.S. (sole source)	\$22,836	CIP - NetPlan
X. Extend the annual contract for 60 days for portable toilet rental and service	Various	Waste Management	Varies	•General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation •General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner •Solid Waste
Y. Annual contract with option to renew for two additional one year terms to provide lawn care service	Various	Complete Lawn Care Service	\$8,705	•General Fund/M & O - Library •General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations •General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Z. Deductive Change Order No. 4 to the annual contract to provide janitorial service	Board of Equalization	Basics Cleaning Service	-\$224.40 per month	General Fund/M & O - Building Maintenance and Operations
AA. Final renewal option to the annual contract for microfilming services and issuance of Change Order No. 3	Administrative Services	SDM, Inc.	\$3,524	General Fund/M & O - Administrative Services
BB. Contract for demolition of a Flonnel Street Building on recently acquired Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/- Highway 21 Interchange right-of-way	SPLOST	Ace's One Construction, Inc.	\$2,543	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/Highway 21 Interchange
CC. Zero cost contract to remove from recently acquired right-of-way property two houses: one located at 6601 Habersham and one at 1095 Highway 80	SPLOST	American House Movers, Inc.	No cost to the County	N/A. No cost to the County.
DD. Lease purchase contract to finance the purchase of M&O vehicles, library technology equipment, document digital imaging equipment, Jail equipment replacement and park improvements, previously approved by the Board, at an annual rate of 5.50% for five-year financing and 5.57% for 7 years financing	Various (Vehicle Replacement; Library, ICS; Jail; Parks and Recreation)	GE Capital Public Finance	\$372,870 annual debt service for five year, declining to \$73,250 in years six and seven	General Fund/M & O
EE. Renew for one year the contract to provide confinement and programs to juvenile offenders	Sheriff/Jail	Georgia Department of Children and Youth Services	\$552,520 REVENUE	Payment from State to Chatham County
FF. 1325 tons of USGA approved bunker sand	Henderson Golf Club	Foster Dixiana	\$18,218.75	Henderson Reserve for Debt Service Account
GG. Repair of bunkers and sand traps	Henderson Golf Club	Grasshopper Lawn Care, Inc.	\$39,500	Henderson Reserve for Debt Service Account
HH. Repair of the lagoon bank	Henderson Golf Club	Grasshopper Lawn Care, Inc.	\$24,000	Henderson Reserve for Debt Service Account

As to Items 9-A through 9-HH, except 9-R, 9-T, 9-Y, 9-DD and 9-EE:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Item 9-A through 9-HH be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9-R, 9-T, 9-Y, 9-DD and 9-EE. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 9-R:

FIVE (5) IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS, DEPARTMENT: POLICE; SOURCE: MOBILE VISION, INC. (STATE CONTRACT); AMOUNT: \$18,350; FUNDING: SSD - POLICE.

Commissioner Jackel asked, these are not from Confiscated Funds, this is a budget item? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir, it comes out of SSD. Commissioner Jackel said, and this is not —, was not in the budget. Can this wait until the next budget? Mr. Lynch said, sir, I don't believe we're asking for anything in the line of additional money for it. We're asking for the approval to take the procurement action. Chairman Hair asked, but it's actually within the approved budget? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Jackel asked, it's within the budget? Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Commissioner Jackel said, all right, that's what I wanted to know.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Jackel said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Odell said, I have a question for the Chief, if I might. Chief? Chairman Hair said, Chief, Commissioner Odell has a question. Commissioner Odell asked, the video tapes how long will they be held? Chief Sprague asked, how long are they held? Commissioner Odell said, right. Once we do them, they're shot in the vehicle, how long do we retain them? Chief Sprague they're taped and they're used again, but I believe there's like a 30-day drag where we keep them on file. Commissioner Odell asked, do you have a policy on that? Chief Sprague said, I don't have it at —, at my [inaudible] right now. Commissioner Odell asked, but there's one in the department? The only reason why I mention that is that to handle DUI cases to have a defendant come in after he's had a chance to get a good night's sleep he looks one way, but out there on the street when he's had about 10 martinis or Brandy Alexanders or what have you, he looks totally different, and these resolve a lot of cases quickly. Chief Sprague said, yes sir, and not only DUI cases, and they are kept for a period of time, but we have a lot of complaints from citizens that claim the officers are rude when they're —, after they give them a ticket and when we have the video and it's working, it dispels those claims when the Internal Affairs investigates the complaint.

Commissioner Price asked, how many vehicles will this represent now that we will have? Chairman Hair said, five. Will this be —? Chief Sprague said, these are five, but if I'm not mistaken these are replacement units. They're replacement for the traffic unit which is dealing with speed most of the type and the fatality accidents. What we have in there now will go over to the patrol, but we have lost several —, I don't know the exact number this year in accidents. I know of one that was damaged beyond repair. Commissioner Price asked, we don't have 100% of the squad cars with those —? County Manager Abolt said, no. Chief Sprague said, no sir. Commissioner Price asked, what —? Chief Sprague said, we've been coming in each year and trying to replace what we've lost and add a couple more to the patrol division, but they are very expensive, as you can see, and we don't advocate putting them in all cars.

Commissioner Odell said, just one last question. I think it's very expensive not to have them because with our being a litigious society and police officers occasionally out there on the street by themselves, to have a video tape that clearly shows what happened I think often makes the difference between our position and some suits. Has the department developed a plan so that over the next foreseeable, say, three to five years that all vehicles will be equipped? Chief Sprague said, we haven't, but we could. Commissioner Odell said, I really would like to see that. I know that we'll have to look at additional expenditures, but I think that this ultimately saves the County money. Commissioner Jackel said, we've got to define all vehicles, and I think it's —. Commissioner Odell said, yes, I want the Chief to say —. Chief Sprague said, all marked patrol —.

Chairman Hair asked, why don't we just have the Chief come back with a plan? I think that would be the appropriate thing to do. That should satisfy everybody's question. I mean, to have you come back with a plan, Chief, and I think present it to us. Okay, all those —, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 9-T:

FIRST RENEWAL OPTION TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE AGENT BROKER; DEPARTMENT: FINANCE; SOURCE: HILL, REGAL AND HAMILTON; AMOUNT: \$12,000; FUNDING: INSURANCE AND SURETY BOND PREMIUM ACCOUNT.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay, on this thing I notice our fee went up from \$6,000 to \$12,000, but our agent produced significant savings in our premiums, and I just wanted to bring this out and that is why we're willing to go along with the increased fee because of the significant amount of savings, one of which was a savings of over \$40,000, another one was \$3,800. We're coming out ahead on this. Mr. Lynch said, we've allowed —. Commissioner Jackel said, we were just going to get asked questions why we did that, and I wanted to bring it out to the public.

Chairman Hair asked, do we have a motion to approve? Mr. Lynch said, I would also point out, sir, that the \$12,000 is right below the second low bid when that came in a year ago.

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second —. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 9-Y:

ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS TO PROVIDE LAWN CARE SERVICE; DEPARTMENT: VARIOUS; SOURCE: COMPLETE LAWN CARE SERVICE; AMOUNT: \$8,705; FUNDING: GENERAL FUND/M&O-LIBRARY, GENERAL FUND/M&O-BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS; GENERAL FUND/M&O - TAX COMMISSIONER.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I was just a little concerned when the second bid came —, the low bid's \$8,700, the next bid is \$16,000, the one after that is \$31,000, the great disparity in the bids there. I just wondered —. Mr. Lynch said, we also,

sir, were concerned by it. Charlie's has been along for a long time and done a great job for us. We checked out the references. They were with other governmental agencies. They confirmed that Complete Lawn Care has come through this at about consistent with —, for equal work. The rates that they have are with the Housing Authority and with the City. So it looks like a good one. Commissioner Jackel said, well, we have a resident expert. I don't know whether he wants to comment or not.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I wouldn't back up for that, I'll tell you that.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. I don't have a motion. Commissioner Jackel said, I'll move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 9-DD:

LEASE PURCHASE CONTRACT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF M&O VEHICLES, LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, DOCUMENT DIGITAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT, JAIL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 5.50% FOR FIVE-YEAR FINANCING AND 5.57% FOR SEVEN-YEARS FINANCING; DEPARTMENT: VARIOUS (VEHICLE REPLACEMENT, LIBRARY, ICS, JAIL, PARKS AND RECREATION); SOURCE: GE CAPITAL PUBLIC FINANCE; AMOUNT: \$372,870 ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE FOR FIVE YEARS, DECLINING TO \$73,250 IN YEARS SIX AND SEVEN; GENERAL FUND/M&O.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, that's also Dr. Thomas. I'll yield to her. Chairman Hair said, no, she's got another one. That's not hers. She's got EE.

Commissioner Jackel said, I put this one on here. I was —. Chairman Hair said, well, Commissioner Odell, he's the one that —. Commissioner Odell said, I'll yield to —. Commissioner Jackel said, all right, but we —, our best available interest rate was 5.5? Mr. Lynch said, 5.50, yes sir. Commissioner Jackel said, all right, now I wanted to make sure everybody understand though, we were out on a market to finance projects that we have deemed that we need presently and this is the best way for us to move forward with them, and the projects are Library technology, equipment and software, vehicles that we desperately need, 18 of them, document digital imaging equipment and software, a Gradall road grader, parks and recreation improvement, jail equipment replacement and a road striper.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Jackel 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 DeLoach failed to cast a vote.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 9-EE:

RENEW FOR ONE YEAR THE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CONFINEMENT AND PROGRAMS TO JUVENILE OFFENDERS; DEPARTMENT: SHERIFF/JAIL; SOURCE: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES; AMOUNT: \$552,520 REVENUE; FUNDING: PAYMENT FROM STATE TO CHATHAM COUNTY.

Chairman Hair said, this is not [inaudible] I understand. Mr. Lynch said, it's revenue, yes. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, when I asked to pull this I was reading it —. Chairman Hair said, as cost. Commissioner Thomas said, yes, but I —.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Saussy said, so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those —.

Commissioner Odell said, I've got a question. Sheriff, what's the cost? I know that's —. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, it's \$45 a day [inaudible] covers the cost. That's that juvenile contract that we have on the Juvenile Justice, but we have to have a place to keep ours anyway, but we reach an agreement with them and then house them in that one wing and they pay us \$45 to \$72 a day or something like that. Chairman Hair said, substantially more than the State pays us. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, yes, and that's an annual [inaudible], you know, about the same every year.

Commissioner Price asked, you're happy with that number? You're not? Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, I'd rather not have them and have that room for the adult inmates, we're up to 1400, but I've got to keep the ones locally. Commissioner Odell said, but revenue-wise this is a —, in our best interest. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, that's \$550,000 for the County, you know. Mr. Lynch said, we aren't losing money.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Odell moved that the Item 9-A through 9-HH be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9-R, 9-T, 9-Y, 9-DD and 9-EE. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Price to approve Item 9-R. Commissioner Jackel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Price moved to approve Item 9-T. Commissioners Saussy and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Jackel moved to approve Item 9-Y. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Jackel moved to approve Item 9-DD. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner DeLoach failed to cast a vote.]
6. Commissioner Saussy moved to approve Item 9-EE. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

- 1. **AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY BUSINESS/OCCUPATIONAL TAX ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE PROVISIONS OF HB 459.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into the record as first reading.

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- 2. **REZONING OF THE HARROCK HALL NEIGHBORHOOD FROM THE CURRENT R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICTS TO R-1-A (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND R-1-B (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), ZONING DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO REQUIRE LARGER LOT SIZES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE R-1-A AND R-1-B ZONING DESIGNATIONS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE LARGE LOT, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT COULD BE DIMINISHED UNDER THE CURRENT ZONING.
MPC FILE NO. 99-12646-C
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Read into the record as first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. **THE RE-EVALUATION OF THE RECLAMATION PLAN FOR A 296 ACRE PARCEL RECENTLY RECOMMENDED BY MPC TO BE REZONED FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) CLASSIFICATION TO A PD-R-SM (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RECLAMATION-SURFACE MINING) CLASSIFICATION TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF SIX BORROW PITS ON APPROXIMATELY 35 ACRES WITH A FUTURE GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT INSTEAD OF 48 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS. THE MPC RECOMMENDED THAT THE REQUEST BE APPROVED. *NOTE: Second Reading of item was tabled at meeting of August 27, 1999.*
MPC FILE NO. 99-12519-C
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Chairman Hair said, we need a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner DeLoach said, so move to take it off the table. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioner DeLoach said, discussion, discussion. Commissioner Price said, discussion. Commissioner DeLoach said, let's have discussion on this. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, is anybody here to speak on it? Come on up. Give us the scoop on this thing so the people on TV will know what's going on.

Mr. Rick Fitzer said, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, my name is Rick Fitzer and I represent ARF Development Group on its petition to rezone this piece of property. We feel that the demand for borrow material for the road-building program in Chatham County just about mandates the activity. We think that the golf course that we propose to build at the end of it would be a real asset to the County. We're actually exploring the idea of a course similar to LaVida, it's where you would get 18 holes of play out of a 9-hole arrangement. It would be a public play golf course and may have some other passive recreation involved with it.

Chairman Hair asked, any further questions? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, sounds good to me.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you. Thank you, Rick [Fitzer].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner DeLoach moved to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Price moved to approve the Reclamation Plan for a 296-acre parcel to be rezoned from an R-A (Residential-Agriculture) classification to a PD-R-SM (Planned Development-Reclamation-Surface Mining) classification to allow construction of six borrow pits on approximately 35 acres with a future golf course development instead of 48 single-family lots. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE ACCUMULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON REAL PROPERTY AS A HOBBYIST USE GROUP.

Chairman Hair said, the Chair will entertain a motion. Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, second, okay. Gregori [Anderson], do you want to just briefly tell us what this is.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, yes, briefly this is an amendment to the Property Maintenance Ordinance that gives us an opportunity to deal with a problematic situation whereas hobbyists who collect vehicles and work on vehicles and sell vehicles heretofore have not been addressed in the Property Maintenance Ordinance and it has been problematic, we've taken these to Recorder's Court and in some cases the Judges have ruled that if the individual can prove or claim that they are a hobbyist or collector, that it falls outside the purview of that current provision, so this would help us in our enforcement efforts.

Chairman Hair said, I can tell you this will solve a lot of problems. I get a lot of complaints for this and this will really solve a lot of problems.

Commissioner Jackel said, let's get some more answers here. What is the current state? Can they keep any vehicles? Mr. Anderson said, well, currently they cannot and that's the problem, Commissioner Jackel. The way the current Property Ordinance reads, if the vehicle does not have a current tag on it and is not running, it's classified as derelict vehicle and is in violation of that —, violation of the current ordinance. Commissioner Jackel said, all right. The proposal is we change this and now they can keep seven vehicles on their property with no tags and it's not running merely because they say they are hobbyists. Mr. Anderson said, if they can prove that they are hobbyists, that they —. Commissioner Price asked, how can they prove it? Commissioner Jackel asked, what does that mean? Mr. Anderson said, well, that means that they —. Commissioner Jackel said, they raise their right hand and say I am a hobbyist. Mr. Anderson said, basically that's it, when they stand before a judge and make that claim. Commissioner Jackel said, let me —, let me tell you the experience when I lived out at Bull River for a short period of time there was a guy that had, and parking was very limited, and he had, well, some small car and it stayed in one spot for three years, but he was going to do something to it, and finally they had enough and made him tow it off. Now I don't —, I would not like to live next to someone who had seven derelict cars and every time we said something, he says well I'm a hobbyist and I'm going to fix it up. Now I think if they want to —, this is a defective ordinance. It allows anybody to come up there and raise their hand and come into court with three new spark plugs and say I'm a hobbyist and I'm working on these things. I wouldn't want it near me, I don't think you'd want it near you. Now maybe if the ordinance had some provisions in there that they come down and applied —, paid a fee and applied for a hobbyist exemption and do it on a car by car basis and have a limited amount of time, reasonable amount of time to do some work on these vehicles, but just to allow someone to have seven derelict vehicles that cannot run, do not have a tag,

clutter up the yards, and they can get around the existing ordinance just by saying well one of these days I'm going to fix it up and yesterday as I went by I kicked a tire, I don't think will work. I think it's going to create many more problems than it's going to solve, and unless the ordinance is changed I'm against it.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Jackel, let me tell you. It's a whole lot better than what we've got on the books right now. You've got —, you're talking about seven. You've got them out there right now with 25 and 30, and this will definitely deal with those issues. Commissioner Jackel said, but if they've got even one now they're in violation, so that's the enforcement problem, that's not the statute problem.

County Manager Abolt said, the problem of the Chairman is right on. Maybe the ordinance can be perfected more, but the issue is that we enforce on that one vehicle or on the 20 vehicles. It goes to court and the judge decides it's a hobby and then the person walks, but with no obligation, no requirement whatsoever. What we were meaning, at our level, trying to deal with an issue that's totally gotten out of hand. Commissioner Price said, send it back.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, I think it needs to be sent back and I would like to see some —. Chairman Hair said, well, make a motion to do that. Commissioner Jackel said, some registration —, well, this is —. Well, I make a motion that we send it back and some sort of registration proposal with a fee involved that they come in and say I want to register this car because I plan to work on it as a hobbyist and they've got —, I don't know what a reasonable amount of time —, six months, a year, or something like that, and I would suggest that in no way they have more than three cars. Chairman Hair asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Price said, we just need to work on it. Chairman Hair said, this is a motion to send it back.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I would like, like Martin [Jackel] said, to limit to a number and I would not have it in a residential area period.

County Attorney Hart asked, why don't we do this, defer it to second reading? Chairman Hair said, it is second reading. It is second reading now. County Manager Abolt said, but if you throw it back to us, it will require a first and a second reading. Why don't you defer it until the 8th of October or whatever —. Chairman Hair asked, why don't we table it, and then back on the 8th and that will allow us —. County Manager Abolt said, we come back on the second reading with amendments. Chairman Hair asked, okay, how about that? County Attorney Hart said, so we don't have to readvertise and go through all that.

Commissioner Rivers said, let me ask a question. When we refer to vehicles on the property, that could be backyard, front lawn or —. Chairman Hair said, correct. That is correct.

Commissioner Murray said, when y'all look at this, and Commissioner Rivers just brought up my concerns too is where these vehicles will be located, because we've gotten —, and I agree with the Chairman, I've gotten many complaints that we've had to address on this, and there's not a whole lot you can do about it at the present time, but I think seven automobiles are entirely too many to have one residential piece of property to be working on.

County Attorney Hart said, for purposes of just general information, this is a situation that there was a huge hole in the ordinance. We had no enforcement power. The judges would not enforce it. We've taken five or six cases down there, they declare them a hobbyist and let them go their way. We've had a lot of complaints there. They refuse to allow us to go on the property.

Chairman Hair said, the motion just sends it back and sends it back [inaudible when several Commissioners were speaking at the same time.]

County Attorney Hart said, we've got a motion and second pending on this. Can we withdraw the motion and then make a motion to table? Commissioner DeLoach said, withdraw. Commissioner Price said, withdraw. Commissioner Odell said, I'll withdraw the second.

Chairman Hair said, all right, now we'll have a motion to table. Commissioner Murray said, so moved to table to the next meeting. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, thank you. The motion to table passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved to table to the next meeting the proposed amendment to the County Property Maintenance Ordinance to address the accumulation of motor vehicles on real property as a hobbyist use group. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion to table and it carried unanimously.

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3. REVISIONS TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY "ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE."

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Mr. Drewry can come forward. This is to clarify in the ordinance administrative procedure in effect for a number of years. It deals with culvert installation and new residential driveways.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, that's exactly correct. Good afternoon. This ordinance is first adopted, hasn't been changed since 1987. I think other revisions, and you have a copy of the executive summary in front of you, but other revisions in my opinion are minor in content. We tried to codify a few of the issues that were originally policy issues, such as driveway and culvert installation and a couple of other minor technical changes in the ordinance. Does anybody have any questions?

Chairman Hairsaid, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, 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 DeLoach moved to approve the revisions to the Chatham County "Road Rights-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance." Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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XIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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3. STATUS REPORT ON YEAR 2000 REMEDIATION PROJECT NOW UNDERWAY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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4. LARP SUBMITTAL TO GDOT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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5. INFORMATION REPORT ON AQUATIC CENTER ALLOCATION OF LANES FOR SWIM TEAM PRACTICES ON WEEK DAYS FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Hair recognized Alderman Pete Liakakis, who was in attendance. Commissioner Price said, the only politician that looks younger every day.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hair said, that concludes our regular agenda. We will now need a motion to go into Executive Session for what purpose? County Manager Abolt said, personnel and litigation.

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

The Board recessed for Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened 11:10 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Jackel moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENTS

- 1. CHATHAM-SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS**

ACTION TO THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to appoint Mr. Russ Billings to the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless to fill a position previously held by Dr. Lee Howard, which term will expire June 9, 2002. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.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