

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2000, 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**

Vice Chairman Priscilla D. Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2000.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers 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 (arrived approximately 9:30 a.m.)  
Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight  
Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four  
Joe Murray Rivers, District Two  
Martin S. Jackel, District Three  
Harris Odell, Jr., District Five  
Ben Price, District Six  
Eddie W. DeLoach, District Seven (arrived approximately 9:20 a.m.)

ABSENT: David L. Saussy, District One

IN ATTENDANCE: Russ Abolt, County Manager  
R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney  
Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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**YOUTH COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chairman Thomas said, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Youth Commissioners in attendance today. We have with us Christopher Lowe, who is an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at St. Andrew's School, Lauren McCraw, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade from Providence Christian School, and Shraddha Subramaniam, an 11<sup>th</sup> Grader from Jenkins High School from the Indian Association. We're delighted to have you with us today. Please feel free to interact on any subject or any matter that the Commissioners discuss here today. If you will just hold your hand up and we will recognize you. Thank you.

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. PRESENTATION TO THE FAMILY OF DR. CURTIS COOPER.**

Vice Chairman Thomas said, I'm going to ask the Chairman Pro Tem, Commissioner Murray, if he will come down in the absence of the Chairman. We're all aware of the fact that we lost a very dedicated and committed citizen in Dr. Curtis Cooper. Today we want to show that —, we want to make sure that we have something named in his honor, so today we're going to present this proclamation which will indicate what the County plans to do a little later on. And the proclamation reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Commissioners share in the loss of a dedicated citizen, Dr. Curtis V. Cooper; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cooper, a native of Savannah, was a pillar of this community. The accomplishments and contributions he made were tremendous and he lived a life that has inspired others to follow in his footsteps; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cooper's demise on Wednesday, January 5, 2000, left a void that will be difficult to fill or replicate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, in regular meeting assembled, that the Dr. Curtis V. Cooper, Jr. Memorial Gardens be established at the Maritime Trade Center as a living memorial of the dedicated services and outstanding contributions made by Dr. Cooper.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

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

**ATTEST:** /s/ Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> District Representative

Vice Chairman Thomas said, and witnessed also the Chairman Pro Tem, Commissioner Frank Murray. We have with us today the spouse of Dr. Cooper. Mrs. Cooper, will you please stand, along with their son and other family members and friends. Commissioner Rivers said, and daughter. Vice Chairman Thomas said, oh, the daughter, okay. Excuse me. Yes, all right. We want you to know that at a later date when the time and the date has been established to do this memorial that we will contact you again and let you know to let you know exactly when it will occur so that we will do this in recognition of the hard work and labor that he has done for Chatham County, and we thank you so much. Just hold on, just hold on, and we appreciate everything that he has done.

Commissioner Rivers said, Madam Chair, I'd like to make a statement. Vice Chairman Thomas said, please. Commissioner Rivers said, Mrs. Cooper, I see we've got some members here from the NAACP and we have a lot of members here from the Urban Health Center, and I would like to let y'all know that Curtis [Cooper] has done a great service for this community and especially in the health field. So I would ask my Board to look closely at carrying on the work that he has done for us through Urban Health. I think that he's done a fine job, I think that that Center is there and I think somewhere down the line he had a vision of a new building, and hopefully we can commit to assisting somewhere along the line and seeing his dream come to reality, and I just want to thank you, Mrs. Cooper, for sharing him with us. The most I miss about Curtis [Cooper] is his laugh. We had many a day locked in his office just laughing. And eating. But I want to thank you and the family, and certainly our prayers go out with you and we hope to be behind you in all your endeavors of seeing that that health center is built. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, it has not been my opportunity until just now to say publicly how much I regarded Curtis [Cooper] and I will recall, as many of you will, a little less than 10 years ago we were faced with true brinkmanship when our provider of health of the indigent gave us notice in the matter of a few months they were going to pull out of that care. It was Curtis [Cooper] and the Westside Urban Health Center that came to our rescue and established a program that has been recognized nationally and in the fore of that the friendship for what he did for the citizens of

Chatham County, on behalf of Reese White, who was, as you know, my lead staff person working on this, and all County staff, we miss Curtis [Cooper].

Vice Chairman Thomas said, I believe —, I'd like to also recognize the interim chairperson, who is helping to move things along over at the Westside Urban Center until a new director can be named. Mr. Miller, would you please stand and I know that you're committed to doing exactly what Curtis [Cooper] wants done, and we look forward to working along with you. Do you wish to have anything to say at this time?

Mr. Miller said, thank you. I don't think I need to come forward. I'm here to do exactly what you said, carry forth with the objectives and goals of the Center and Curtis [Cooper]. Hopefully, we're going to be able to do that without any waffling in any manner. We're going to move forward with the health care of this community and follow through. Thank you. Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Rivers said, you also have Mr. Lang [phonetic], who's the Chairman of the NAACP. He's [inaudible]. Not here? An unidentified gentleman said, Mr. Jackson is the Chair. Commissioner Rivers said, oh, I mean —, excuse me, Mr. Bill Jackson. Excuse me. Vice Chairman Thomas said, Bill Jackson. The unidentified gentleman said, but I would be remiss without introducing our board chair. Vice Chairman Thomas said, please do that for me. The unidentified gentleman said, Mrs. Bradbury, Billie Bradbury, who is the Chair over at Westside, is the person who we look to for leadership and direction. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked, Mr. Jackson, would you care —, have anything to say?

Mr. Jackson said, not really. Curtis' boots are hard to fill. We're pressing on. We will [inaudible] objectives and mission of the NAACP particularly in doing things that will not be divisive, but pulling together [inaudible].

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you very much. Thank you.

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## **2. PROCLAMATION FOR GENERAL WALTER CORISH ON HIS RETIREMENT.**

Commissioner Murray asked, do we need to make a motion just to take this off? Vice Chairman Thomas said, yes. Commissioner Murray said, all right, I move that Item #2 under Proclamations be removed because it will be read at the retirement next week. Commissioner Price said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor of the motion please vote. Opposes? The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Saussy were not present.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried and it's passed.

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

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you, Dr. Thomas. I apologize for I'm late. I was in a meeting I couldn't get out of. There are two things under my section.

### **1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.**

Chairman Hair said, we have been asked by the Economic Development Authority to participate in a program that would —, most of you are familiar with the Red Carpet Tour, which is sort of the number one recruitment tool for Georgia. They've come to the Coast —, they come to Savannah every other year. They come to Brunswick in the intervening years, and they've asked the City of Savannah and Chatham County to participate in funding this effort. I think it's a very worthwhile program. I've been on the Red Carpet Tour a number of years myself and I can tell you that it really does benefit our community. They're asking us for \$15,000 and the City of Savannah for \$15,000. We have the money in our budget, in the Commissioners' budget to do this, and I would ask your favorable consideration for us funding this economic development initiative. Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second.

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, when we had —, the last time this thing came up I asked the spokesman that was here if he could name anything that we had derived from the —, from our continued contribution to this effort and he could not name any direct benefit that he could recall that we received from that, and in the interim time no one has furnished me any information that it has attracted a single industry here or opened a single business or poured any dollars into this community. As I recall, the last time I voted against it. There has been plenty of opportunity, two years worth of

opportunity for them to furnish us some sort of information on how we have received some benefit from this effort, and without that information I don't see how I can support this.

Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Jackel, I'll be happy to contact SEDA personally and get —, make sure that you do get that information that you requested. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yes, based on what Martin [Jackel] is saying, I'm just wondering if we could just table this until the next meeting and have one of their representatives come answer any of those questions that he might have on it. I supported it the last time and will certainly support it again this time, but I do feel like they do an awful lot with those tours, but you know it might be good for somebody to be here to be able to answer some questions and if any Commissioners have them, then they could do it at that time.

Chairman Hair said, well, if that's the wishes of the Board, I just —, I certainly don't object to that. I do think it —, we could certainly get the information that's requested, but having been on these tours personally a number of times, I was on it 10 years in Augusta as well, and I can tell you there is a tremendous amount of economic benefit to these programs. Commissioner Odell and then Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Odell said, I don't know the specific we can point to this particular industry, it's kind of priming a pump. It's one of those collective things that's done that ultimately leads to industries hearing about Savannah and making decisions to move. I think most communities who are interested in attracting industry, if not this then there's something comparable to this. I'm in support of going forward with it now.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, I just wanted to say I would rather go ahead and support it now. I do know they —, you know, the ground work of it, and I would suggest that whatever information that is needed, that it be brought back to us.

Chairman Hair said, I certainly think that we should get the information and I have no problem with getting that. I would —. Commissioner Jackel asked, what if the information comes back and they say we can't point to anyone and you've already approved the funds? Commissioner Price said, I believe —.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I think we ought to approach it just like Harris [Odell] stated that this is not necessarily —, it's sort of like the advertisement you see on TV about every other minute with the go play golf in Alabama. I'm not going to be in Alabama, you know, and I'm not going to play golf in Alabama, but I guarantee you everybody knows where the golf courses are in Alabama. That's the same, I feel like the same idea with this. Although I might not be able to specifically say this industry arrived here, a lot of industries know where we are now based on these Red Carpet Tours, and I think that's the need approach we need to take with this. It's a feel good approach, bringing people in here to look at what we have and give them a positive feeling about Chatham County and the coastal area, and hopefully one day we'll reap from that, and that's why we need to approach it in that direction. Not necessarily yes this company came based on this fact. Call the question.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a call for the question. All those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve a request for a \$15,000 contribution from the Commissioner's budget to help fund the Chamber's Red Carpet Tour of Savannah/Chatham County. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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## **2. RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY'S POSITION TO CHANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TAX COLLECTION.**

Chairman Hair said, the next item under my section is I had a —, I talked with Ann Mueller yesterday, day before yesterday, and as you are well aware, there is a bill that was submitted to the Legislature that would cap the collections from the School Board at 1½%. All of you remember the very tough negotiations that we went through with the School Board on arriving at that number. There's been an alternative bill presented to Representative Mueller's bill that would basically

instead of capping it automatically at 1½% it would just simply say it would be used —, we'd use the cost sharing, that is the revenue sharing formula, that is 60% of the revenues collected they would share 60% of the cost and we would share 40, just like we did to arrive at the 1½, and I've been asked to bring it to the Commission and she felt like if that if we could get a resolution passed supporting our position on that that we might be able to get that modified, and I do think it would benefit Chatham County if we could get it modified. It would basically use the same percentage that we used to arrive at the 1½%.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion for that resolution to be adopted. Chairman Hair asked, do we have a —. Commissioner Jackel said, second. Chairman Hair said, second.

Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to speak on it. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell. Commissioner Odell said, Billy [Hair], under this plan would that include capital costs also? Chairman Hair said, of course the bill hasn't been written, but my understanding is, I haven't read the alternative but I've talked to three representatives about the alternative bill, and they all agree that it should be a fair share cost, so I would assume that that would be there, but I don't know. The bill hasn't actually been drafted specifically to deal with that. That's something we can share with them though if that's a concern. Commissioner Odell said, yes, because currently under the negotiations that we worked out with the Board of Education the impact is that they are 58.3% of the collection and they agreed to pay 58.3% of the cost of the tax office. Chairman Hair said, right. Commissioner Odell said, my only concern is that we're having a major initiative to build a new tax office over on Eisenhower. Would the monies for the capital cost, I think they should pay 58.3% of the capital cost. Chairman Hair said, what we could do, Commissioner Odell, and I'd be happy —, we'll draft a resolution if the motion passes to base it on cost as opposed to revenue. That's the way we'll submit the resolution, and I do think that would be appropriate to do that. Commissioner Murray then Commissioner DeLoach and then Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Murray said, I just wanted to get a clarification on the bill you're talking about. In other words, right now the new bill would be —, the alternate bill would be to do like we did this one this year. Chairman Hair said, the alternate bill —, that's exactly right. The current bill —. Commissioner Murray said, just caps it. Chairman Hair said, absolutely puts a maximum cap and no matter what the costs happen two or three years from now, we wouldn't be able to go above 1½. I don't think that's tenable and, like I said, I discussed it with a number of Legislators and even Representative Mueller, who dropped the original bill, I had a long conversation with her on Wednesday and I just —, I was very pleased with her response to the alternate approach and —, when it got back over to the House, but she felt like that if we could at least go on record supporting that alternate bill, that might greatly impede someone's willingness to support it. So —, in other words, if that's what Chatham County wants to do then we'd be more likely to support than if we wouldn't get that kind of support.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I was just going to follow along with what you said about —, I think we just need to state it that 60/40 or the basic —, whatever the revenue stream is or whatever —, and set it up like that and let it go and let whatever we can get out of it we get and let it go at that because up to now there wasn't an opportunity to get anything out of it, so if we can't get —, whatever we can get out of it is better than what we had. Chairman Hair said, I agree. Commissioner DeLoach said, and just approach it that way.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, it sounds fair, it sounds like something that could work. My only concern here again, once again, is what dialogue have we had with our counterparts on the Board of Education? Chairman Hair said, well, I'll —, I'm glad you brought that up because there was certainly no dialogue with us when they went to Representative Mueller to get the bill dropped. I read about it in the newspaper, so —, I mean, I think dialogue has to go both ways, and I think in a sense of fairness no one asked the County Commission how they felt about a cap. Commissioner Price said, and no one asked the Board of Education when we originally said we're going to stick it to you for 2½%. Chairman Hair said, well —. Commissioner Price said, nobody asked —, I mean, this is the whole, the whole thing. Two wrongs don't make a right, Billy [Hair], and I just —, I have a hard time understanding why we can't dialogue with these guys, why we can't take the initiative to do that. Yes, maybe they were wrong to go and ask Representative Mueller to do that, but we could at least show the leadership that we have shown in the past and ourselves take that initiative and do that, and that's my only reservation about this. I think, I think that it's as fair as it could be, but I'd like to hear from our counterparts on the Board of Education and what they think about it. That's just common courtesy, and that's just how I feel. You know how I feel about this. I think I'm fighting a losing battle.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, can I call the question if nobody else wants to speak?

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. I have a call for the question. All those in favor of the resolution vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner DeLoach moved that a resolution be adopted supporting Chatham County's position that an alternative bill be presented to the Legislators that the cost for collection of taxes for the School Board would be shared based on a percentage of revenues collected. Commissioner Jackel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, yes sir. Commissioner Jackel said, Judge Dillon from Recorder's Court has appeared. He has an item on the agenda and he has another docket he has to return to. May we take him out of turn so he can return to his duties?

Chairman Hair said, we can do that by unanimous consent to modify the agenda. Which item is it? Commissioner Jackel said, it's the probation—. County Manager Abolt said, Purchasing Report, Item 9-A. Commissioner DeLoach said, that's where he's going to rebate the County about a half a million dollars I think. [Laughter.]

**[NOTE: Item X-9-A was taken out of order and was heard at this point on the agenda.]**

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Chairman Hair said, before we move into the individual items we do need to add one additional item to the agenda. This is the Letter of Consent and Service Delivery Strategy certification for the Office of the Governor for the Children and Youth Coordinating Counsel Grant. I need a motion to put that on the agenda.

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**[NOTE: The new item was added to the agenda and was heard at this point in the proceedings.]**

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**LETTER OF CONSENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY ACT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CHILDREN AND YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL (CCYC) GRANT.**

Chairman Hair said, now I will entertain a motion to approve the Letter of Consent. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you very much.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

**1. FUNDING FOR YOUTH COMMISSIONERS (DR. THOMAS).**

Vice Chairman Thomas said, last year I came before you and asked for some funds to assist the Chatham County Youth Commissioners to go to Washington, DC, and at that time we also discussed that this needed to be a line item so that we would not have to be coming back every year, and it's something that we need to support anyway in its entirety. So I sent out a letter to you earlier asking for your support in this direction. I'm asking that we give the County Manager and staff the authority to look for funding to assist the Youth Commissioners in the 2001 budget.

Commissioner Price asked, is there a specific dollar amount you're asking for? Vice Chairman Thomas said, \$10,000. That would be \$10,000 a year. Commissioner Price said, okay. Could Van [Johnson] or somebody come tell us what the funding would cover? I mean, I'll make a motion in favor of doing that, I'd just like to hear more about —. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. Commissioner Price said, — the need for the funding. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. Do I have a second on that? Commissioner Rivers said, I'll second it.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, as you know, the Youth Commission inasmuch as it's been one of our initiatives that we're quite proud of, is certainly not free to be able to do. The Youth Commission, they're going to Washington, DC, on next week on March the 5<sup>th</sup> to attend the National Association of Counties conference. They'll be working there during their 2000 Legislative Conference, and these funds will be used to be able to further those types of goals. When we went to Fulton County for their inaugural Youth Commission, they have a department which is called the Department of Youth Office for children and youth that they use to fund their program, things that they want to do in terms of educational activities, forums, rallies of the sort. Right now as the Youth Commissioners can tell you, we do all of these things, but we do them strictly from community good will, community donations, and certainly that's nothing very, very concrete over time. To be able to keep our youth interested, to keep them involved, we feel that we would need some type of financial assistance to be able to ensure that we are able to provide these youth with even more challenging experiences because as we find —, as we've gotten longer into this thing is that as we challenge them each year, we have to challenge them more than we challenged them the year before, and certainly we'd ask your support in that endeavor.

Commissioner Price said, you know —. Can I continue? Vice Chairman Thomas said, sure. Commissioner Price said, I've seen a lot come about from this program and I see us building the leaders of tomorrow, and the people that come here, I can recall back, I guess I have to say before the turn of the century now, back in my youth there were days when things Boy's Day, 4-H Clubs, stuff like that, Boy's/Girl's Day, and what have you, and the leadership skills it taught me, the ability to want to do that, to want to serve the public and how beneficial that was, but it was very limited at the time. It wasn't offered to everybody. There were only a few that were actually able to go, and this is a great program we have. We're a pace setter, and not just for the State of Georgia, but I'm finding in reading the national publications, for the entire country. They're looking at Chatham County, they're seeing what you guys are doing, and they're saying that should work in our community as well. And so I think this is a program worthy of continuing the support for it.

Mr. Johnson said, yes sir, when I was in —, about two years ago when I was in high school, we used to have —. [Laughter.] We used to have classes that were called Civics that would teach youth about government, about how to be involved, their responsibility as a citizen. As you know, many classes —, many schools don't teach this type of curriculum anymore, so we've dealt with these young people to be able to get involved with government, help them to understand government, help them to empower them about government, and we believe that as they —, as you look at our statistics from individuals that have existed this program, they're in colleges all over the country doing quite well, and we would like to believe that we'll see not only politicians, but county managers, directors of all sorts, people who've gotten their interest in government from an initiative such as the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Rivers said, Madam Chair. Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Rivers. Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Johnson, for all of the activity you do you're asking for \$10,000 and you're also soliciting from the community. Is there a need for any additional funding, or will there be a need for any additional funding through —, or do you have, as Commissioner Jackel just mentioned to me, do you have a budget on what your activities are and how you're going to utilize that money in case you —, you may even need more than \$10,000, I don't know. Mr. Johnson said, sir, we've been doing on a wing and a prayer thus far. We received some funds from the Count Basie Orchestra Concert in memory of Mrs. Whitehead that was held in May of last year. We have, in particular for our trip to DC, we used some of that funding for the bus to take us to DC. The Youth Commissioners have put up the rest of that money. Items like T-shirts and things they've used, they paid for those. Commissioner Rivers said, okay. What I would like to suggest, this is just a suggestion now, is that the Youth Commissioners along with their advisors sit down and create their budget and submit —. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. Commissioner Rivers said, and submit and work with the County staff in coming out with a legitimate budget, and then we'll look at all of it in case their need is —. Vice Chairman Thomas said, that's good. Commissioner Rivers said, less or more or however we can look at it, we can look at it through the budgetary process.

Commissioner Price asked, well then should my motion be —? Commissioner Rivers said, and for the permanent stream of dollars. Commissioner Price asked, are you suggesting my motion be tabled? Commissioner Rivers said, no. Commissioner Murray said, no. No, staff needs —, we still need to let staff have a motion to do this. Commissioner Price said, okay. Commissioner Murray said, what we're doing, we're elevating it to a specific item within your budget that, as Commissioner Rivers and Dr. Thomas were saying, would come to you. You're saying that based on \$10,000 as we do with all of the budget, we'd show complete sources of revenue, either estimated or in-hand, be they County Basie donations, so each year when you review their budget you'll be able to see their expectations for work programs and where the funding will come from.

Commissioner Rivers asked, can we create them as a department? County Manager Abolt said, well, we don't want it a department. Commissioner Rivers said, well, list them under their own separate —. County Manager Abolt said, it'll be a separate line —, it'll be a separate line item in non-departmental. Vice Chairman Thomas said, right. That's fine. Commissioner Rivers said, okay.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Odell and then Commissioner, is that Jackel?

Commissioner Odell said, Van [Johnson], just a point of clarification. You mentioned about the statistics. Do you have the data as to follow-up. You said we'd be surprised regarding the statistics. I haven't seen any statistics. Do you have those? Mr. Johnson said, sir, we'll get that to you. Vice Chairman Thomas said, we can give them to you. Commissioner Odell said, and I would agree, I'd like to see it be a permanent stream of revenue so that we would know when we make the decision where the money is coming from. Russ [Abolt], think about that.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked, are you finished? Okay, Commissioner Saussy —, I mean, Jackel. I'm sorry.

Commissioner Jackel said, I think Commissioner Rivers is right on point. It is important if they're going to in any way become involved with government, and not only just involved in government, but for their own personal edification, that they learn to do budgeting and that if they see there's only a limited of funds and set priorities and this is the money we have and we're going to spend so much on this and that, we won't have money to spend on this, that that would be an important part of the learning process. So I would really look forward to receiving that sort of budget information from them.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner —.

Youth Commissioner Subramaniam said, I just like to say that I haven't been involved with the Commission, but from what I've experienced with the Youth Commission I feel that we have a very strong influence over our peers as well as other areas around us. Fulton County set up a Youth Commission like ours. We're [inaudible] everywhere and many people are learning about what we do for the community and their establishing Commissions just like ours in their area, and I think that peers —, we have more of an influence over our peers than anybody else and we're role models, we're the ones they look up, and if we show our interest in government I think we can really get to them and when they turn 18 they'll vote and when they turn of age they'll get more involved. So I think —, I agree with the idea about setting up our own budget. I think maybe at our next meeting we could do something like that, but we do need money, we do need funds. We're having —, for our Youth Rally we're having to go to different Savannah organizations and basically beg for money for supplies. So I think that it is important that we do get the funds, but it is definitely [inaudible].

Vice Chairman Thomas asked, where are we now? Do we have a motion? Commissioner Price said, we need to vote. Vice Chairman Thomas said, we need to vote on the motion. All in favor of the motion, please vote. Commissioner Jackel said, I'm not sure what the motion is. Commissioner Murray said, the motion is for staff to follow through. Commissioner Price said, use \$10,000 as a base line. Vice Chairman Thomas said, right. Commissioner Murray said, they'll work up a budget and come back to us and if they need more or less, then we will adjust that. Vice Chairman Thomas said, I hit the wrong thing. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, the motion is carried.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you so very much, Commissioners, and we will continue to make you be very proud of these young people. I'm very proud of them.

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

Commissioner Price moved that the County Manager Abolt be directed to set up a line item on the 2001 budget with a base line of \$10,000 to fund activities of the Youth Commissioners. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present..]

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#### **VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS**

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

None.

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

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

1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: A SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (1998-2003) BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE \$21,000 IN REVENUE, AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 FOR THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY-MULTI-USE TRAILS; A SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (1993-1998) BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE A \$425,000 FUTURE TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND M&O AND TO APPROPRIATE \$425,000 TO THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND WATER AND SEWER ISLAND WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION AND A SPLOST (1993-1998) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$166,500 TO THE TRADE CENTER FOR DESIGN/ENGINEERING; A SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (18-985-1993) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$5,000,000 TO TRUMAN PARKWAY PHASE III; A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$870 FOR THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND \$8,500 TO THE INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR A VEHICLE; A CONFISCATED FUNDS CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$8,580 FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT; A TRANSFER OF \$600 WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR TEMPORARY LABOR; AND TRANSFER OF \$1,310 FROM ACCOUNT 4220 TO 4010 WITHIN THE SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S BUDGET FOR A MODULAR ADVANCEMENT.**

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Commissioner Murray said, I've got a question. Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I didn't see where it said what the \$166,500 for the Trade Center design and engineering is going to be for. What is this doing? County Manager Abolt said, that I believe is the follow-up on the transfer you agreed to —, actually the change orders you agreed to at your last meeting. This is just putting the funds in place to make the expenditure. Commissioner Murray said, okay.

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

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

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the following: A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (1998-2003) budget amendment to recognize \$21,000 in revenue, and appropriate \$20,000 for the Coastal Georgia Greenway-Multi-Use Trails; a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (1993-1998) budget amendment to recognize a \$425,000 future transfer from General Fund M&O and to appropriate \$425,000 to the Hutchinson Island Water and Sewer Island Water and Sewer Extension and a SPLOST (1993-1998) contingency transfer of \$166,500 to the Trade Center for design/engineering; a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (18-985-1993) contingency transfer of \$5,000,000 to Truman Parkway Phase III; a Special Service District Fund contingency transfer of \$870 for the Council on Disability Issues and \$8,500 to the Inspections Department for a vehicle; a Confiscated Funds contingency transfer of \$8,580 for Police Department equipment; a transfer of \$600 within the Police Department budget for temporary labor; and transfer of \$1,310 from account 4220 to 4010 within the Superior Court Administrator's budget for a modular advancement. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF \$870 FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 TO COVER COST OF INTERPRETERS FOR THOSE WITH HEARING AND VISION DISABILITIES (NOTE: FUNDING APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER IN ITEM 1 ABOVE).**

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Hair said, we've already approved the funding transfer. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request for \$870 fee for FY2000 to cover cost of interpreters for those with hearing and vision disabilities. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT, AND TO ACCEPT A NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD REGARDING HOW THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED.**

Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes —.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, this is to have the public hearing. Remember, there's some hoops you have to jump through for federal funding. Obviously, the recommendation we feel is solid, but for perfecting the record for the Department of Justice you need to open the hearing for any comments and then close the hearing.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we'll now open the public hearing for the funds received by the Chatham County Police Department for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to anybody that wants to speak on the issue. If not —. Commissioner Rivers said, there's the Chief. Commissioner DeLoach said, the Chief. Chairman Hair said, well, if no one in the audience wants to speak on the issue, I'll declare the hearing —.

Commissioner Jackel asked, why don't we just, just for the record announce that this thing has been properly advertised on our agenda. Just for the record.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Hearing nothing from the audience, I'll declare the hearing closed. Now I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to accept a non-binding recommendation from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board regarding how funds received by the Chatham County Police Department from a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant should be used. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**4. UPDATE FOR BOARD REGARDING STATUS OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.**

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, yes. Dr. Hair, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, we'd like to bring you up to date based the direction you gave us several months ago. Mr. Drewry and Ms. Lamb are here. They're very excited about progress made to date. County Manager Abolt recognized Mr. Drewry.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, good morning. I don't know if y'all recall, back in November, the first meeting in November you asked us to present a plan to you for the best solid waste service that reaches the most maximum number of citizens in Chatham County. We presented a plan to you at that time. It had 12 key elements and on your staff report, and I think it's the third page, you have a flow chart that is the brainstorm of Virginia [Lamb] and I. It's a very complex issue as you can tell from the flow chart that probably only the creators can understand unfortunately, but I'm going to ask Virginia [Lamb], I'm battling a sore throat —. Beg pardon? Commissioner Thomas said, that hurt. Commissioner DeLoach said, that did hurt. Mr. Drewry said, I'm battling a sore throat and Virginia [Lamb] is the author of the program and she's much more eloquent and entertaining than I'll ever be, so I'll turn it over to Virginia [Lamb].

Ms. Virginia Lamb said, actually what he told me was that if you were going to fire any shots, he wanted me to be the one that got hit. You know how it goes with being downstream. That's where it all flows unfortunately. Just let me go briefly

over the 12 elements that we presented in November and give you an update of where we are with regard to each one and some of the answers that we've gotten along the way because of the fact that as we've explored various things, we have found answers to questions that have been lingering, and I want to say that we have been very happy with the support given to us by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Their staff has been very instrumental in helping look into the regional initiatives. As you know, Chairman Hair has been very explicit about his desire to see solid waste looked at on a regional issue —, as a regional issue rather than as a local issue, and we have proceeded along that way. We currently are working with the municipalities within Chatham County, which of course is a challenge unto itself, and also with four surrounding counties: Effingham, Bryan, Liberty Counties, and we're making progress in getting intergovernmental agreements signed, and that's one of the things that we'll talk about.

The first element was conducting a waste stream study, and the question always has arisen is why we had to have a waste stream study, why can't we just use the national numbers and tweak them for our seasonal differences or for our tourist industry and call it quits? The reason being we seem to find out from those that are in the economic development end of it is that if you're looking for end users, which is part of the economic development portion of this, if you're looking for people who might utilize part of the waste stream or might be able to exchange part of their waste for someone else who could use it in the manufacturing environment, the one thing that they always ask is how much do you have, and we quite frankly don't know. We don't know how much or what kinds of waste are in our waste stream. Both the City of Savannah and Chatham County have in their short term work plans that we submitted to DCA over a year ago a requirement to do a waste stream analysis. We are going after funding. We have asked for —, one of the things within the intergovernmental agreement is for all those entities involved that will sign off on the intergovernmental agreements, whether they are counties or whether they're municipalities within Chatham County, to agree to do a waste stream analysis. We need to quantify what materials are in our waste stream so that when we start to come to you with economic incentive programs that we can identify and quantify for end users or for people who want to manufacture how much waste and what kinds we have in our waste stream.

We are continuing, of course, one of our most successful programs which has been the yard waste collection program, the calling for the separation of the yard waste in order to make a chip mulch material. We have given away the material by the truckloads. There's a great deal of interest in the community and it's expanding. We have just recently had a request from Jenkins High School for some truckloads of the material to be delivered to the track and field area, the Coastal Farm and Bamboo Gardens has gotten some, Savannah Tech has gotten some for their horticulture program, Hospice is doing a garden area that will be part of a nationwide activity. They're going to highlight where the chip mulch material for their path has come from, and that it's being used internally as well as being given away. People come by the various drop-off points and pick up as much as they want, and it's disappearing as fast as we can grind it. And this was very successful. We had some concerns, but this has been one of the most successful programs that we have ever implemented in the Solid Waste Department and it has saved a tremendous amount of money from having to pay tipping fees to a private landfill.

What our next move will be and one that I'm sure Mr. DeLoach will be delighted with is that we want to move ahead and open up our grinding in order to generate some revenue for landscaping and land clearing companies. We think that it's a same this material's having to be buried because it can be ground and we can produce a good material, and there's no point of having these folks having to have to take it to a disposal facility when it can be reused. That's what we're going to be looking to do this year, to purchase another grinder, a different type of grinder that can handle the larger materials that we currently could not handle with the piece of equipment that we have. What we're doing now we can handle quite nicely with what we have, but if we want to expand we're going to have to have an additional piece of equipment.

Elements 5, 6 and 7 have to do with waste reduction activities and recycling centers and curbside recycling programs. Our goal this year is to institute curbside —, not curbside recycling, but drop-off center recycling. Our focus at the County level is moving away from collection with the purpose of disposal to collection with the purpose of diversion and recycling, which is a quantum leap as far as operations go. We're looking to divest ourselves of anything that has to be landfilled, thereby reducing the need to pay for disposal, and looking for only collecting those materials that we can divert and recycle back into some new product, and with that we have looked for opportunities in the community to be able to serve the entire community, and it appears as though the drop-off center is the best way of doing it. We are also exploring curbside areas for pilot programs, which we will probably look to you the early part of 2001.

We're —, for Items 8 and 9 we're looking at establishing a regional processing facility. One of the issues that we have come up with is that if you have to —, if you collect it, it has to be put in some format that can be easily handled and transported to an end user, and by handle I mean it has to be baled or it has to be separated, it has to be gotten to someone in some format that they can use. To that end we have been working with Hunter Army Airfield, with Fort Stewart, to see if there's any opportunities there to share a joint processing facility since they both have processing facilities, which is our first desire, but if not that, then to look for a location somewhere in this area where we can operate a processing facility and hopefully they will join us if the other cannot be worked out. We looking —, and we have met with the private haulers in the area that service the unincorporated area. All of the waste haulers have attended at least one of our two sessions. We're talking to them about changing the way that we charge for solid waste in Chatham County. For too long solid waste has been looked at as a service, which gives us all nice warm fuzzy feelings, but really doesn't do too much to address the issue that it is really a commodity that is consumed. We're consuming air space in a landfill. Much like you consume electricity or you consume water when you flush the toilets or turn on your air conditioners for electricity, you're

consuming air space when you take up and use waste in a landfill, and so we think that it ought to be put back on the generator in much the same way that we are charged for other utilities, and so we are working with the waste haulers to come up with some sort of a system to put it back to a unit based pricing so that everyone pays for what they generate. The opportunity that will be presented to the people along with this is the opportunity to recycle and reduce the amount of waste that they're having to pay to throw away, and we think that that is the way that recycling will be fundamentally successful. We all know what happens when we ask someone to do something and then ask them to do it and make it mandatory. The mandatory causes all kinds of rankling to go on, and so my desire is to allow people the choice: the economic choice of what they would want to do with their money and with their waste. If they wish to pay to continue to throw it away, that will be their business, but if they want an opportunity to reduce the amount of waste they're throwing away and the opportunity to save some dollars, that will also be their business, but it will be an individual decision for each and every consumer and I can't think of any fairer way of approaching it.

As far as Element 12 goes, developing economic incentives for economic development zones, to encourage other businesses and industries to locate in Chatham County or in the region that will use part of the waste stream. Again, this goes back to Element No. 1, where we are required —, really need to do a waste stream analysis. Without that key piece of information, and I have been contacted by a number of businesses who are interested in waste coming out of Chatham County, but they also need to know how much we have. That makes a big decision on whether they're willing to put a plant here or merely a transfer station. A plant generates a lot of jobs, a transfer station generates very few jobs because it's not always open and it's not always making something.

So from that point of view, those are the elements that we have presented to you before and an update on what has happened since the last time we were here in November. If you have any questions, we'll be glad to answer them.

Chairman Hair said, I'm going to recognize Commissioner Jackel, but before I do I would just like to personally say to you, Ms. Lamb, I think you've done an outstanding job on developing the solid waste plans and I think you do a terrific job and you've raised everyone's level of awareness, and I just wanted to commend you publicly for the job you do. Ms. Lamb said, thank you. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I want to echo what our Chairman has said. I mean, this just is fantastic and I wish we had been doing it years ago, but at least we're moving ahead now and we're moving ahead fast. My only question is, is you didn't speak about the City of Savannah and our other municipalities. Give us some information how we're —, how we're working with them or coordinating with them or —. Ms. Lamb said, certainly. We have had regional meetings where we have invited all municipalities as well as the other counties. Unfortunately, we have not had a great turnout. We understand that they have a lot of competing interests for their time, but we would like to see a better showing. I talked with the City of Savannah yesterday about the intergovernmental agreement that I had forwarded to them because they had missed the last meeting, and they had already budgeted in their budget for their solid waste to do a waste stream analysis. My suggestion was that because it is a regional issue and we need to know about this information regionally that they not include it, but join us through the intergovernmental agreement and pursue the grant money to do the entire region rather than looking at just the City of Savannah or just Chatham County or just Pooler, but to look at the entire region rather than just our little neck of the woods. Commissioner Jackel said, okay, what are they currently doing? Are they —, do they have a site where they're mulching the material and putting it out like we are? Ms. Lamb said, they are doing some grinding although it is not as extensive as our program. Commissioner Jackel said, I see. Mr. Chairman, would it be any way to you get in contact with your good friend, Mayor Adams, and see if we can't expedite this in some manner and get some better cooperation on this?

Chairman Hair said, I will be more than happy to contact the Mayor and see if we can't —. Is it all the cities that you're having participation problems across the board or is it —. Ms. Lamb said, yes sir. You know, we don't expect them all to attend all the meetings all the time, but we would like to see some of them at least some of the time. Chairman Hair said, maybe if I could expand on your idea, Commissioner Jackel, and maybe I'll contact all the mayors and not just Mayor Adams, but the other mayors as well.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, how are we tying the other communities in also?

Commissioner Jackel said, we have this municipal association that we attend. Can we get her on the agenda for one of those municipal association meetings where all the representatives are there? Chairman Hair said, I think that's a great idea. In fact, we have one next week. It's probably too late to get it on next week's, but next month's —, but we can —, I'll be —, you'll probably need some time to prepare too as well, but maybe if we could mention it next Wednesday and then try to get it on the next agenda, and I will contact the mayors personally and see if I can't help maybe get some participation there if that will help you, Ms. Lamb. Ms. Lamb said, yes sir, because the grant time is getting very short. The first grant that has to go in has to go in by the first part of April and we've had one county so far, Liberty County, that has already agreed to the intergovernmental agreement, but the rest of them are kind of lagging behind and so we need to apply some genuine encouragement to those activities.

Chairman Hair said, I'll do that today. Commissioner Murray and then Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Murray said, this pay as you throw program that you've implemented, that is just for the private hauls, is that correct? Not with the residents? Ms. Lamb said, that would be through the private hauls, yes sir, because that's how the unincorporated area wet garbage, your household trash is picked up. Commissioner Murray said, okay. My other question is, and this may not be the right time to do it, but I'm going to ask it anyway, on burning, yard burning, from time to time we get letters to the editor, we get phone calls those of us that represent a large portion of the unincorporated area because a lot of people do burn, and if I'm not mistaken we do have an ordinance that says that you aren't supposed to, but unless somebody calls and complains nothing is done. Is that correct? Ms. Lamb said, no sir. We've had an active educational campaign and, in fact, the Forestry Commission in the unincorporated area are the ones that issue the burn permits. In addition to that, once they get a burn permit we've ask them to either contact the Southside Fire Department and/or the Inspections Department to have an inspection done of the site that they're going to burn. On my way home last night I stopped and talked to a gentleman on my road. He was burning in the ditch and I wanted him to pull his material out of there because, as we all know, the ditch is not the best place to be burning because that causes flooding problems later on. There isn't a ban against burning in the unincorporated area. We have looked at that and because of the rural nature of the western part of the County particularly, we have let it go on. We are very good about forwarding on complaints about people who have burned or are burning too frequently, and we've asked the Forestry Commission to make a special effort to visit the site. We also through the University of Georgia Extension Service, when we get the list of burn permits that have been issued, send out to them information about our collection program in the unincorporated area and also tell them about mulching and suggest that might be a better way to handle the materials they are now currently burning. Commissioner Murray said, in other words, you say there's not an ordinance that says we cannot burn in the unincorporated area, but they're supposed to get a permit to burn yard trash —. Ms. Lamb said, they have to —. Commissioner Murray said, yard —. Ms. Lamb said, absolutely, absolutely. You must have a permit to burn. Commissioner Murray said, so in other words if somebody's burning and a neighbor doesn't like it, who do they call? Ms. Lamb said, they can call my office or they can call the Forestry Commission directly and they will send someone out and if they're —, if it's a nuisance burn, they will shut them down.

Chairman Hair asked, okay, any further questions? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers asked, Ms. Lamb, have you spoken with the RDC in regard to this or shared or tried to get their assistance? Ms. Lamb said, yes sir. We asked the RDC to be in attendance at our regional meeting and they declined. Commissioner Rivers asked, is there any way that we can get on —, we can get on their agenda? You have all of the Commissioners and all of —, every —, every municipality's mayor is always at the RDC meetings, so if there's a sharing of information there and trying to sell that program to them or trying to get joint agreements, especially across the county lines, then it may be a little more easier to have them all in one setting. Ms. Lamb said, we would appreciate any opportunity to talk with them. Commissioner Rivers said, myself or Frank [Murray] probably can give you some assistance in getting on that agenda. Ms. Lamb said, that will be appreciated.

Chairman Hair said, that's a good idea, Commissioner Rivers. Thank you. Thank you very much for that presentation. Ms. Lamb, I apologize.

Youth Commissioner Subramaniam said, I guess we understand what you're trying to do with the other counties, but what are you doing, are you mulching yard waste or —? Ms. Lamb said, right now that's the County's program, that's what we're doing. What we're hoping to do is to come up with a fully integrated program. We all kind of operate in the dark from one another and we all operate our solid waste kind of independently, and so there's been really no regional look at how can we best get the waste and what can we do with that waste once we have it, or does it all have to be burned or landfilled, what can we do to work together to perhaps divert and recycle some material. Youth Commissioner Subramaniam asked, just yard waste? Ms. Lamb said, no, it will be a full component of things, including business waste. Youth Commissioner Subramaniam said, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Thank you, Ms. Lamb.

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

Received as information.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE 90 DAY HIRING FREEZE AND AUTHORIZE HUMAN RESOURCES TO ADVERTISE POSITIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS MORE COST EFFICIENT TO FILL.**
  - **MOSQUITO CONTROL - AIRCRAFT MECHANIC TECHNICIAN/RECORDS CLERK (1 POSITION)**
  - **CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT - REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST (1 POSITION)**

Chairman Hair said, Dr. Lewandowski, could you come forward please and explain why that position needs to be filled.

Dr. Henry Lewandowski said, thank you, Dr. Hair, Dr. Thomas, Commissioners. We are asking to fill this position in order to make critical maintenance operations on our helicopter and also teach a new individual many, many things about working with and around aircraft. This includes working in landing zones and [inaudible] areas, [inaudible] applications, formulations, calibrations and equipment, field quality management, working with our GIS and GPS systems, and installing, repairing and calibrating our pesticide special equipment. Last year the helicopter worked flawlessly and we did not miss any critical mission, and this just takes some timing and planning particularly during the off season.

Chairman Hair said, I would like to strongly support this. I ride in that helicopter every once in a while and we want to make sure it's well maintained. This is a very critical position here.

Commissioner Murray said, I will certainly support it too since they spray all over the unincorporated area. Chairman Hair said, they fly over your house too.

Commissioner Odell said, I will make the motion. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to approve. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you. I'm sure Scott really appreciates that as well.

Chairman Hair said, okay, next item, Clerk of Superior Court, Real Estate Specialist, one position. Is there anyone from the Superior Court here? No one from the Superior Court is here.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to approve. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and a second. Any discussion. Commissioner Murray said, I'm just going to deny it since they aren't here to speak on it. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

1. Commissioner Odell moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following position: Mosquito Control - Aircraft Mechanic Technician/Records Clerk (one position). Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]
2. Commissioner Odell moved to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise the following position: Clerk of Superior Court - Real Estate Specialist (one position). Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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#### **X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to pull anything off the Action Calendar? Commissioner Jackel said, C and J. Chairman Hair said, C and J. Anything else? I'll entertain a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Price 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 Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner Price moved that the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9-U, be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9-A, 9-C and 9-J. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

**[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]**

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2000, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2000, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2000.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims against the County for the period February 3, 2000, through February 16, 2000, in the amount of \$7,388,024. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING BOND AND TO ACCEPT THE PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE FOR CROMWELL PARK, PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve the release of the remaining bond and to accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance for Cromwell Park Phase 2 subdivision. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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4. **REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR BEER AND WINE AND LIQUOR POURING FOR YEAR 2000.**

1. **PETITIONER: KATHRYN H. HIEBERT, D/B/A DEER CREEK CLUB, LOCATED AT #1 DEER CREEK ROAD, THE LANDINGS.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
2. **PETITIONER: KATHRYN H. HIEBERT, D/B/A MARSHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, LOCATED AT 11 WESTCROSS, THE LANDINGS.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
3. **PETITIONER: KATHRYN H. HIEBERT, D/B/A PLANTATION CLUB, LOCATED AT 1 COTTONWOOD DRIVE.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
4. **PETITIONER: JOHN ROBERT TURNER D/B/A ISLAND OYSTER BAR, LOCATED AT 444 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
5. **PETITIONER: JOHN R. TURNER, D/B/A PEARL'S ELEGANT PELICAN, LOCATED AT 7000 LAROCHE AVENUE.  
[DISTRICT 3.]**
6. **PETITIONER: DONNA M. LOVE, D/B/A LOVE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 6817 BASIN ROAD.  
[DISTRICT 6.]**
7. **PETITIONER: TED P. SHAW, D/B/A SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB, INC., LOCATED AT ROUTE 6 BOX 271 ON BRADLEY POINT ROAD.**

**[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved that the foregoing requests for renewal of Sunday sales license for beer and wine and liquor pouring for Year 2000 be approved. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**5. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2000.**

- 1. PETITIONER: SURENDRA PATEL, D/B/A DENNY'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT ONE GATEWAY BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**
- 2. PETITIONER: MAEYU C. WU, D/B/A HUNAN'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 318 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
- 3. PETITIONER: ANTHONY WAYNE CLARK, D/B/A THE UPPER CRUST RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 140 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**
- 4. PETITIONER: LISA MEADOR, D/B/A THE UPPER CRUST, LOCATED AT 3-A SKIDAWAY VILLAGE WALK.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to that the foregoing requests for renewal of Sunday sales license for beer and wine pouring for Year 2000 be approved. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**6. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF BEER AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR YEAR 2000. PETITIONER: WILMA LEA WEAVER, D/B/A CHEER'S TO YOU RESTAURANT/LOUNGE, LOCATED AT 135-B JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved that the request of Petitioner Wilma Lea Weaver, d/b/a Cheer's to You Restaurant/Lounge, located at 1335-B Johnny Mercer Boulevard, for renewal of beer and wine pouring license for Year 2000 be renewed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**7. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR BEER POURING FOR YEAR 2000. PETITIONER: RUSSELL C. DAWES, JR., D/B/A SANTINO'S, INC. LOCATED AT 5548 OGEECHEE ROAD.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to that the request of Petitioner Russell C. Dawes, Jr., d/b/a Santino's, Inc., located at 5548 Ogeechee Road, for renewal of Sunday sales license for beer pouring for Year 2000 be approved. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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8. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FUTURE UNFUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO INCLUDE AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,450 FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LAMARVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Price moved to amend the future unfunded capital improvement budget to include an allocation of funds in the amount of \$17,450 for renovations and improvements at the Lamarville Neighborhood Park. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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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. Annual contract for probation services.	Recorder's Court	Professional Corrections Services, Inc.	N/A	N/A
B. Renew annual contract to provide "as requested" psychological services to inmates at the Detention	Detention Center	Dr. Nic D'Alesandro	\$37 per hour	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
C. Final renewal to the annual contract to provide food services for the inmates at the Detention Center	Detention Center	ABL Management, Inc.	\$1,211,508	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
D. Contract to furnish and install non-porous panels in the kitchen of the Trade Center	SPLOST	Collins Construction Services, Inc.	\$27,142	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center (FF&E budget)
E. One year lease renewal for office space for County Police Internal Affairs Division	Police	Mahia K. Wilson	\$12,600	SSD-Police
F. Emergency purchase of a replacement card reader security system	Detention Center	Quanta Secure Systems	\$11,435	CIP - Y2K Remediation
G. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the repair of a bulkhead on Cherokee Avenue for one additional piling and increase of the piling length due to the height of the bulkhead	SPLOST	Monty Walker Dock Building Co.	\$1,520	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Paving Central, Cherokee, Saussy Avenues and Smith Drive
H. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for paving Dolan Drive for additional work to the Placentia Canal	Engineering	Triangle Construction Company	\$2,900	2000 Drainage CIP, Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements
I. Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the construction of East Broad Park (Mother Matilda Beasley) for tap-in fees paid by the contractor	SPLOST	ARCO, Inc.	\$3,500	SPLOST (1993-1998) - East Broad Street Park, Phase I

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
J. Contract for the relocation of that part of the Bacon Park Landfill Relocation required for Truman Parkway, Phase III right-of-way	SPLOST	Handex, Inc.	\$4,889,447.63	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway Phase III (pending Board approval of Contingency transfer)
K. Change Order No. 2 to the contract for engineering and design of the Judicial Courthouse HVAC replacement for additional "out of scope" engineering and design work	Bond Proceeds Project	Rosser International	\$2,100	Bond Proceeds - Judicial Courthouse HVAC Replacement
L. Change Order No. 6 to the contract for water and sewer improvements in the Isle of Hope area for the replacement of an additional section of water line on Central Avenue and provide additional connections to the existing water system	Water and Sewer	Thomas Griffin Construction	\$8,681	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
M. 90 day extension to the contract to provide various high volume paper and chemical supplies	*Detention Center *Southside Warehouse Store	*Coastal Paper Sail *Paper Chemical *Don Swann Distributors *Unisource, Inc. *Doyle Chemical *Heritage Paper Company *Georgia Correctional Industries	Varies by item	*General Fund/M&O - Various *SSD - Various
N. Terminate contract and award to next low bidder for attendant services at the Chevis Road Recycle Drop Off Center	Solid Waste	*Award to: Mr. Jack Douglas  *Terminate: Mr. Leon Gardner	\$14,400	Solid Waste Management
O. First renewal option to the annual contract to provide attendant services at Sharon Park Recycle Drop Off Center	Solid Waste	Mrs. Retha Scruggs (FBE)	\$18,000	Solid Waste Management
P. Contract for the construction of two (2) outdoor basketball courts at Georgetown Elementary School	Parks and Recreation	Crawford Asphalt and Paving (MBE)	\$25,500	CIP - Recreation
Q. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract for lawn care service to include additional services of the parking lot and adjacent areas at the Tag Office on Hodgson Memorial Drive	Building Maintenance and Operations	Complete Lawn Care	\$1,200	General Fund/M&O - Building Maintenance and Operations
R. Change Order No. 1 to the design contract of the new Tag Office Project for additional design work.	SPLOST	L. Scott Barnard and Associates	\$3,275.54	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex/Police Headquarters
S. Mixing equipment/-services needed for the new Mosquito Control facility	Mosquito Control	Mixer Systems, Inc.	\$82,695	Payment provided by Savannah Airport Commission as funding agent for Chatham County

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
T. Confirmation of additional vehicles and equipment disposed of at auction	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	Revenue Producing
U. Seven (7) microfilm reader/printers and one (1) document scanner with annual service agreement	Library	FMS/Milner, Inc.	\$87,520	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease

**As to Item 9-A:**

Judge Lawrence Dillon said, I'd ask you to approve the contract as presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Odell asked, can we identify the gentleman speaking? Judge Dillon said, this is Judge Dillon. Commissioner Odell asked, is that you, Judge? Chairman Hair said, Judge, you're probably going to have the same opportunity to ask who he is when he appears before you. Judge Dillon said, what I want him to bring his license to practice law with him, that's what I want. Commissioner Odell asked, again? Judge Dillon said, again.

Judge Dillon said, we would appreciate the contract that has been submitted to the County Attorney unless you see fault in it, we'd appreciate you doing that.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'd like to move that we approve that. Commissioner Odell said, and I'll second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you, Judge. Judge Dillon said, and I appreciate it. Thank you very much. Commissioner Jackel said, thank you.

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**As to Items 9-B through 9-U, except 9-C and 9-J:**

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 9-B through 9-U except Items 9-C and 9-J. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**As to Item 9-C:**

FINAL RENEWAL TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICES FOR THE INMATES AT THE DETENTION CENTER; DEPARTMENT: DETENTION CENTER; SOURCE: ABL MANAGEMENT, INC.; AMOUNT: \$1,211,508; FUNDING: GENERAL FUND/M&O - DETENTION CENTER.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just wanted to pat General Lynch and Al St. Lawrence and other Sheriff's —. Chairman Hair said, Major Holmes. Commissioner Jackel said, Major Holmes. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I just walked in. I don't know what's going on. Commissioner Jackel said, we're talking about your food service —. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, yes sir. Commissioner Jackel said, thing on there. I just wanted to pat y'all on the back. I think it's incredible that you're able to feed people at 92¢ per meal. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, that's gone up, that's kind of high, but hopefully we'll keep it down. Commissioner Jackel said, I just think that's incredible. Y'all are doing a great job there. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you. They do a good job for us.

Chairman Hair asked, do I have a motion to approve. Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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**As to Item 9-J:**

CONTRACT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THAT PART OF THE BACON PARK LANDFILL RELOCATION REQUIRED FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE III, RIGHT-OF-WAY; DEPARTMENT: SPLOST; SOURCE: HANDEX, INC.; AMOUNT: \$4,889,447.63; FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993) - TRUMAN PARKWAY PHASE III (PENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTINGENCY TRANSFER).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I have received information from two bidders on this and just wanted to bring it out so if anybody wanted to speak or make any comments, they would have the opportunity to.

Chairman Hair asked, does anyone want to speak on the issue? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price said second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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Commissioner Price said, Mr. Chairman, there was one item that we approved that I would like to ask the Board to allow Montine [Earls] to —, she wanted to speak to that item and I think more out of gratitude than anything else. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner Price said, that was for the approval of the basketball courts out at Georgetown [Item 9-P].

Chairman Hair recognized Mrs. Earls.

Mrs. Montine Earls said, Montine Earls from Georgetown. I want to thank all of you also with the School Board for allowing the basketball courts to be put in. You have made a lot of children happy. You have made a lot of parents happy. And so now I want to put in that we need a baseball diamond.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Commissioner Thomas said, that's the way to do it.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 9-B through 9-U, except Items 9-C and 9-J. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]
2. Commissioner Jackel moved to approve Item 9-A. Commissioners Price and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]
3. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 9-C. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]
4. Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 9-J. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Saussy and Odell were not present.]

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

- 1. **PETITIONER: EDWARD H. LEE, AGENT FOR GLADYS WISE, OWNER, IS REQUESTING THAT A 2.9 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 51 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, ALSO KNOWN AS PIN 1-0139-01-002, BE REZONED FROM THE EXISTING P-L-A (PLANNED RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO A PUD-IS-B (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-INSTITUTIONAL) CLASSIFICATION TO ALLOW AN OFFICE DEVELOPMENT. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.  
MPC FILE NO. 98-12305-C  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Chairman Hair read into the record as first reading.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

None.

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**XIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Report received as information.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Report received as information.

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- 3. **WRITTEN ROAD REPORT.**

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, there is one item on information, it's your monthly written road report. There is a late-breaking bit of information involving the Diamond Causeway Project. I would like to ask permission for Mr. Bungard to give you a brief update on that one project.

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Bungard, a brief update. Commissioner DeLoach said, we love brief.

County Engineer Al Bungard said, we had just about finished the environmental assessments. In fact, both had submitted for Whitfield Avenue and Diamond Causeway to the Georgia Department of Transportation. As a result of the reviews by the State Historic Preservation, the Wormsloe Foundation, through the Commissioner Lonice Barrett of the DNR, who's raised some issues, and they hosted a meeting out there a couple of days ago. The issues go back to a 1965 agreement when the road was put in, actually a '67 agreement, concerning the alignment of the road. I believe y'all saw copies of a memo put out a while ago concerning Skidaway Island specifically and the Confederate Works at Wormsloe. We thought those were both resolved, but now in this agreement they're saying the original alignment is not correct, they want some additional disposal work done, a canal opened up and some other items addressed. I just wanted to make you aware of that. The County Attorney and I have talked and will follow up, but this definitely puts another wrinkle into the Diamond Causeway environmental assessment.

Chairman Hair said, I thought you said there was some good news, Mr. Abolt. County Manager Abolt said, no, it's late-breaking, and late-breaking is never good. County Engineer Bungard said, late-breaking, but not good. County Manager Abolt said, we may need the help of the Board on this. We feel that some of the requests though must be heard are not necessarily the most important to the overall community. I'm being tactful.

County Engineer Bungard said, they want us to consider why we weren't putting the road to the other alignment. GDOT acquired the right-of-way to go along the one side many, many —, well, many years ago. To go to the other side involved more right-of-way, more wetlands impact and some other issues. So we're working the issue and we wanted you to be aware of it.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Bungard.

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

Report received as information.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Thomas to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Rivers and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:45 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 DeLoach moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ELLEN MARIE ALLBRITTON V. CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, CIVIL ACTION NO. 199-2930-F.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve final settlement of Ellen Marie Allbritton v. Chatham County, Georgia, Civil Action No. I-99-2930-F. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF WORKER’S COMPENSATION CLAIM OF MARTHA SMITH.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the settlement of the Worker’s Compensation claim of Martha Smith in the amount of \$45,000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PORT AUTHORITY SHAREHOLDERS EVALUATION GROUP.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Murray moved to appoint Col. Pat Locklear, U. S. Army Retired, of Tybee Island, to serve as the CUTS representative on the Port Authority Shareholders Evaluation Group. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Saussy was not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2000

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

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SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK

