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**MAY 26, 2000**

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District 7

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9:00 A.M. - Commission Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Old Courthouse  
124 Bull Street  
Savannah, Georgia

#### **II. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Frank G. Murray

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **IV. ROLL CALL**

• At noon the County Commission will recess for approximately 30 minutes.

**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Recognition of Youth Commission Class of 2000.
2. Proclamation for Betty Hodges on her retirement from Clerk of Superior Court.

**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

1. Beth Wolfe-Cox, Lot 72 Brevard Point, Flood Zone (Commissioner Murray).
2. Osteen Road (Commissioner DeLoach).

**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

**None.**

**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 approval of the following: a General Fund M & O budget amendment to reflect revenue of \$42,220 from restricted revenue and \$2,410 from Effingham and Liberty counties and to appropriate \$42,220 to eligible agencies and \$2,410 to the Library; a Special Service District contingency transfer of \$11,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks on River Street; a Special Service District budget amendment to recognize \$194,950 revenue from restricted Inspections revenue and \$23,100 in grants funds, and to appropriate \$194,950 for transfer to the Capital Improvement Program fund and \$23,100 to the Police Department; a Capital Improvement Program fund budget amendment to recognize \$194,950 transfer from SSD and to appropriate \$194,950 for renovation of the Air National Guard facility; and a transfer of \$20,000 from the 1993-1998 SPLOST Triplett Park project to the No Wake project.
  
2. Board consideration of request from Benjamin S. Eichholz regarding Lot 40 Sheftall Bluff formally known as Weatherwood Subdivision. (*Note: This item pulled at the request of Mr. Eichholz.*)  
[District 1.]

## **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.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2000, as mailed.
2. Claims vs Chatham County for the period May 4 through May 17, 2000.
3. Request Board authorize the Chairman and Clerk of Commission to sign an application required by GDOT that states Chatham County will accept maintenance and energy costs for a traffic signal on SR 204 Spur at King's Way Road and Halcyon Drive.  
[District 1.]
4. Request Board accept a Right-of-Entry and Perpetual Easement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of constructing certain roadway improvements for the Montgomery Cross Road/Middleground Widening Project and authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, County Clerk and County Engineer to sign the documents necessary to implement this action.  
[Districts 5 and 6.]
5. Request Board accept a refund of \$1,260 from the Coastal Georgia Land Trust, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to sign for the disbursement on behalf of Chatham County.
6. Request Board approve a project plan for developing the Coastal Georgia Greenway trail, including award of a contract to the Trust for Public Land to assemble the trail path and begin preliminary work for acquisition and apply for a state grant to provide additional funding of the project.  
[All districts.]
7. Request Board affirm the Chairman's emergency authorization to accept the Pedestrian Safety Awareness Mini-Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and to amend the 10441 Police Budget by \$23,100 to reflect the grant revenue.
8. Request Board approval for Chairman to sign the FY2001 Application for Georgia Indigent Defense Funds from the Georgia Indigent Defense Counsel.

9. Request Board authorize final payment for the acquisition of 5 Executive Circle, provide an update of its disposition and approve a distribution of funds once the property sells. *(Note: This item pulled from agenda. Board action not needed at this time.)*  
[District 6.]
  
10. Request Board approval to quit claim Chatham County's interest in surplus property to the City of Savannah on or near Grapevine Street.  
[District 8.]
  
11. Request from the Tax Commissioner's office for the Board to write off Real Property taxes from 1998 and 1999 tax digest which are under \$5.
  
12. 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.)

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT.</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDING</u></b>
A. First renewal option to annual contract to provide Third Party Administrator (TPA) services and to recognize the firm's name change	Human Resources	USI Administrators (formally Jones, Hill and Mercer)	\$7.88 per employee per month	Internal Services Group Health Insurance Fund
B. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the removal of asbestos from specified structures on the Truman Parkway right of way for asbestos removal from the Southside Fire Station building	SPLOST	E. C. Management Services of Georgia	\$1,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway - Phase III
C. Contract for "Idle Speed Only" sign replacement	SPLOST	Ansley and Sutton Construction	\$32,280	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Triplett Park Project (pending Board approval of transfer)

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D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the demolition of specified structures on the Truman Parkway right of way for the demolition of the Southside Fire Station building	SPLOST	Atlas Sand and Gravel	\$5,250	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway - Phase III right of way
E. Purchase and installation of a 15 ton HVAC unit	Administrative Services	Boaen Mechanical Contractors	\$10,450	CIP - DSA Revenue Bond Proceeds
F. Confirmation of emergency rental of dump trucks	Solid Waste	Kelly Dukes, Inc. (MBE)	\$25,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway - Phase III
G. Declare various vehicles as surplus	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A
H. 90 day extension to the annual contract for automotive repair parts	Fleet Operations	Brooks Auto Parts	Varies by item	General Fund/M & O - Inventory
I. Confirmation of emergency purchase of herbicide	Public Works	Red River Speciality	\$16,932	SSD - Public Works
J. Confirmation of the relocation of 14 live oak trees, removal of two dead live oak trees and other landscaping services at the Trade Center	SPLOST	Tropical Falls Landscaping and Maintenance, Inc.	\$50,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center - Miscellaneous Project
K. Confirmation for providing and delivering dirt to create an earth berm adjacent to Bryan Square bridge at the Trade Center	SPLOST	ARCO, Inc.	\$10,520	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center - Miscellaneous Project

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L. Confirmation of the placing of dirt and construction of an earth berm adjacent to Bryan Square bridge at the Trade Center	SPLOST	Coastal Grading & Rental	\$4,157.50	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center - Miscellaneous Project
M. Amendment 1 recognizing final validated labor and materials cost adjustments to Change Order No. 7 to the contract for sewer lines on Hutchinson Island	Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer	Southern Champion Construction, Inc.	\$50,538	Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer Project (pending transfer June 9, 2000)

## **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. A text amendment to clarify the definition for “Boarding or Rooming House.”  
The MPC recommended approval.  
MPC 00-267-C  
No District/Text Amendment/Unincorporated Area
2. Amend the County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance to respond to the latest open records provisions mandated by the State and to add provisions for the regulation of Flea Markets within the unincorporated area.  
No District/Text Amendment/Unincorporated Area

## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

1. Amendment to the Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance (LDAO) to delete the fee schedule from the LDAO with a new schedule for fees to be charged by the Department of Engineering.
2. Amendment to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance, Article S, Engineering Fees and Article V, Appeals, Rezoning, Development and Review Fees.
3. Petitioner, Tom Hansen, Agent (for Elizabeth A. Johnston, Owner) is requesting to rezone a 20,000 square foot parcel from an R-1-A (One-Family Residential) classification to a R-A (Residential-Agricultural) classification to allow a mobile home to remain on a site. A mobile home was allowed on the site under the medical hardship provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance approximately 15 years ago. At the present time the hardship provisions do not apply. The MPC recommended that the request be denied based on its inconsistency with recent rezoning actions for the Harrock Hall area and the adverse precedent this would establish in the area.  
MPC File No. 00-219-C  
[District 1.]
4. A text amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to enact a warehousing parking space standard under Section 6. Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, Subsection 6-3. Off-Street Parking Requirements. The MPC recommended approval of the text amendment.  
MPC File No. 00-181-C  
[No district/text amendment - unincorporated area.]
5. Text Amendment: That Section 3-7. Vision Clearance at Intersections of the Chatham County Zoning Regulations be amended to provide flexible vision clearance standards to obtain adequate vision clearance based on the physical conditions of the intersection as approved by the County Engineer. The MPC recommended that the request be approved.  
MPC File No. 00-150-C  
[No district/text amendment - unincorporated area.]

### **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Progress report on General Fund Contingency Account - M & O and the Special Service District (see attached).
2. List of purchasing items between \$2,500 and \$9,999 (see attached).
3. Present to the Board the County's Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, and the changes in financial condition. The auditors will be present. *(Note: CAFR available for distribution at the end of the week.)*
4. Present to the Board the Auditor's Recommendations to improve Internal Controls and Administrative Efficiency for the year ended December 31, 1999, together with staff responses to the Auditor's comments.
5. Road report.

**Recess to Executive Session, if necessary.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments - board and number of vacancies to be filled.

<b><u>Board</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>
A. Veterans Council of Chatham County	3
B. Housing Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals	5
C. Development Authority of Chatham County	6
D. Handicapped Grievance Committee	4
E. Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals	5
F. Mosquito Control Commission	3
G. Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals	9