

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 14, 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

Chairman Billy Hair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 14, 2000.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The colors were presented by the Parris Island Marine Corps Color Guard. Everyone in attendance 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 Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four David L. Saussy, District One Joe Murray Rivers, District Two Martin S. Jackel, District Three Harris Odell, Jr., District Five Ben Price, District Six Eddie W. DeLoach, District Seven
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ABSENT:	Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
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IN ATTENDANCE:	R. E. Abolt, County Manager Emily E. Garrard, Assistant County Attorney Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk
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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MILLENNIUM REUNION OF KILO BATTERY, 4TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES, PRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN HAIR TO MR. HAL SULLIVAN, A GRADUATE OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY AND BATTERY COMMANDER IN 1967-68.**

Chairman Hair read the following proclamation into the record, recognizing the Millennium reunion of Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, being held in Savannah, Chatham County, during the weekend of July 14-16, 2000:

WHEREAS, Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, fought during the bloodiest time of the Vietnam War, receiving the Presidential and Navy Meritorious Unit Citations and more than a fair share of Purple Hearts upholding the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, though thirty plus years have passed, the surviving Marines and their families have not lost their *esprit de corps* and abiding love of country; and

WHEREAS, their Millennium Reunion is being held in Chatham County, Georgia, a place where citizens and elected leaders continue to cherish and recognize patriotism, the sacrifice of our military and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the weekend of the 14th through the 16th of July be designated in honor of

KILO BATTERY, 4TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

and that a special liberty call be sounded for those assembled to enjoy their stay and know that their service to country will not be forgotten.

This, the 14th day of July, 2000.

/s/ Dr. Billy B. Hair
Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman

/s/ David L. Saussy
Commissioner David L. Saussy, District 1

/s/ Harris Odell, Jr.
Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr., District 5

/s/ Joe Murray Rivers
Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers, District 2

/s/ Ben Price
Commissioner Ben Price, District 6

/s/ Martin S. Jackel
Commissioner Martin S. Jackel, District 3

/s/ Eddie W. DeLoach
Commissioner Eddie W. DeLoach, District 7

/s/ Frank G. Murray
Commissioner Frank G. Murray, District 4

/s/ Priscilla D. Thomas
Commissioner Priscilla D. Thomas, District 8

1967-1968 Battery Commander Hal Sullivan said, it is a great honor to receive this proclamation and on behalf of all the members of Kilo Battery and their families, I appreciate the invitation we got to have our millennium reunion here in Savannah and the County of Chatham. Thank you very much.

General Oglethorpe said, as the founder of the colony, I just want to once again welcome Kilo Battery and give a little history of our military in the early days. There was no Kilo Battery and so, as General Oglethorpe, I got a group of Scottish Highlanders to come over and defend the colony from the Spanish in Florida, and in fact in 1742 fought with this group of Highland soldiers, and so we did the same things to defend our colony from the oppressor, and so I think all the people who have done that, defended their country, deserve to be recognized and appreciated. So it's with great pleasure that as General Oglethorpe I welcome you to our colony. I hope you have a wonderful time and I'd like to say we thank you very much for training our County Manager to come back here and do such a fine job.

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2. RECOGNITION OF TERRY KADER, CAT'S DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED THE 1999 DELCO-REMY/ASE MEDIUM/HEAVY TRUCK ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR HAVING RECEIVED THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE NATION.

Chairman Hair said, I'd like to officially recognize Dr. Lester Jackson, one of our State Representatives, who does a fine job for Savannah. This is actually —, do you want to read it, Dr. Jackson?

Dr. Lester Jackson said, yes, thank you. Every now and then, you know, along with balancing our State budget and presenting these good laws and bringing much needed dollars back to Chatham County, our State recognizes outstanding community citizens, and also we recognize outstanding Georgians, and at this time we'd like to recognize an outstanding

individual right here from Chatham County, a CAT employee, while standing service not only to this community but for the whole entire State, a valuable employee to CAT and a valuable employee to the County. So on behalf of our great State, on behalf of the Governor, Roy Barnes, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to read this proclamation to Mr. Terry Kader. Dr. Jackson read the following resolution into the record:

H.R. No. 1443

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148th, Pelote of the 149th, Mueller of the 152nd, Day of the 153rd and Stephens of the 150th.

A RESOLUTION

Commending Terry Kader; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Terry Kader is the very dedicated Director of Maintenance for the Chatham Area Transit Authority where he has provided excellent management for the past three years in his 13 year career with the system; and

WHEREAS, he was honored recently by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence and received the Technician of the Year Award for 1999 from Delco-Remy/ASE Medium/Heavy Truck Electrical Systems, based on his attaining the highest score in the nation on the certification exam; and

WHEREAS, he is responsible for a fleet of 61 buses, seven support vehicles, and 35 maintenance employees, and his knowledge, diligence, and commitment have been a model for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his excellent public service, he is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Kim, and they are the proud parents of five fine sons: Peter, Kip, Chad, Ian, and Derek; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding performance as the Director of Maintenance for the Chatham Area Transit Authority deserves proper recognition and praise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body commend Terry Kader on his professional performance and recent national award for excellence and convey to him their appreciation of his superb public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Terry Kader.

IN HOUSE
Read and Adopted
March 22, 2000

/s/ Robert E. Rivers, Jr.
Robert E. Rivers, Jr.
Clerk

Mr. Scott Lansing said, it's certainly a pleasure to have somebody like Terry in our midst, and Terry is one of many fine employees that we have, but this honor to come in first place in a national competition, not just statewide, not just regional, this is national that Terry placed in this competition. I think it's a reflection on CAT and a reflection on the quality of employees at CAT, and we're very, very proud and very, very happy for Terry on this special day. Thank you, Terry. Mr. Kader said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. GULFSTREAM ROAD WIDENING.

Chairman Hair said, there are two items under my section this morning. The first is the Gulfstream Road widening project. Approximately four weeks ago I met with Chairman Triplett and General Oldfield of the National Guard as well as the Gulfstream representative, and it concerned the widening of both the Robert Miller Road and Gulfstream Road. I'm sure Commissioner DeLoach understands out there's some serious traffic problems out there as that area continues to grow, and the purpose of this meeting was to identify some potential solutions, and I think we've done that in cooperation with our own engineering staff and also with the help of the Georgia DOT. Chairman Tom Triplett is willing to work with us in terms of providing some very substantial funding for these two projects. It will require and the reason it's on the agenda

this morning is it will require —, you have a memo in your folder, some internal shifting of funds to, of course, to allow this to take place and I think it would be well worthwhile because it would also generate some additional State dollars for these projects. So if anybody has any questions, I'll try to answer them, but basically I just wanted to make you aware of it, and if there are no objections we will proceed as outlined in your staff report. Is there any questions about the project? Okay, hearing none we will proceed as the staff has recommended.

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2. GEORGIA'S CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS, INC.

Chairman Hair said, the next item is the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails. There's a large effort underway to identify the entire Civil War Heritage Trail from North Georgia —, actually from all the nation, but from our standpoint from North Georgia all the way to Savannah, and what they're doing is they're taking each individual county, each individual city, and they're identifying sort of trails that —, and certain landmarks here, and before I give you the presentation, I will sort of tell you this is a joint project between the Mayor of Savannah and Chatham County, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, and it's a very small amount of money. I'll get into that in a moment after the presentation, but I think it's something well worthwhile, so I'll —, now give a brief presentation.

Commissioner DeLoach said, that is the Chamber of Commerce from Pooler that —.

Ms. Susan Steinhauser said, that is right. Well, it's also the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce as well. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes, several of them. Ms. Steinhauser said, uh huh, and the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce and the Pooler Chamber of Commerce, and Port Wentworth is represented here today, and we just wanted to come by and tell you more about the trail and introduce Steven Longcrier, who is with the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails. The trail is going to do phenomenal things for the City of Pooler. It brings another attraction to our area, with our growth that we're experiencing now, the new hotels, restaurants. We're going to need additional tourists visiting our area, and we feel that the trail is a worthwhile venture and we support it one hundred percent, and I would like at this time to introduce Steve Longcrier of the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails, Inc., who will give you more background about where the trail will begin and what cities have already pledged. So at this time, Steve Longcrier.

Mr. Steve Longcrier said, thank you, Susan [Steinhauser]. Good morning, Chairman Hair, members of the Commission. My name is Steve Longcrier and like hundreds of other citizens of this State, I'm a volunteer in this organization. I'm from Augusta. There are hundreds of volunteers throughout this State that are working on this program and, if I might, put together this well traveled maps here in front of the podium. These maps indicate the regions of the State in which have been divided in six different regions of the State, been divided into the various events related to the Civil War era, and then the map on the right talks about the first two trails that we plan to create by the use of a TEA-21 Grant working with the State Department of Transportation. This is a program that is not new. It is new to Georgia, but it is not new to other states, most notably Virginia. The State of Virginia began a program they call Virginia Civil War Trails. It is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization, all volunteer, that about five years ago opened their first trail with a series of interpretative historic markers that not only have historical text about the war and the war period, but also maps, photographs, drawings that help the visitor really acclimate themselves to where they are. And this is not just talking about the battles. We're not just talking about battlefields and military sites and things like that. We're talking about the cultural history of that period. We're talking about the social history of that period. We're talking about the fact that there were 11,000 men in this State that were killed during that war, but there were also 461,000 citizens of this State that were —, that really were emancipated. They became citizens, they were emancipated as a result of the end of that conflict. Lee's Retreat opened five years ago in Virginia from Petersburg, a city a little bit smaller than Savannah, out to Appomattox, where Lee and Grant met to end the war in Virginia, and within six months the State park that's halfway in between those two points noticed their visitation rate was up 150% and their sales and everything corresponded up about 150%. Well, to make a long story short, they now have five trails, historic driving trails —. If someone will be so kind as to pass these —. The photographs there are examples of the historic interpretative markers in Virginia and also some of the directional signs they have both in Virginia and with a very similar program that I've worked with for the last couple of years called the National Heritage Corridor in South Carolina. You may be familiar with it because it's not far from here, the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, which is not an exclusively Civil War period, but it is talking about history of the State and of the times gone past. But there are five Civil War trails in Virginia now, and their State Department of Tourism has —, in their own marketing studies has verified that they're making \$500,000,000 in new tourism every single year because of these five trails —, \$500,000,000. They're now the number four ranked tourist attraction in the State for historic tourism after Williamsburg, Monticello and Mount Vernon, and then comes Virginia Civil War Trails. This is an absolute success. We are proposing to do the same thing here because we are firmly convinced that thanks to a guy named William Tecumseh Sherman, if you want us to call it thanks, that Georgia has equal stories to tell not only about the March to the Sea and the Atlanta Campaign, but about all the different events and aspects of that important period in our State's history. Our first proposal, our first grant proposal application will be turned in soon and it is for us to do two trails, the Atlanta Campaign and, more importantly, as far as Savannah and Chatham County are concerned, the March to the Sea. Obviously, that trail would end right here, and all those visitors, both school children, tour buses, people in their Winnebagos or in their minivans, would be coming straight to Savannah down that trail. We estimate, using figures that Virginia has supplied us and comparing them to Georgia industry trade and tourism figures currently, that Chatham County can see easily a \$25,000,000 annual windfall from this

program, and what we ask for in the way of investment, local people here in Chatham County, people like the Superintendent of Fort Pulaski, John Breen, head of the Coastal Heritage Society, Scott Smith, Susan Steinhauser, a number of others, who have put together a list of seven local sites that either have no interpretation or inadequate interpretation or perceived to be inadequate interpretation that we can put one of these very good historical markers at that would tell the story of these sites and would certainly —, would be included in our brochure materials along with all the existing sites, you know, the Fort Pulaski's, the Fort Jackson's, the Civil Rights Museum here, because certainly we're talking about the civil rights of the 1960's and we're also talking about in this program the civil rights of the 1860's. So they do relate to each other very well, and so the existing sites along with the seven sites that have been proposed in our TEA-21 Grant application, it would require a 20% local match. Each site would require \$2,500. Seven sites together would be a total of \$17,500. I know Susan [Steinhauser] is prepared to talk a little bit about what Pooler and Port Wentworth are prepared to do, and I understand she's also talked with the City of Savannah about their possible participation. I'll be glad to answer any questions. I've tried to cover a whole lot in a very short amount of time.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Steve [Longcrier]. Susan [Steinhauser], do you want to talk a little bit about participation? I did talk with the Mayor's office this morning. They are on board, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Steinhauser said, well, the Chamber of Commerce of Pooler and the Chamber of Commerce of Port Wentworth, the Chamber of Commerce of Pooler is pledging \$1,000 and the Chamber of Commerce of Port Wentworth is \$500. Now the Chamber of Commerce of Savannah is pledging a letter of support, and that's the pledges that we've received so far.

Commissioner Price asked, any money come with that letter of support? Ms. Steinhauser asked, I beg your pardon? Commissioner Price asked, does any money come with that letter of support from the Savannah Chamber? Ms. Steinhauser said, from the Savannah —, no, just a letter of support.

Chairman Hair said, I had talked with [inaudible] about that, and he will be forthcoming, and I think this is another example of cooperation where you have Port Wentworth, you have Pooler, you have the City of Savannah, you have Chatham County, you have the Chamber of Commerce in some of those areas working together. I think it's a very small investment for the potential —, with all that Steve [Longcrier] said of tremendous new dollars from tourism. That's one of our biggest industries here, and I would like to ask this Commission this morning to support this to the tune of \$17,500 that we would put up \$5,000 and we would get the remaining money from the Chambers and the City of Savannah, and —, and I did talk with the Mayor's office this morning and they are committed to the project as well.

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, is there a second? Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? Commissioner Saussy and then Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Saussy asked, have y'all talked to the Small Business Chamber here? Ms. Steinhauser said, no, we have not. Commissioner Saussy said, you might talk with them.

Commissioner Murray said, my only question is what line item are we going to take this out of? Do you know? County Manager Abolt said, well, at this time, of course, you're operating on a continuing resolution. I'll come back with a proposal in the next couple of weeks to find the money.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you, Susan [Steinhauser], I know you've worked very hard and, Steve [Longcrier], you have too. As you said, you're a volunteer and you drove all the way from Augusta to do this today, as you did with [inaudible] a few weeks ago, and I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved that Chatham County support the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails in the total amount of \$17,500 with Chatham County pledging \$5,000 and the balance of the monies to come from the local area chambers of commerce and the City of Savannah. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. JUDGE BEAM REGARDING REQUEST FOR HIRING FREEZE WAIVER (COMMISSIONER ODELL).

Chairman Hair said, the next item is Commissioner Odell with Judge Beam regarding a request for hiring freeze —. We got a letter from him saying he would not be here until ten o'clock. If we want to delay that, I don't think Judge Beam is here yet. He had a court proceeding and said he would not be here until ten, so we'll delay that if it's okay with the Commission until Judge Beam arrives.

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Judge John Beam said, actually I appreciate the opportunity to come and share with you about a need that we have. We unfortunately had three intake officers to resign one after the other for better paying jobs and for better conditions and I'm glad for them, happy for them, but these were top-notch people who pulled a lot of weight, and we need to replace them. And we also have a fourth position which is funded by a grant from the Children and Youth Coordinating Council, which will place a probation officer in two schools starting as soon as we can get the okay from the Commission. That's funded, as I said, by a grant. It does not involve much money from the County. It involves a little bit of money for some peripherals, but most of it's paid for by the grant from the Children and Youth Coordinating Council. The three intake officer positions are the ones that meet the public, they take the charges from the police, they make decisions about detention, they put the case together, they file the petitions, they prepare the petitions, they schedule the hearings. They're the people where the rubber meets the road, so to speak. These are extremely, extremely important positions in the organization of Juvenile Court, and without them we'll be pulling our hair out. So for the first time in 20 I am coming to you asking you would you please waive the requirement that we not hire people for some length of time.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Judge, the grant position would be as —, rotate from school to school, how would that happen? Judge Beam said, we've got a —, we're looking at two, one middle school and one high school, and this person would supervise everybody who is on probation in those two schools. They're close to each other. I'd rather not say which ones they are. I'd be glad to tell you privately, but we're still thinking about these schools and we want to get the okay from the Board of Ed. and we're in discussions with them about that now, and they would stay —, they would be actually housed in the schools, they'd be dealing with the kids, they're making sure they're there, making sure they're going to school and abiding by all the rules of probation. Commissioner Odell said, I think that's good and it would not cost us any money. Judge Beam said, it'll cost a little money. I think the grant pays for the salary, but I'm not sure that it pays for everything associated with that particular individual, and I don't see Lee [Moore] in here, he could tell me exactly how much extra the County pays. I think maybe the retirement benefits, that may be part of that that the County would pay. Commissioner Odell asked, would we earmark that position, Russ [Abolt], as a permanent position? We originally put the position on grant funded, and the grant's for a year, however long a period it is. When the grant expires —. Judge Beam said, now we understand this grant is going to last longer than a year. It is an annual basis, but we are led to believe that it will be ongoing for at least three years, and then we'll decide whether or not it's worth it, and we're not asking you to fund this permanently and I understand that. Commissioner Odell said, yes, I think the position is absolutely necessary and teenage incidents of crime, as the Chief told us two years ago, is on the rise. We will see that continue to rise. If they're not incarcerated or not in detention and they are in school, but they have obligations to keep for the deeds that they've done, this person would supervise to ensure that they are following up and following through. Judge Beam said, yes sir.

Commissioner Odell said, I would move that this grant position —, I'd like to divide them —, be approved. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion to approve the grant position. Commissioner Jackel said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. Any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers, Murray and Thomas were not present.]

Chairman Hair said, I'll now entertain a motion on the waiver.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'd like to just ask if you started now, how long is it going to take you to fill those positions, do you think? Judge Beam said, probably till —, one of them pretty quickly, very quickly, and two of them we would probably wait two months before we filled them. Commissioner Jackel said, so it would 60 days. Judge Beam said, 60 days before they would all be filled. Commissioner Jackel said, okay. Judge Beam said, one of them pretty quickly though. I need one of them pretty quickly. Commissioner Jackel said, I understand that. We understand the importance of the work you do out there.

Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion. Do I have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers, Murray and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you, Judge. Judge Beam said, thank you so much. Chairman Hair said, we appreciate you being here.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Odell moved to approve the grant position for Juvenile Court through the Children and Youth Coordinating Council. Commissioner Jackel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers, Murray and Thomas were not present.]
2. Commissioner DeLoach moved that the hiring freeze be waived for the three intake officers for the Juvenile Court. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers, Murray and Thomas were not present.]

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2. MR. GORDON PERRY REGARDING PLACENTIA CANAL (COMMISSIONER JACKEL).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel asked, is Mr. Perry present? The County is moving along with the Placentia Canal. It is a much needed project in the County to help with flooding problems that we're having in the Thunderbolt area, and in order to make the improvements that are necessary we've had to acquire additional right-of-way. Now I have gotten calls from several of my constituents in the Thunderbolt area about problems out there. We had several meetings with them. They came before the Commission and we made whatever accommodation that was possible. There was no way that we could make enough accommodations to please everybody and still get the job done, but we did make significant changes. After we made those changes I heard from Mr. Perry, and he has some problems with what we're doing with the canal, and I talked with the County Manager who in turn talked with the County Engineer and we tried to do some things to help Mr. Perry. At one point we felt we had an agreement, but then it turned out Mr. Perry wasn't sure that it was going to work for him, so at that time, you know, I felt I could do what I —, I had done what I could do, and so I then invited Mr. Perry up here to express his concerns to the Commission to see as a group whether you would be able to do anything about his concerns at present. So I hope I've covered everything and hope I've covered it fairly, Mr. Perry.

Mr. Gordon Perry said, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak to the Commission. First off, the main reason that I'm here is Robert Buttimer, who is with Moreland and Associates [sic], who is the agent that I spoke with, Robert Buttimer and I, like you said, thought we had an agreement about the project. The issue that we disagreed on had to do —.

Commissioner Jackel said, excuse me for interrupting. Can you turn that up just a little bit please. Commissioner Price said, maybe if you speak closer —, yes. Chairman Hair said, speak closer to the mike.

Mr. Perry said, the issue that we disagreed upon had to do with gating the residents' bank and —. Commissioner Jackel said, I think you need to explain that to the rest of the Commissioners. Mr. Perry said, okay. Commissioner Jackel said, I understand it. Mr. Perry said, this project is in close proximity to Victory Drive. When they're finished, it's my understanding that there is going to be probably a seven-foot swath of bare land on the residents' side even though they're not going to actually do any widening from that side, but they're going to need that for a right-of-way for an easement for maintenance. If you're —, it's my understanding that if you drive down Victory Drive when this project's completed, you will probably be able to see all the way down that bank, and there's a good chance that any intrusion from any person that wanted to get back there would not be resisted, and I believe that a gate on either end, one at Bonaventure —. Now there are already gates on the west side, and what I'm asking for is the same gate on the east side. The people that are coming by that see these gates they're going to know that they can't get back there with three-wheelers, on foot, they're going to know it's off limits not to go back there.

Commissioner Jackel asked, what else was it you wanted, sir?

Mr. Perry said, well, the main reason that I'm here is you're —, Robert Buttimer informed me that he was told by the Commission that —, the last time that we spoke, that if I didn't come to his office by five o'clock and sign an agreement, that condemnation procedures would begin the following morning, and I've been a party to several land closings in my life and I don't recall ever being a party to a closing and not receiving 30 days from the date of an agreement for the closing. I spoke with this man from my cell phone and was told that I had to come to his office and sign an agreement right away. I mean, and that's what the guy said.

Commissioner Jackel said, now you were also concerned about that —, they wanted to —, they want to take two feet of your property, but they wanted a five-foot easement. Are you still concerned about that?

Mr. Perry said, well, the thing is I have been given two scenarios from Mr. Buttimer. One scenario is that since my property line is two and one-half feet from the bank of the canal, one scenario is that they are going to have to slope that bank, which means that they're going to come onto my property further than two and one-half feet. So that part of that five-foot easement

will actually be in the canal. Now that was the first scenario that was delivered to me. The second scenario, which was the more recent, was that they were actually going to actually bring in dirt and that two and a half foot distance would be increased, but they're still going to have to have five feet for maintenance. So we've got two different scenarios. I do not know which is which. I don't know what the plan is going to be, and I'm not sure that he does. Now did we agree on certain things as far as the trees, and my wife has lots of concerns about the amount of trees that are going to be removed, trees that are supposed to be good for drainage. We've got another 200 year old oak tree north of our property they're going to take that out. Commissioner Jackel said, my understanding is every effort's going to be made to save that tree. Mr. Perry said, I hope you're right, and I'm not talking about the Hendrix [phonetic] address. I'm familiar with Hendrix, which is to the south. Commissioner Jackel said, right. Mr. Perry said, this is another location. This is north. It's a huge oak tree, but I'd like to ask the Commission if —, since this land deal has not been completed, if I could have 30 days before the judgment is made regarding this property, which will allow me to get back in touch with Mr. Buttimer and we can go over what needs to be done and try to find out if we can't get gates up.

Chairman Hair said, the County Manager —, what's the staff recommendation on this? County Manager Abolt said, we would prefer that you go to condemnation, and you'll see a letter to Ms. Garrard from Mr. Gordon. You have given us authority to proceed. This is a project of great priority. We're about ready to let a contract. We have to be able to provide right-of-way. We feel we've exhausted our abilities to negotiate satisfactorily to this gentleman. There are certain issues we believe are non-issues. We feel his rights are best protected in a courtroom setting. The project is a high priority and we ask that you continue on your track of authorizing condemnation. Chairman Hair asked, and not delay it? County Manager Abolt said, that's correct. Chairman Hair said, okay. Anybody have any questions? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I've just got one. I think I've got the same letter that you were referring to, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, my only question in one of the paragraphs it states our contacts with this owner have been met with hostility with the owner stating that we had better bring body bags --. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, when we try to schedule an appointment. Is that statement correct? Mr. Perry said, no, it is not and I would like to know what your source for that statement is. May I ask? Mr. Chairman? Commissioner Price said, you can have a copy —. County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Gordon's not here.

Chairman Hair said, it would be inappropriate, I think —. We'll —, do you have a copy of the letter? Mr. Perry said, I don't believe I do have a copy of what he just read. Commissioner Murray said, it's only copied to Al Bungard. Chairman Hair said, we certainly can provide you with a copy of the letter. I mean, it's public record. You certainly have the right to have the letter. You're certainly entitled to that.

Commissioner Murray said, I would just —, I would also like to ask Commissioner Jackel, since it is in his district, what his recommendation would be. Commissioner Jackel said, well, you know, I think there are two different issues here. I think we certainly seriously need to look at putting up a gate at the Victory Drive, which is a separate issue from acquiring his property because the gate would not be at yours, and I think anything we can do, you know, to afford extra security for our residents from a busy road, I think we should do it, but that's a separate issue from his property. Now, as I said, you know, we took several steps and it took me a while to narrow down the issue. He wants more time. I would —, I don't see where another 30 days could hurt anything, so I know we —, this is a top priority project, but at the appropriate time I'll make a motion that we wait 30 days and if we can't reach an agreement, then we —, then the County has to make the decision whether to move forward.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner DeLoach and then Commissioner Price.

Commissioner DeLoach said, on the issue of the gate, I know of some that we have up and I'm just questioning why we couldn't possibly do that there. If y'all can talk on that —. County Manager Abolt said, if I may, and this is not directly related to what's before you at this point, but Mr. Gordon has testified in his letter to Ms. Garrard that, in effect, we do not feel that's necessary because of what might happen or what could happen and the relative inaccessibility. I would —.

Chairman Hair said, I need you to stop just a second. We have a point of —, as a point of order, I believe this involves property acquisition and should be discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Garrard said, you certainly may discuss property acquisition in Executive Session. That's appropriate. It's a matter of what you prefer to do at this point. You are currently holding a public hearing to allow him to express his concerns. Chairman Hair said, I think it would be appropriate to discuss this in Executive Session, and I'll entertain a motion at this time to go in Executive Session to discuss this item. Do you want to add it to the end —? Pardon? Commissioner Murray asked, is the other party here to go in and discuss with us? Commissioner Price asked, is Billy Gordon here? County Manager Abolt said, we don't have Mr. Gordon here. Chairman Hair said, well, why don't we do this? Why don't we delay this —, do we have anybody to represent —. County Manager Abolt said, we have County staff here, Mr. Gordon is not available.

Commissioner Jackel asked, what do we need to discuss in Executive Session? Chairman Hair said, property acquisition, Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner Jackel said, but we're not —, we're not talking about price or —, we're talking about whether we're going to give this man a 30-day extension. Commissioner Price said, we're talking about a condemnation proceeding, and it's very much property acquisition. That's —, this is not, you know, the venue right here in the open. It needs to be in Executive Session.

Chairman Hair said, I tend to agree with Commissioner Price. Let's see if —, do you want to make a —? Commissioner Price said, I move for Executive Session. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion for Executive Session. Do I have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Jackel and Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Do y'all want to go into Executive Session now or do you want to wait till the end? Commissioner Saussy said, wait till the end. Chairman Hair said, wait till the end to go into Executive Session. It will be at our —.

Commissioner Price asked, can we request Mr. Gordon to come? County Manager Abolt said, I believe Mr. Bungard can explain it. Commissioner Price said, okay. County Manager Abolt said, and Ms. Garrard also.

Chairman Hair said, we'll have —, we'll discuss this in Executive Session at the conclusion of today's meeting, Mr. Perry.

Mr. Perry asked, Mr. Chairman, may I make one statement about this? This is a County project through Thunderbolt, Georgia. Chatham County is not going to police this canal. Thunderbolt has maybe two, sometimes three, police on duty at times around here. We've had four police officers, I believe, from the City chasing somebody through a trailer park on the other side of that canal just a couple of days ago, and this is a serious security concern.

Chairman Hair said, if you would like to —, I recognize your comments, but if you'd like to come in in the session and be a —, in the Executive Session and, you know, give your side, you're certainly welcome to do that. Ms. Garrard said, Mr. Hair, I don't think —, since the public hearing has started and he's voiced his concerns in the public hearing, I don't think it would be appropriate. The Executive Session would be for the purpose of the Commission discussing —. Chairman Hair said, okay. Ms. Garrard said, acquisition and any legal advice surrounding that acquisition, but I think any comments that he would have to make would be more appropriate in the public meeting. Chairman Hair said, okay. Do you want to just let him continue to talk then? Ms. Garrard said, well, I think that's up to you as to —, up to the Commission.

Commissioner Saussy said, it's on the gate situation.

Chairman Hair said, why don't you continue to make any comments and we'll take those into consideration when we go into Executive Session.

Mr. Perry said, I'll be brief. All I want is an answer. If you can't put the gates up, say you can't and tell me how long I've got before you're going to come and condemn my property, and you can keep your body bags. I'm insulted by that, and I want you people to know that the man that you hired to come and do this job took a day's worth of my time and a day's worth of my money off of my table. He came to my house, didn't have his facts together on the project. That's why I asked him to leave. The man harassed my wife for months over this. Now I talked to him about this.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Perry.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'd like to move that we instruct staff to look into the feasibility of putting a gate at the Victory Drive end of the Placentia Canal. Chairman Hair said, I have a motion. Do I have a second. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Mr. Perry said, Mr. Chairman, thank you for your time. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Perry.

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Chairman Hair said, before we go to the next item, I'm going to recognize Mr. Frank Hardeman to deal with the issue that we just talked about. He's going to provide some information, I think, according to Commissioner Price, that might benefit us when we go into Executive Session. Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Hardeman.

Mr. Frank Hardeman said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I beg the indulgence of the Commission. I know I was not on the agenda and I'll be brief so that I won't take any more of anyone's time, but on the issue of the Placentia Canal and the gates along Victory Drive, we would also want to make sure, I've had a lot of phone calls in the past week or two over this issue from residents that live on Bonaventure Road, to make sure that it's secure on both ends. That it's secured on the Victory Drive end as well as on the Bonaventure Road end down by Culver Rug and Johnson Construction. As a City Council member, when I was the Council member over the Public Works Department, we used to drive down off the Bonaventure Road site to gain access to a water, a [inaudible] that we have that feeds from Bonaventure Road to the trailer park, and I know that before any construction or any improvements were done to the canal, there was enough room behind the residents homes there to drive the Thunderbolt vehicles from Bonaventure Road down south toward Victory Drive, and this has been a concern of the business owners on the north side of Bonaventure road, as well as the homeowners, that there could be —, that folks could gain access behind there and perhaps they would steal or do damage to their property and

not be vehicle from the road. So as y'all consider putting the gates up on the Victory Drive end, we would also appreciate some consideration to make sure that the Bonaventure side is secure as well.

Commissioner Price asked, could we amend Martin's [Jackel] motion to do that, to add that the —? Commissioner Murray said, I understood they were already on one end. Commissioner Jackel said, yes, we understood they were already on one end. Chairman Hair said, I think it —, yes, I think it would be —, I don't think the motion needs to be amended. We'll just —, but we appreciate your comments. Commissioner Price said, and we'll look at that, Russ [Abolt]. Chairman Hair said, thank you. We appreciate the input. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved that the Board discuss this item in Executive Session. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Jackel and Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

Commissioner Jackel moved that staff look into the feasibility of installing a gate on the east side of Placentia Canal. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Note: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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3. MR. SYVEEN JEFFRIES (COMMISSIONER SAUSSY).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes. I think Mr. Jeffries is here. This is a problem with a resident's telephone and it has to do with numbering residences by the MPC, and I think in these instances it has been resolved, but he wanted to have his —, say a few words about it. So, Mr. Jeffries, have your say.

Mr. Syveen Jeffries said, I thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to address you this morning. We recently moved from Sandfly to Pinpoint and upon arriving there we tried to switch our telephone service. They told us, they said, you cannot get telephone service because you do not have —, you can't get in on the telephone system here because the 911 service requires that you have street address, but everything out there used to have a rural route. So then I asked the telephone service, I said, well, where do I obtain this street address? They told me, from the Metropolitan Planning Commission. I said, fine. So I go down to the Metropolitan Planning Commission and I asked them, I said I'm here to obtain a street address if you can just point out, you know —, and they said, well, point out the lot in which you are occupying. So I did. They said, well, now you need to go over to the Chatham County Inspections Department and you need to get a permit. I said, okay, so I go to the Chatham County Inspections Department and they said, yes, we need an application for that, but it's going to cost you \$150. So I said, well, wait, hold it. Why is it costing everyone on Pinpoint Avenue \$150 when right down the street from us on Lehigh and Ferguson Avenues. [inaudible] street numbers and they didn't pay anything? They said, well, this was adopted as of 1 July by the County Commissioners. I said explain to me why it cost \$150 for four numbers. They said, well, that's just the price we told the County Commissioners it would charge for me to send my people out. So after a couple of days and after talking with Commissioner Saussy, I paid the \$150. Once I paid the \$150 staff over at the Inspections Department couldn't even find an application, and when they did find one they didn't know how to fill it out. So then we went back to the map and literally when they called the MPC, the guy gave me right there the street address, but when I was over to MPC before they said that there were no street addresses on Pinpoint Avenue, that they had to be established. It was just utterly confusing, over a week. I'd never felt so much like a ping-pong ball in all my life, from one office to the other one, from one to the other. I did get my \$150 back. It was refunded back to me and I did get a letter from the County Manager. Then I was informed that the number for the number streets has been already numbered over 20 years ago, but the people at MPC didn't know anything about it. What I'm saying is, number one, when it starts to cost you 30-some dollars for a number for a house number where someone doesn't have to do, I've [inaudible]. Number two, when something has already been done and then you're double charging a person for what is being done, all we're asking for on Pinpoint Avenue and Vaughn Avenue is a sense of fairness. Now it was done on Lehigh and Ferguson for nothing. We want the same thing. That's all we're asking. I hope that no one else when they come down from Pinpoint Avenue and have to ask for a house number that they have to go through the ordeal in which I had to go through. It was all in naught. It really angered me. This is Mr. William Haynes, as most of you already know, and he will tell you he's a long time resident of Pinpoint. There's no one on Pinpoint Avenue who knows that there are street numbers there. There's always been a sign there.

Chairman Hair said, we have —, Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray said, if I understand you're saying correctly, all this was because you wanted to get a telephone hooked up in your house, is that correct? Mr. Jeffries said, that's correct, sir. Commissioner Murray said, and it all transpired because of the 911 number. Mr. Jeffries said, that's correct, sir. Commissioner Murray said, I think something

is definitely wrong with our total system when we have these type things going on, whether it's at Pinpoint, whether it's at Wilmington Island or on the Westside or wherever it may be. If we've got something like that happen, I would suggest the County get with MPC or whoever's responsible and have letters sent to all those residents and tell them what their street numbers are so they can put them up and if they have phone out there, how do they have them without a street number? Mr. Jeffries said, because at that time most of them were still on rural route. You can get a phone system on a rural route. There was a phone system enacted on the property which I live. The jacks are all over the house. It just —. Commissioner Murray said, well, I would recommend that —. Mr. Jeffries said, Commissioner, it's utterly confusing when you have to go from office to another and you're talking to two people in the same office and one knows and the other one won't tell them. Commissioner Murray said, we always talk about what a great job all these departments do, and then we hear about people like yourself and some other people that have spoken with us, and something is wrong with our system and we need to fix it. Mr. Jeffries said, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Jeffries, I think you've been very articulate in your case, and I agree with Commissioner Murray that obviously something's wrong here that we need to fix. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes, I just want to say that I appreciate Mr. Jeffries letting me know what was happening. I'm glad that he called because this is not just in Pinpoint. It's everywhere that there are no numbers. We have got to do something about that. He should not have to pay \$150. I mean, that was totally wrong. Especially when they already had the numbers. So, Mr. Jeffries, I certainly appreciate you calling me on this, and this is what I've been trying to preach a long time is a lot of times the Commissioners don't know what's happening, but y'all are our eyes and ears out in the County and the only way we have to know things is for y'all to call us, and I would appreciate anybody that's got any problems like Mr. Jeffries or anything else to call me, and I'm sure the other Commissioners feel the same way.

Mr. Jeffries said, I certainly thank you, Mr. Saussy, because you really brought it to the forefront. We actually did —, we actually have —, we did accomplish. I haven't got phone service yet, but that's another thing with the phone company I have to deal with.

Chairman Hair said, we have Commissioner Rivers and then Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Rivers said, Milton [Newton], I just want to ask one question. If they already have numbers out there, can we rectify that situation and notify them of their numbers? Mr. Milton Newton said, when we learned that there was an address system already in place that had been since about 15 years, was through the SAGIS system. We have implemented a new program where our staff planners now have access through their computer directly to the Tax Assessor's office, and that's where we found out that there was an address system and that the Pinpoint area and the Lehigh/Ferguson Avenue area had been addressed about 15-plus years ago, and that only about a small portion of the people in those areas have actually begun to use that address. So there is a problem that does need rectification and it will take a program to notify them of the correct addresses. Commissioner Rivers asked, do we have this same thing happening in other parts of the County? Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Mr. Newton said, possibly. Commissioner Rivers said, okay. If we do them, we need to get that attention also. Mr. Newton said, we'll work with the Manager to see what we can do.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Milton [Newton], before you go, with our new SAGIS system and having everything on computer now, shouldn't we be able to make a determination as to if it's a rural or wrong address and if that's appropriate or not to avoid the situation with [inaudible] and Pinpoint Ave .

Mr. Newton said, one of the problems with computers and technology is there has to be certain inputs into the system. What we can get out of the system now is if there is an address assigned, we can tell that. We —, the County and the City and Savannah Electric recently co-funded a consultant to look at the address issue and how we need to handle that through SAGIS, and that consultant report is due, I believe, shortly so we'll be coming back to you with a little more information on that as to what the next step is so that we can ensure that we have a system so that we can do exact what you're saying. Commissioner Odell said, so —. Mr. Newton said, that's just on a —, it's on the new horizon.

Commissioner Odell said, so at some point the Commissioners will receive —, I think Syveen [Jeffries] did an excellent job identifying the problem, but if it's happened in Eddie's [DeLoach] district or Martin's [Jackel] or Frank's [Murray], rather than have those individuals have to suffer with the same kind of thing, is there some system that we will employ today that will ensure that this problem will be resolved for Chatham County? Mr. Newton said, you may recall about two years ago the County funded an effort to attempt to convert the rural routes to urban street numbers. I think we started in West Chatham moving East, then 204, I believe Wallace Circle, and some of those other streets, and it was a pretty labor-intensive campaign, as Mr. DeLoach can attest. We probably need to go back and do that same kind of program again, but it would take some time. Commissioner Odell asked, and we'll get something ongoing on that? Mr. Newton said, we will share with the Manager what we think is needed in that regard and then we can get back to you.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, Milton [Newton], let me ask you a question. When someone comes over to MPC to ask for their street address, should they go into SAGIS to begin with and pull it up just to see if its in there? I mean, he was told at MPC, no, we don't have anything on record basically and then went to another department to fill out a form and evidently Inspections found a form that probably hadn't been filled out in years and didn't know how to fill it out, if I understood everything he said correctly. Mr. Newton said, we probably were maybe a little overly aggressive in trying to implement what the County had adopted in that we did not initiate really the process until the fee was paid. So —, and once we did, it was instantaneous that we found out that, yes indeed, there is an address. Commissioner Murray said, in other words, somebody's got to pay \$150 before y'all will pull up an address over there. Is that what we're saying? Mr. Newton said, the way it stands now, yes sir. But now that we have the system, we I'm sure will be able to simply just enter it into the computer and tell them whether they need to pay the \$150 or not. Commissioner Murray asked, but you have been reimbursed your \$150? Mr. Jeffries said, yes sir.

Chairman Hair said, we appreciate again, Mr. Jeffries, you bringing this to our attention. It is something obviously that a lot of —.

Mr. Jeffries said, the only thing I can say, you know, is that —, you know, if SAGIS, and I worked on SAGIS when I was working for the City, but if SAGIS is the sheet of music which we're all going to sing off of, then we all should be humming the same tune. It's utterly disrespectful to anybody, and I'm not just talking about me, to anyone to have to go to an office and come back to another office three different times to find out that where I should have went was the first office in the first place. Thank you very much.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Jeffries. We appreciate you being here.

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4. RECREATION AUTHORITY CONVERSION TO COUNTY SYSTEM (COMMISSIONER MURRAY, COMMISSIONER SAUSSY AND COMMISSIONER PRICE).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I'll go ahead and start on it. At our Recreation Authority meetings back several meetings ago there was a recommendation made that we put the Authority and all their finances and funding and everything else under the County's plan so we would have better recording keeping of our financial records and also the Director that handles everything for us with the Recreation Authority also would, I think we'd have to go through the legal staff to do a contract on that, but would fall under the County's plans also but would still report directly to the Recreation Authority. There a number of reasons for doing that. We've run into a few things that we needed to correct and we're trying to correct them now to make sure that everything functions like it's supposed to and it just makes sense to have the Recreation Authority under the County's system with the financial records and everything else handled through the County's Finance Department even though the funding would, one, have to be kept totally separate because tax dollars are not used in the revenue that comes in, and the money that is spent through the Recreation Authority is not tax dollars. It's money that comes from other sources, and I know that we will be talking about appointments for the Recreation Authority and I think one of the issues when we talk about those appointments, and I was not aware of until Sybil [Tillman] had sent us out the memos about the different appointments and the responsibilities for each one of the appointments that we will have, but Sybil [Tillman] is listed in the charter for the Recreation Authority as the Treasurer and Secretary of the Recreation Authority. I asked Sybil [Tillman] about it and the last time that we —, that she had any minutes or anything I believe was back in 1996. Is that correct? Ms. Tillman said, April of '96. Commissioner Murray said, April of '96. I case my real question is, if that's the case and she's the Treasurer, why is she not aware of the funding that we have going through it and why is she not one of the signatories for the checks that are written for the Recreation Authority? I will take a lot of that blame too, I'm one of the Commissioners that sits on that Authority, but I did not realize that that was the case until she gave me —, sent out to each one of us, the memo and I saw her name on there listed as Secretary and Treasurer. So I think that has to be corrected also, but I would —, the other two Commissioners that serve on the Authority would probably want to make some comments, but I think that what we want to do today is have approval to go forward and whatever is necessary for the Authority to fall directly under the County system.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, I'm sure that it was nothing but a innocent oversight that that was —, I don't know if you knew it yourself or not, but I'd certainly welcome the opportunity for Sybil [Tillman] to meet with us. I mean, we certainly are very proud of what she's able to do for us in support of Board Commissioners, but we would be that much stronger an authority if Sybil [Tillman] could start to do that, and we would hope that she would do that going forward. I do think it's important that, and then this really all stems from the Chairman's recommendation to us and, you know, we have had some heart-to-heart discussions about the Recreation Authority, about some of the shortcomings that we have had in the past, and we need to shore up those shortcomings, and with the guidance and leadership of Chairman Hair, the Authority has agreed that this is what we need to do. It doesn't mean that the Executive Director of the Authority would report to the County Manager, it doesn't mean that citizens' tax dollars would be going towards the Authority to support it. What it means is any type of

cost allocation for any services rendered to the Authority would actually be billed to the Authority. So we're not talking about using tax dollars to run the Authority. That's not what this is about. This is about an economy of scale, being able to take any employees of the Authority and with the numbers that we have in the County's health benefit plan and the other plans to be able to benefit from that as well for the individuals in the Authority. So this looks like an idea that it's probably, Russ [Abolt] going to need some work. You know, you're going to have —, and David [Persaud], you guys are going to have to go in there and look at how we do the cost allocation, how we make sure that it is not going to be subsidized in any way by taxpayers, you know, in any current revenues or future revenues, and that would be what I would like to say. If a motion's needed today to proceed with the process of doing that, then I would like to ahead and move so. Commissioner DeLoach said, second.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes, I agree with Ben [Price]. These things —, when we set this Authority up, it was set up basically for bonding the Henderson Golf Club and a lot of things happened since then. The International Olympic Committee had asked that we do their training down here for their track and field, solidarity program, and it went off for a number of —, couple of years, and was working very well, and unfortunately they didn't give us enough people so we chose to shut that down because it was not economically feasible for us to continue. There are other things that are happening right now that we feel like are economically feasible and will happen in the future although we have one person who's on staff now, and that's it. My feeling is, as they have spoken here, that we put this under the auspices of the oversight basically, more than anything else, of the County. Although there are three members of the County Commission, by law, are on this committee, on this Authority, which by the way is set up by the State, it is totally separate from the County. This would just enhance the oversight and would help us really on the Authority to bring about some things that we need to have. So I would be in favor of putting this under the County, but as Ben [Price] has said, we want the taxpayers to know that there are no tax dollars that would be spent by the County. This would be totally as a contract basis. It's just one of those things that can happen under —, it's my understanding it can happen under the County Charter. Am I correct in that, Emily [Garrard]? Assistant County Attorney Emily Garrard said, yes, you would have to enter into an agreement because the Recreation Authority is a separate legal entity formed by law, so it would be like a —, sort of like an intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Saussy said, intergovernmental agreement.

Chairman Hair said, well, I'd just like to add that probably about five weeks ago now I was made aware of some things with the Recreation Authority that concerned me greatly. I had some real concerns about some things that were going on, and I asked to meet with the Recreation Authority. I'm not on the Authority. They graciously allowed me to meet with them and I expressed my concerns to the Authority, all the members of the Authority, and I made some suggestions about things that I thought we could do to improve oversight and accountability, and I think the Authority has agreed to those suggestions. I also, for the benefit of the public, want to make them aware that there were some questions that at that time were unanswered, and we have two audits ongoing at the present time. We have an outside audit and we also have our Internal Audit Department also looking at some of the issues that were raised, and we don't have all the facts at this point, but we will continue to get facts in those cases and as those audits reveal whatever things that they reveal, we will deal with those issues at the time that they come up. So in addition to providing County oversight, which I think is very much needed, we may still have some other things that come up that come out of these audits that might also need further remedies, and at that time we'll —, we'll deal with those at that time. So, —, do we need an official motion on this Emily [Garrard] to —. Assistant County Attorney Garrard said, I don't think you have to. You can certainly do that if you wish.

Commissioner Murray said, let's just do one so it's on the record. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Price said, I've already made on and Eddie [DeLoach] seconded it. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion --. Commissioner Odell asked, could we restate the motion? Commissioner Price said, it was that we direct staff to start the process of looking at how to cost allocate and construct the intergovernmental agreement so that the Recreation Authority can come under the auspices for those purposes mentioned of the County. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [Note: Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

Commissioner Saussy said, Mr Chairman, let me say one other thing. Chairman Hair said, yes. Commissioner Saussy said, a 1998 audit has already been done and is in. There weren't any problems. Some people might have an idea when you do an audit that there might be some problems. This is a usual thing to do with all County type organizations so I don't want that to be —, I don't want the public to feel that there's something gone wrong because it really hasn't. This is an ordinary thing.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved that the Board direct staff to start the process of looking at how to cost allocate and construct an intergovernmental agreement so that the Recreation Authority can come under the auspices for those purposes mentioned of the County. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Note: Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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5. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, SAVANNAH CHAPTER - CAROL WALSH (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Commissioner Murray said, I received a phone call from Ms. Carol Walsh last week and requested to come talk to us, and she's representing the National Association for Mental Illness, the Savannah Chapter. Commissioner Murray recognized Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Carol Walsh said, good morning. I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and I am also the President of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill --, sorry --, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, which is the national association. We have a chapter here in Savannah and there's several chapters in Georgia. What we are basically is a watch-dog agency. We don't --, we're not involved in any --, in supporting in any one agency or people. What we're interested in supporting is the services and the delivery of services to the mentally ill, and the substance organization and the mentally retarded were all under one umbrella here in Savannah, and, as you realize, the --, actually the whole Tidelands fiasco has moved down to Brunswick and we don't have any place in this City where one group of people can meet and come and know that this is where they're going to be serviced. As a social worker, people that I've worked with in the past at Georgia Regional and other places, and Charter Hospital, they come to me and they said, "I don't know where I'm supposed to be going. I am lost, I don't know where I'm supposed to be going," and these people are without medication and we're going to have a lot of homeless people because without medication they're not being serviced and actually because they've been off medication, they're going to be homeless eventually and they'll be on the street and we'll be paying for money to put them in hospitals because mos of them, a lot of them, are on Medicaid and some of them are indigent. So, you know, it's better to provide the services in the beginning and it's the humanitarian thing to provide the services for the people that need them than wait until they have to be hospitalized and then figure out this is a big bill we have to pay here because they don't have any money. And what we're looking for is basically for you people to look into and to discuss about reviving a place like Tidelands in this vicinity, in this County, where people come and be serviced, and it's amazing that in a city the size of Savannah that this would all --, all of these services would be gone down to Brunswick. Actually like it's a little tugboat pulling an ocean liner.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy. Commissioner Saussy asked, may I speak to this? Chairman Hair said, certainly.

Commissioner Saussy said, I sit on the regional board for this, this oversight basically for then Tidelands, now Gateway. Gateway has taken this into consideration. They do have places in this City. They're working on better places. I'm just sorry, but I don't know you don't know about it. Ms. Walsh said, I do know about it. I visited several and they're very crowded, and you find the staff and the patients are very, very crowded in those situations, and they're spread all over the City and that's when I say that people that are mentally ill or whatever, they're going to these places, they're retarded, they don't know where to go. There's a few buses, but it doesn't accommodate all the people. Now whenever Tidelands --, true, the building was old, but they knew where they belonged. They knew where to get their services. They knew where to get their medication. They knew where to get therapy. Now they're in this section and that section, four, five, six, seven places all over the city, and it's not economical even. Commissioner Saussy said, well, I beg to differ with you on that, 'mam, because it is economical. That building was costing tremendous amount of money. They saved over a half a million dollars moving out of that building. So, I think --, what happens is it's going to --, it may take a little while to get people used to going to a certain place. One of the places that they're working now and it will probably be the main place for everybody to go that you're talking about is the newest clinic down off of Fahm Street. Ms. Walsh asked, is that the --? Commissioner Saussy said, it's run by Union Mission and that's in the making right now. Ms. Walsh said, okay. Commissioner Saussy said, and that will probably be the main place, what you're talking about. Ms. Walsh asked, how big is that? Commissioner Saussy asked, well, how big does it need to be? Ms. Walsh said, it needs to be at least as big as Tidelands. Commissioner Saussy asked, you mean the whole building of Tidelands? Ms. Walsh said, yes. The building at Tidelands had administrative offices there and it also had --. Commissioner Saussy asked, do they need administrative offices to take care of what you're talking about? Ms. Walsh said, no they don't, no they don't. What I'm talking about is therapy and medication --. Commissioner Saussy said, and that's exactly what the newest clinic is. Ms. Walsh said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, I don't really think this is --, we shouldn't get into a debate. I don't think this is a debate --. Commissioner Saussy said, I'm sorry. Chairman Hair said, I think we're here to hear Ms. Walsh, and I'm going to recognize Commissioner Odell and then Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Odell said, I agree. I think that since Tidelands has been dissolved, if you can find the scattered services through Gateway, then it kind of proves that you don't need your medication because services are provided at various sites and it is complicated, and I agree that having a consolidated services for people who are mentally ill, to me seems more feasible and I think that's what you're saying. Ms. Walsh said, uh huh, exactly. Commissioner Odell said, and I think what David [Saussy] is saying is that there's hope at some point to have that type of facility without administration being physically located where the services are provided. And I share your concern. If you have a patient and the patient has to receive medication, they receive therapy and go to counseling, and those are at three different locations, that's not only complicated, the end result is a lot of people who are mentally ill are going to fall through the cracks. Ms. Walsh said, that's right. Commissioner Odell said, and it is my sincere belief that that's the objective of the system, that if you look at how we have treated the mentally ill and mentally retarded over the last two years, at one point we presumed that everyone who

qualified should receive the services. If you look at the change in the law and how it earmarks those with known disability, the impact is that we are a less caring society. Ms. Walsh said, absolutely. Commissioner Odell said, and those people that government should provide services for, like the mentally ill and mentally disabled, I agree with the tug boat pulling a steam liner. That is an excellent analysis. Ms. Walsh said, thank you.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, I would agree with you, Ms. Walsh, that we are operating probably in this region contrary to the intent of the legislation and to the planning. We are now looking at everything that we do as one stop, and the concept for mental health/mental retardation should be one stop. So, not necessarily that you have your administration in the building, but at least you have case management, which is the most important part of it within that building, that you have MIS system to follow those people. The concept has run awry in Chatham County, and I hope that we will give some attention to try to quickly —.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray asked, Russ [Abolt], do we still give any financial assistance towards what was Tidelands and now Gateway and, if so, how much is that? Commissioner Rivers said, 400. Chairman Hair said, it's over \$400,000. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray asked, would we have any say-so at all when we give that on what area that be spent on? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray asked, we do? County Manager Abolt said, you express that in your budget. In fact, you have a budget hearing in a few moments, but between now and your next —, your action on the budget, if you wish to perfect that, that direction, you —. Commissioner Murray said, the other question I have too then, when Tidelands was closed down, if I'm not mistaken, there was some funding. Do we get —, receive any of that funding back from that area? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Commissioner Odell said, I can answer that. No.

Chairman Hair said, I think it's obviously something that needs —. Commissioner Murray said, well, I think that when we get into the —, now it's —, didn't somebody say \$400,000-plus to any organization, we certainly should have some say-so on how that money is spent. We do it with the Library, we ought to be able to do it with any other organization we give too —. County Manager Abolt said, no doubt about it. Commissioner Murray said, regardless of what the services are.

Ms. Walsh said, my concern also is that just recently there was groundbreaking down in Darien for a multi-million dollar facility for that area. Now that's a tiny area. Certainly they're going to service a lot of other counties, but Savannah is a big city, and, I mean, we are —, we are putting people in little places all over the City and not servicing them as —, it doesn't say much for our people here, and we're not looking at the servicing people that really need it.

Commissioner Saussy said, that facility down there was for administration. Ms. Walsh said, one part of it was. I think there's —. Commissioner Saussy said, that's the main part. Ms. Walsh said, no, I went to the Community Service Board meeting down there, and also they have allocated parts of that that can be renovated or changed into bed space, 40 bed spaces. Commissioner Saussy said, for that area down there. Ms. Walsh said, for that area, yes. Commissioner Saussy said, well, they need it too. Ms. Walsh said, we need it badly, we need it.

Commissioner Odell said, yes, but was that —, it's not only administration. Ms. Walsh said, well, I don't know if that's true. I think maybe it —, it also has recreation going on too, if I understand.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray asked, how was that funded? Ms. Walsh said, I asked that and they said that it was —, the land was given to them initially and then the rest of it was funded on bonds. Commissioner Murray asked, through the State? Ms. Walsh said, yes. Commissioner Murray said, all right, and it could, based on what I've heard, it could be converted over to beds. Is that one of these things where you get the money to do one thing and then you convert it over to do what you want to after it's already built? Ms. Walsh said, I don't know. That's their decision. Commissioner Murray said, that's what it sounds like. Commissioner Odell said, it is. Commissioner Murray said, okay. Ms. Walsh said, I think it is. Commissioner Odell said, it is. Commissioner Murray said, that's the way of getting around something I guess.

Ms. Walsh asked, well, why couldn't we do that in this area? That's my question. Commissioner Murray said, I don't know.

Chairman Hair asked, do you have anything else or are you —, does that complete your comments? I'll recognize Marianne Heimes.

Ms. Marianne Heimes said, Marianne Heimes. I'm sure everyone knows me. I'd just like to address what Ms. Walsh just said. Chairman Hair said, speak into the microphone, if you will, Marianne [Heimes], please. I do serve on the Gateway Service Board. In the building that we broke ground for was in the planning long before these two agencies were merged. They was a great deal of cooperation, and — I think between the County and possibly the State, to do this, also the McIntosh County Development Authority. So there was a lot of local involvement in that, which is great, which is really what we could

use, and I know these folks here would like to get in an area where they can have what is called the Clubhouse Program. But, you know, it's constructed for administration and the beds are also indicated as a possibility in the future, but they needed something new down there.

Ms. Walsh said, the Clubhouse Project is a project that was started in Philadelphia several years ago, and it's a good program and it really is a nonprofit program that is not tied with anything that the City of Savannah is doing. We're doing this on our own and it provides daycare and it provides jobs and it provides —, initially, and when it's all over with and we've got it up and running, which it will take several years, it will have freestanding apartment houses. I just wanted to clear that up. Chairman Hair said, thank you very much.

Ms. Heimes said, one more comment. I think Mr. Odell —, Commissioner Odell is right on in his comments about funding, and we don't always agree. Commissioner Odell said, you're just flattering me, Marianne [Heimes].

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much, Ms. Walsh.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Chairman Hair said, before we go to the next item, I'd like to recognize Representative Mueller, who is with us today, and apparently she's fixing to leave us. Commissioner DeLoach said, she's walking out the door. Chairman Hair said, she's the Dean of our delegation. Would you like to say anything? Representative Mueller said, I probably better not. Chairman Hair said, you're probably right. Representative Mueller said, I'll reserve that for later. Chairman Hair said, okay. Well, you're welcome any time. Representative Mueller said, thank you.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Hair declared the meeting of the Board of Commissioners in recess at 10:20 a.m., and the Board reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the meeting of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

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

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. PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE ON THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 BUDGET.

Chairman Hair said, we are now going to conduct a public hearing as required by State law on the County's fiscal year 2000-2001 budget. I need to read an item into the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, the hearing is being held in compliance with State law relative to Chatham County's proposed fiscal year 2000-2001 budget. We will be discussing the total budget and all of the various funds. Information packets for the proposed budget for all the funds are available at the front entrance. A list is being passed around asking for the names and addresses of those present. The purpose of this is to document that public input was solicited for future purposes. We will start at the right side of the room and go row by row. If you wish to speak, please come to the podium, state your name and address and the group or organization you represent, if any. We will ask the staff or bailiff to help pass any written materials to the Commissioners, and we would ask that you brief and concise in your remarks since we have a number of people that may want to speak, and we want everyone to have an equal chance to be heard.

Chairman Hair said, before we begin the hearing, unfortunately I have to leave. I've got some other business I have to conduct, and I'm going to —, since Commissioner Murray is out of the room right now, I'm going to ask Commissioner Odell to act as —, be acting chairman until Commissioner Murray returns to the room and then conducts the meeting. Thank you.

Acting Chairman Commissioner Odell asked, do we have anyone to my left who would like to speak? Yes sir.

Mr. Herbert McKenzie said, Commissioners, good morning. My name is McKenzie, Herb McKenzie. I'm a volunteer with an organization here in Savannah called MedBank. MedBank is an organization whose mission and charter is to secure at no cost pharmaceutical drugs for the indigent of Chatham County. This is done through the manufacturers of pharmaceutical companies and what MedBank in fact does is fill out the necessary forms in working with 350 doctors in Savannah. We're looking after approximately 3,000 people and growing at about 20% per year. We have a totally volunteer driven with the exception of a very bare-bones staff and very modest facilities approximately which on an annualized basis is approximately \$165,000. Seventy percent of those funds come from the local hospitals and local community charitable, philanthropic organizations. What I'm here to ask you to do today is to approve as a line item budget, however you do this, monies to help support MedBank on an ongoing basis. We think that there are approximately 10,000 indigent people who have no insurance of any type in terms of reimbursement for pharmaceutical prescription medicines in this immediate area. We're now looking after 3,000 of them and, as I say, growing at 20% per year. It is conservatively estimated that approximately \$4,000,000 worth of free medication, free drugs —, free prescription drugs come into this community each year as a result of MedBank's operation. In addition, by the hospitals' own numbers, they figure we're saving approximately \$4,000,000 in cost avoidance to them by keeping people out of the emergency rooms and out of hospitals. So if you look at that very critically, that's approximately \$8,000,000, and I believe that to be very conservative, for the cost of our annual budget of approximately \$165,000, or 50 times the budget, if you will. So for every dollar MedBank has coming in and spends, it returns \$50 to the community. So I respectfully request that the Commission consider favorably help funding the MedBank organization. Thank you very much.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you. Does anyone have any questions. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. The request originally was —. Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Murray said, go ahead.

Commissioner Saussy asked, you want me to go first? I thought he was going first. How much funding do you feel you need for this project? Mr. McKenzie said, the local hospitals each give \$40,000 a year. We think —, we require a minimum of \$160,000. We had asked both the Commission —, Chatham County as well as the City to give us \$40,000 each. The City has responded last year with a \$5,000 fund. We are applying to that process, that bureaucracy for more, so we have asked the Chatham County Commissioners for 40. Actually, I'd like to ask you for 80, but that was the request, \$40,000 a year. Commissioner Saussy said, I am very familiar with this program and I know what it does because I have some people in my church to take advantage of it, and without it they would probably go without medication, which would not be good. I think it's a very good program. If we could see fit to put \$40,000 in the budget, I don't know whether we can, but if we could certainly find it somewhere I would certainly recommend this. It certainly does a wonderful job for those that really cannot afford medications. What this MedBank does, it gets those people that sort of fall through the cracks where if they get Medicaid or they've got funds to pay for it, MedBank takes care of those that really can't afford to, but they can't get it otherwise, and there are a lot of those people out there.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, the question's been asked what is a peach worker. Mr. McKenzie asked, a peach worker? Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Mr. McKenzie said, those are the people who volunteer around Savannah and some of whom volunteer with MedBank, and that's part of a State-funded organization, the details of which I'm really not familiar.

There are approximately two or four Peach State folks who work at MedBank currently as volunteers. Commissioner DeLoach said, I make a motion we add this —. Commissioner Price said, this is a public hearing. County Manager Abolt said, it's a public hearing, sir. Commissioner DeLoach said, well, I don't need to make that motion then.

Commissioner Rivers said, the question is that you've submitted your request to grant-in-aids and we don't —. Do we have anything back from grant-in-aids yet? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. You'll not have your grant-in-aids recommendations back until after you adopt your budget, so that position —. Commissioner Rivers said, so we wouldn't know whether grant-in-aids gave them anything or not. County Manager Abolt said, if I may, I believe in the past they have not, and this gentlemen's testifying wishing you'd in effect set the grant-in-aids aside, the process aside and be guaranteed a bottom line.

Commissioner Saussy said, I'm just talking about putting this in the budget as a line item. Commissioner Price said, but you have a grant-in-aid application? Commissioner Jackel said, this is their first time for grant-in-aid. Commissioner Price asked, Russ [Abolt], have they made a grant-in-aid application? County Manager Abolt said, yes, I believe at least one, if not on another occasion. Mr. McKenzie said, yes, I believe we have tried, but I'm specifically asking you to please put this in your budget, specifically asking that. That's my request. Commissioner Price said, okay.

Commissioner Rivers said, I don't have a problem with supporting it. Of course, we have very tight budgetary constraints so I would like to see what grant-in-aid has come back with out of monies that they already have and if we can we will supplement that. If we can. Mr. McKenzie said, yes sir.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'm of the same mind as Commissioner Rivers. We've got to let grant-in-aids have their chance, and if they —, if they —, it depends on what they award you or what, then I think we need to take another look at it. That's where I'm coming from. I think this is a great project. It's unfortunate that these people can't get the necessary drugs. I know there's some federal proposals pending to change the legislation to make the drugs available for anyone on Medicaid, but that has not been approved yet. Hopefully that will be and that will help, but I know the people need help now. It's very serious when people have to make a choice between food and medication, and even those fortunate —, those of us fortunate enough to be on the County plan and have a good medical plan and we get our drugs at a reduced cost, it can still add up. I've seen it in my own family just —, and it's month after month here come those drug bills, and if you don't have that then I know there are many people who couldn't even begin to think about paying for it because what you're talking about is a bill each month that can look like a luxury car payment, and these are not people that are able to drive luxury cars. So I'm of the understanding, of course, that and I'm just hoping the grant-in-aids will be able to help you and what they're not able to cover, maybe we can squeeze that in somewhere.

Mr. McKenzie asked, when would we know anything about grant-in-aids? Commissioner Jackel said, it's after the budget.

County Manager Abolt said, gentlemen, I, of course, we're a brand new fiscal year, new way of doing this business. I believe the intent is that shortly after you adopt the budget you'll have your recommendations. The grants-in-aid committee initially were wrestling with whether or not the recommendations should remain on a calendar year because of other agency funding. I believe, and if my memory serves me correctly, Mr. Kaigler last told me they'd be making their recommendations now based on the new fiscal year. So the long answer to your short question is, we'd expect probably in the next several weeks after you adopt the budget you'd have a grants-in-aid recommendation. Commissioner Jackel said, so within the next month. County Manager Abolt said, I cannot —.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I think the committees have already met and made their decisions on the recommendations. It's just waiting on us, if I'm not mistaken. Do we have all the questions from the Commission? Any of you that have not seen his power point presentation, I'm sure he'd be glad to show it to you if you got in touch with him to look at it. I think it is [inaudible] a lot more than he's time to do so here today, but it's a good presentation and I think what they're doing really serves this community well, and I would encourage support of that.

Mr. McKenzie said, thank you very much.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, Russ [Abolt], what have we got? This is just open? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, you want to continue your public hearing. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, all right. Do we have anybody else that wanted to speak on the budget? Yes sir.

Mr. David Precht said, good morning. My name is David Precht. I'm Chairperson for the Friends of the Library in Savannah and the C-E-L Regional. The Friends of the Library is a regional group that volunteer for work to increase the public interest in the library system and support the library's activities and help to improve the services to the citizens. We're independent of the Library Board and the library administration and we have our own funding. We're a member of the Friends of the Library of the USA and we have monthly meetings and undertake activities such as advocacy work in today's presentation, volunteering to perform many tasks at the various branches, maintaining the gift shop at the Library, arranging and participating in book signing and other activities. Today we present our thoughts on the funding. We first thank the County Commission for their awareness in the role of the library in the community. For the past five years there's been an increased financial support provided by the County for the C-E-L system. We are indeed grateful for this support

and in recognition that the library system is vital to an informed public, to our school children and to attracting new businesses in our area. We compared the library system to other libraries in the county and in the state through a statistical report that's issued by the American Library Association. Of the 786 libraries in the report, the average library spent \$20 per capita.. Of the libraries in the populations similar to Savannah and the Chatham County area, the average library spent \$23 per person. Seventeen libraries reporting in Georgia, the average was \$15 per person. The C-E-L Library spent \$13 —, approximately \$13 per person. Of this total, the library materials, the books, reference materials, magazines, and this type of information, typically is 15% of the budget. At C-E-L it's 11.7%. For the five years from '95 through '99 the spending materials has been increasing. That's some good news and the library administration and the County Commission are commended for such efforts in supporting this. However, in 1999 the \$1.59 per capita materials spending for the library is still below the Georgia average of 17 libraries of over \$2.00 and less than half the average for the population of similar cities and that of the national average of just a little over \$4.00. It is our understanding that the 2001 budget for the library, the current version allocates \$250,000 for the Chatham County share of the library material, which is approximately \$1.06 per capita. This proposal returns us to an amount below that of the calendar year of 1998. This would be less than half of the Georgia average. We ask that you restore the amount for books, magazines and reference materials in this line item to \$550,000 and approve the proposed budget for the regional library. This restored budget line item will result in a \$2.33 per capita spending for materials, which will be in line with the Georgia libraries average and it will also move our total library funding even closer to the average per capita total spending for Georgia libraries. Thank you for your attention. I appreciate it.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, does anyone have any questions? Thank you. Anyone else wanting —, wishing to address the budget? [NOTE: No one responded.] We will now close the public hearing on the budget. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Public hearing. Received as information.

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: A TRANSFER OF \$157,650 FROM THE 1998-2003 SPLOST, CHATHAM COUNTY ROADS, STREET AND BRIDGES RESERVE TO THE HODGSON MEMORIAL DRIVE PROJECT.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I move for approval. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved that the Board approve the following: A transfer of \$157,650 from the 1998-2003 SPLOST, Chatham County roads, Street and Bridges Reserve to the Hodgson Memorial Drive Project. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Thomas were not present.]

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3. INFORMATION ON THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE YEAR 2000 TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2000 MILLAGE LEVY AS REQUIRED BY GEORGIA CODE SECTION 48-5-32 AND INFORMATION REGARDING DIGEST GROWTH.

Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. County Manager Abolt said, no. Commissioner DeLoach said, no, it's just information. County Manager Abolt said, it's just information now. You'll have this on the 28th for adoption. You're rolling back the millage and proceeding on this.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written report received as information.

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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 Pro Tem Murray asked, did anyone have anything they wanted to pull? Commissioner Jackel said, yes, I'd like Item 12 and Item L. Commissioner Price said, I move for approval of the —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, wait. I've got some. Commissioner Price said, okay. What was it, Martin [Jackel]? Commissioner Jackel said, it's 12 and L. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, and also 7, 8, A, B, C and K. Anything else? Commissioner Odell said, 9. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, 9. Any others? All right, do we have a motion to approve the rest? Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, wants to speak on which one? An unidentified lady in the audience said, Item F. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, Item F. That's not one we pulled is it. Okay, we'll pull F. Do we have anybody —.

Commissioner Price said, I move for approval of the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Saussy said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the Action Calendar in its entirety with the exception of Items 7, 8, 9, 12, 14-A, 14-B, 14-C, 14-F, 14-K, and 14-L. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were 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 JUNE 23, 2000, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2000, as mailed. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 16 THROUGH JULY 6, 2000.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period June 16, 2000, through July 6, 2000, in the amount of \$5,750,342. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND CHATHAM COUNTY WHICH ALLOWS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement between the Social Security Administration and Chatham County which allows the Sheriff's Department to assist in identifying incarcerated individuals who are receiving Social Security Benefits to which they are not entitled. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO APPLY TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A RENEWAL OF THE "VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT" GRANT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of the Victim Witness Assistance Office to apply to the Criminal Justice Coordinating council for a renewal of the "Victims of Crime Act" Grant. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,647 FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO HODGSON MEMORIAL DRIVE AND TRANSFER FROM CHATHAM COUNTY ROADS, STREETS, BRIDGES RESERVE TO HODGSON MEMORIAL DRIVE. (NOTE: SEE AGENDA ITEM IX-2 FOR THE TRANSFER.)
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve an agreement with the City of Savannah in the amount of \$157,647 for improvements made to Hodgson Memorial Drive and transfer from Chatham County Roads, Streets, Bridges Reserve to Hodgson Memorial Drive. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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6. REQUEST FROM ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, HERON CREST DEVELOPERS, INC., TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS AND TO REDUCE THE SUBDIVISION BOND BY 50% FOR BETZ CREEK, PHASE 6A. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from the engineer for the developer, Heron Crest Developers, Inc., to approve the construction of the required improvements and to reduce the subdivision bond by 50% for Betz Creek, Phase 6A. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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7. REQUEST FROM THE DEVELOPER, TURNER’S COVE DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION AT TURNER’S COVE, PHASE 1, REDUCE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, AND INITIATE A TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD FOR THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED IMPROVEMENTS. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, Russ [Abolt] —. Excuse me. I looked up and Russ isn’t there. Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, we made a swap. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, Mr. Monahan. My only question on that is the County takes over a piece of property to maintain it after the development —. Mr. Monahan said, right. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, what responsibility does that developer have to put it in certain condition before we accept it? Mr. Monahan said, well, the engineering process allows us to review the plans to make sure it meets the County’s requirements and then there’s a warranty period after that. So after the end of that warranty period the County accepts it for maintenance. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, all right. Mr. Monahan said, so it does have to meet the County’s standards prior to that. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, but at one point years ago they were not required to make the roads in subdivisions to the same requirements we have today. So we would end up taking them over and we would have to go back in and refurbish them pretty quick after we took them over, but that’s not the case anymore, is that right? Mr. Monahan said, in order for the County to accept it for maintenance it must meet the County’s standards prior to that occurring.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay. Do I have a motion? Commissioner Jackel said, I’ll move to approve. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, let’s vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Jackel moved to approve the request from the developer, Turner’s Cove Development, L.L.C., to approve the construction at Turner’s Cove, Phase 1, reduce the financial guarantee, and initiate a 12-month warranty period for the County-maintained improvements. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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8. REQUEST BOARD AMEND THE UNFUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 80 ON WHITEMARSH ISLAND BETWEEN THE ISLANDTREE APARTMENTS AND THE ISLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the reason I pulled that one is we continue to put things on our unfunded capital improvement list. When do we ever pull them off of that list? I don't remember us taking too many items off of that list that's unfunded. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, on occasion, on occasion that does happen. I don't recall that it's happened in any recent years because of the County's funding situation, but it has happened in the past. The important thing here also to remember is even as we fund the CIP, the Capital Improvement Program, it's based on a priority, so that, let's say, there's a half a million dollars available, we draw the line up to a half a million dollars. In the past that's —, just recently it's included some of the CEMA requests because of the emergency nature of their business, but you're right, very few times do we get below —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, so it's more or less a feel good thing for those people that want an item addressed by the County. Mr. Monahan said, it just identifies it as the plan, within the plan and as need, but whether it gets funded or not is solely dependent upon available funding. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, all right, and how is the priority list set up? How do you arrive at which one has more priority than others? Mr. Monahan said, the —, of course, if it's a requirement that would be our highest rate of priority. There's actually maybe six different items that are rated numerically by a committee of staff and generally those items that we are required to provide, let's say, for example, I remember in the past a number of the items at the jail because those are federally mandated requirements, of course those go to the top of the list, then next comes just general maintenance of items, maintaining assets that the County already owns, and then you get to the last grouping which would be new services.

Commissioner Price said, I would think, if I may, this item would take significant importance maybe over some of the other items from safety concerns. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I don't think it does. It's —. Commissioner Price said, this situation happened in Georgetown and it did get priority because of that, Frank [Murray], so I think you would have —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, well, I think if you read the writeup, if I'm not mistaken, it's listed as number 80. Commissioner Price said, well, I understand what you're saying, I just —, you know, I think it just needs to be brought back to us and —, by you to say this is —, these kids —, school's coming, you know, starting again soon and this is a safety issue, and I think anything along the lines of safety, public safety, would have a higher priority along with the CEMA requirements and such as those. Mr. Monahan said, Commissioner Murray, we will re-review that and what I will do is in the meanwhile I will distribute the CIP as it now stands to all the Commissioners so you'll have an idea, you know, what's above it so you can understand the relative importance of those items. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, all right.

Commissioner Odell said, Frank [Murray], just to add onto that, this is a sidewalk issue. Are we also looking at places like Lamarville? Mr. Monahan said, yes sir, there are a number of items —, there are a number of other sidewalk improvements on that list, a number of parks. Commissioner Odell asked, and do we make a distinction between parks and between sidewalks and, if so, how do we do that? Mr. Monahan said, if it's a new sidewalk, inferior would be graded exactly the same. Commissioner Odell asked, do we have an idea as to —, and just to follow up on Frank's [Murray] question, do we have to hit the lottery to get this done? Is this down there on the list, but the County would have to hit the State lottery before —? Mr. Monahan said, no sir, it —. Yes, that would help, but what has happened is, the source of capital funds that has come most readily through Chatham County has been through the special purpose sales tax, and you might recall before the last special purpose sales tax referendum the staff provided you with a list of those items from the CIP that would be eligible. The Commission picked some of those, but not a lot of them, and so that does not provide many other funding opportunities. Perhaps through fund balance and once the County becomes more solidified in its fund balance, that would be another opportunity because you wouldn't —, you would not pledge —, you could pledge nonrecurring funds to capital items and feel comfortable with that once your fund balance gets to a certain level. Commissioner Odell asked, are you saying that we could use SPLOST funds then for sidewalks? Mr. Monahan said, yes sir, you certainly could. In the next one. It has to be identified prior to the referendum as sidewalks. Now a sidewalk done as part of a road project can be done concurrently with the road project, but in this instance it was not done. This was done separate from a road project. For example, with the Johnny Mercer Widening, if the sidewalks had been included at that point, then it would have been eligible, but because this is coming in after the fact, we could not justify the use of special purpose sales tax funds for that. Commissioner Odell said, in the future when we do roads, rather than have them, the people who sit here have to think we have residents here, they might want sidewalks, that that could just be included in the road project. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we've already started that. Commissioner DeLoach said, they've already done that. Mr. Monahan said, we've been doing that. Commissioner Odell asked, they have? Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Mr. Monahan said, we are doing that. Commissioner Odell said, because I know we're doing a lot of road work out in Eddie's [DeLoach] way and —. Commissioner DeLoach said, sidewalks too.

Commissioner Price said, that was going to be my point, Frank [Murray], exactly. In Georgetown, the new development that's occurring out there, they are required to put the sidewalks out, and the taxpayers don't pay for that.

Commissioner Saussy asked, what is the size of development that we require sidewalks and how many houses or lots? Mr. Monahan said, it's part of the subdivision review plan, but as far as a specific number I don't think I could tell you that. I would have to ask the County Engineer. I don't know if that —. County Engineer Al Bungard said, that really comes out of the MPC and the subdivision requirements [inaudible], but I do know in all of the subdivisions they do require sidewalks and it's a variance —, they have to go in for a variance if they don't want to do that. Commissioner Saussy said, but if you go in and you're building maybe five houses or ten houses on the streets, that's what I'm trying to determine if it's —. Mr. Bungard said, no, I don't think so, it's not part of that, but all the subdivisions you've been approving, they all have sidewalks. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, they have to do sidewalks.

Commissioner DeLoach said, you still have to divide that street up into a subdivision, right? Mr. Bungard said, if it's —, I think if it's on a street with a sidewalk already they have to go in there, but back to something Commissioner Price mentioned, like all the commercial development along Georgetown, all those the sidewalks are the requirement of the developer. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, that's the way it should be.

Mr. Monahan said, Commissioner Murray, I'd also like to point out that the Commission took a big step forward in handling some of it's more urgent needs through the recent bond issue. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, yes. Mr. Monahan said, for example, that was the replacement of the Courthouse air conditioner and some of the other upgrades. Sidewalks could have been included in that type of bond issue if the Commission had desired.

Assistant County Attorney Garrard said, excuse me, Commissioner Murray. You don't have a quorum. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I've got one sitting right over there. Assistant County Attorney Garrard said, oh, I'm sorry. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I was watching to see whether he went out or sat in the chair, so we have five. Assistant County Attorney Garrard said, okay.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay. Would someone like to make a motion then? Commissioner DeLoach said, I move to approve. Commissioner Saussy said second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, Ben [Price], are you going to vote on this. Commissioner Odell said, I'll push it, you just tell me which one. Are you voting yes? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we need five. Commissioner Saussy asked, is Ben [Price] voting no on this? Commissioner Odell said, no, he voted yes. Commissioner Price said, yes. In absentia. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to amend the unfunded CIP (Capital Improvement Program) to include the installation of sidewalks along U. S. Highway 80 on Whitemarsh Island between the Islandtree Apartments and the Islands Elementary School entrance. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel and Thomas were not present.]

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETLIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOUIS MILLS BOULEVARD AND BEVERLY STREET. [DISTRICT 5.]

Commissioner Odell asked, how long have we —, that request was put in when? Three years ago? Commissioner DeLoach said, it's been handled a number of times. Commissioner Odell said, it's been handled since —. Commissioner DeLoach said, over and over and over. You asked for it. It's —, a lot of times. Commissioner Odell said, until we finally got it. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, I just wanted to make that clear.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel and Thomas were not present.] Commissioner DeLoach said, persistence pays off. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Louis Mills Boulevard and Beverly Street. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Jackel and Thomas were not present.]

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A DCA GRANT FOR THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve a Department of Community Affairs grant for the Coastal Georgia Greenway Project and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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11. REQUEST FROM THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD 1993 THROUGH 1999.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request from the Tax Commissioner's office to write off uncollectible personal property taxes for the period 1993 through 1999. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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**12. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF POURING AND SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2000. PETITIONER: ROBERT DOSTOR MIMS, III, D/B/A STEAMERS RESTAURANT AND RAW BAR, LOCATED AT 1190-C KING GEORGE BOULEVARD.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, who pulled that? Commissioner Price said, not me. Commissioner DeLoach said, Martin [Jackel]. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we'll wait for him to come back. He's is —, had to be called out for just a minute. Commissioner Price said, well, I'm not going to let it sit there very long because it's —, I don't know what his problem is. It's in my district. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we will address it today. Commissioner DeLoach said, he might want to find out what it costs for a setup or something.

Mrs. Montine Earls asked, why is it a transfer? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, well, maybe I can explain this —.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, here he is. Welcome back, Martin [Jackel]. We're on Item 12. Commissioner Jackel asked, is that Steamer's? Commissioner Price said, it's Steamer's, yes.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay. I need to have y'all make a motion to let me recuse myself because I have given legal advise to one of the parties. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Jackel did not cast a vote.]

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, that's the only reason you pulled it? Commissioner Jackel said, well, it's the reason that I did.

Commissioner Price said, the question that Montine [Earls] and I think Ken [Earls] had is why does it say transfer? Mr. Monahan said, it's a transfer —. A license is taken out in a particular individual's name. It may be the manager, and often times the manager will change, so then the license —. Commissioner Price said, it did change. One partner bought the other one out. Mr. Monahan said, right. Commissioner Price said, so that's what that is. Okay, move for approval. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Jackel was recused from voting.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it's approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to recuse Commissioner Jackel from voting on this issue due to his prior representation of the petitioner. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Jackel did not cast a vote.]

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**13. REQUEST FOR NEW POURING AND SUNDAY SALES OF LIQUOR TO BE ADDED TO CURRENT BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2000. PETITIONER: ROBBIN LEE HUGHES, D/B/A THE LIGHTSHIP, LOCATED AT 618 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the petition of Robbin Lee Hughes, d/b/a The Lightship, located at 618 Wilmington Island Road, for new pouring and Sunday sales of liquor to be added to the current beer and wine pouring license for 2000.

Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Confirm emergency purchase of one (1) police vehicle	Sheriff	Southlake Ford	\$20,715	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
B. Book self check security system	Library	3M (sole source)	\$23,150	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
C. Book anti-theft security system	Library	3M (sole source)	\$19,855	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
D. Confirmation of the disposal by sealed bid, inoperable, obsolete and unserviceable surplus computer equipment	I.C.S.	N/A	N/A	Revenue Producing
E. Confirmation of emergency purchase of demolition of nine (9) County obtained properties for Truman Parkway Phase III	SPLOST	Ace's One Construction (MBE)	\$47,923	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway Phase III
F. Annual contract with option to renew for two additional one year terms for janitorial service to various Library facilities	Library	Savannah Professional Maintenance	\$54,060	General Fund/M & O - Library
G. Extend agreement to provide programming services associated with the Y2K remediation project	I.C.S.	Merri Lynn Pearson	\$12,500	CIP - Y2K Remediation
H. Final renewal option to the annual contract to provide contract labor	Public Works	Eastern Personnel Services	\$6.75 per hour per man	•SSD - Public Works •Solid Waste
I. Rental agreement for use of Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	•Board of Education •Benedictine Military School	•\$9,800 •\$3,500	Revenue Producing
J. Contract to provide HVAC modifications to a portion of Building 1 at the Air National Guard site	CIP	Air Management Systems	\$59,358	CIP - Air National Guard Renovation
K. Contract for the Wilmington Island Drainage Improvements - Clarendon and Manchester Systems	SPLOST	Sandhill ALS Construction (MBE)	\$167,604	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Wilmington Island Drainage Improvements
L. Confirm emergency approval to terminate contract to provide security at Tybee Pier and confirmation of new contract to provide security and custodial services at the Tybee Pier	Parks and Recreation	RipTide Concessions	\$31,200	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
M. Contract to provide plumbing modifications to a portion of Building 1 at the Air National Guard site	CIP	Consolidated Plumbing	\$35,050	CIP - Air National Guard Renovation
N. Contract to provide electrical modifications to a portion of Building 1 at the Air National Guard site	CIP	Ball's Enterprises (WBE)	\$99,000	CIP - Air National Guard Renovation
O. Annual contract with option to renew for two additional one year terms to provide concession services	Parks and Recreation	RipTide Concessions	\$12,120	Revenue Producing
P. Professional services contract to provide instruction to and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court in a community service work program which operate on Saturdays	Juvenile Court	Rhonda Strain	\$12.50 per hour	Supervision fees collected by Juvenile Court
Q. Change Order No. 8 to the contract for HVAC replacement and renovation at the Judicial Courthouse for revised routing of exhaust ducts.	Building Maintenance and Operations	Erickson's	\$4,588	Bond Proceeds - Judicial Courthouse HVAC replacement
R. Additional telephone switch	Library	Property Technologies (sole source)	\$11,155.20	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
S. Lowboy trailer	Public Works	Wallace Trailer Company	\$25,252	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
T. Purchase and installation of 47 heat pump units	Detention Center	Climatech	\$144,775	Bond Proceeds - Jail Improvements

As to Items 14-D through 14-T, except 14-F, 14-K and 14-L:

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 14-D through 14-T with the exception of 14-F, 14-K and 14-L. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

As to Item 14-A:

CONFIRMATION EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF ONE (1) POLICE VEHICLE; SHERIFF; SOUTHLAKE FORD; \$20,715; CIP - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I believe I'm the one that pulled that, and the reason I pulled this, why is it an emergency purchase? Mr. George Lynch said, the vehicle that they had been using, sir, was totaled. It was not —, it was on old vehicle, but it was operational. The vehicle was damaged, not as any part of the County; however, we were going to get very precious little insurance on it. The Sheriff's Department declared —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, excuse me just a minute, but we are not having to pay for that, is that correct? Commissioner Odell said, yes we are. Mr. Lynch said, yes. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I understood the writeup said it was not the fault of the County. Mr. Lynch said, that is correct; however, we will get the liability —, I mean the collision, immediate collision insurance on at most three to four thousand dollars. That's not going to be enough to go out and buy a new Sheriff's vehicle. The Sheriff is standing very short on vehicles. They need a replacement and that is the reason that we requested, since we had a three-week gap between meetings, an emergency approval to go ahead on out there and procure the replacement vehicle. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, well, I was just wondering why it was an emergency because I thought they had plenty of vehicles out there. Mr. Lynch said, no sir. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, maybe I'm wrong.

Commissioner Odell said, let me just ask —. The Sheriff's vehicles are used for a variety of purposes. How many of the vehicles are used by the administrative staff? I'm talking about the people who arrest no one, who's serving no one with anything, but are basically [inaudible]. How many vehicles, can you tell? Mr. Lynch said, I can't give you a precise count.

When you say administrative staff —. Commissioner Odell said, right. Mr. Lynch said, the Sheriff has a vehicle, the Undersheriff has a vehicle —. Commissioner Odell said, the Majors have a vehicle. They do. Mr. Lynch said, no, I was nodding my head in agreement with you, sir. Commissioner Odell said, and my question is how many people do they arrest, how many people do they serve process? You know, we get this as an emergency purchase and realistically it's not an emergency purchase. If there's a concern, why don't they let one of the guys who don't serve use his own personal vehicle. Commissioner DeLoach said, it was the Sheriff's car that got wrecked. I'm just kidding you. Commissioner Odell said, things happen. Mr. Lynch asked, where is the Sheriff when I need him? The —, sir, I'd be —.

Commissioner Saussy asked, why can't they just use one that's already out there? Commissioner Odell said, right. Mr. Lynch said, I would be happy to provide you an answer to your question for the record.

Commissioner Odell said, we have a lot of vehicles and the vehicles are being used as a personnel benefit. In addition to salary you get a vehicle. This job comes with a vehicle. It concerns me, and if you are serving summons, you need a vehicle. If you're making arrests, you need a vehicle, but if it's just going from your house to the Sheriff's Complex and it's your personal car, that to me —, when we've used all those, I'll vote to approve this one. Mr. Lynch said, Commissioner Odell, let me assure you that, number one, the Sheriff's Department is skinny on vehicles. Commissioner Odell asked, how do you get that? Mr. Lynch said, they are down at the present time, in terms of being able to give you an actual count, I can do it but I can't do it from memory. What I'm saying to you is if you look at who is driving those vehicles, and sure the Sheriff drives one, and I would suggest the Sheriff needs one. Commissioner Odell said, no, I'm not saying the Sheriff doesn't need a vehicle —. Mr. Lynch said, and —. Commissioner Odell said, and they'll take that as Harris Odell said the Sheriff doesn't need a vehicle. I'm just saying that eight other people may not need a vehicle. Mr. Lynch said, I am aware of the fact that the Under, the three Majors do it, and I'm also absolutely aware that they're using them for business purposes. The Sheriff's Department has got a bunch of very old vehicles. When they lose one, they need a replacement to it and it is for the serving of summons, for the movement of prisoners, and things of that nature. Commissioner Odell asked, but how many vehicles are there that are purely administrative? Mr. Lynch said, we will give you that and —. Mr. Monahan said, Commissioner Odell, let me help you out a little bit. Commissioner Odell said, let me finish my question and then you can help me out. My question is, if we do not know precise numbers, the simple fact that a vehicle was taken out of service and we do not know those vehicles that are not used for just beyond personal services, if personal takes the individual from place —, point to point, then how can we say that this is an emergency? We might just need to shift vehicles. Mr. Lynch said, yes. Mr. Monahan said, and you make a good point there. One is we do maintain an inventory, and I'm sure the Fleet Maintenance Director can provide that information. I just don't think he can provide it from memory. The other is I do want to remind the Board that you have adopted a policy on vehicle use, and I think if you're debating whether that policy needs to be altered, then you need to debate it as a policy and not over one particular car because there are —, the same situation applies to the Police Department and to department heads, to executive level positions. There are a number of other positions that that applies to as well as far as take-home privileges. Commissioner Odell said, I understand that, but I do not abdicate my right to question how I will vote and I cannot be dictated just because you say that we should do it as a group. You see what I'm saying? Mr. Monahan said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, and, you know, it is my prerogative to ask the question how they're going to use the vehicle. Mr. Monahan said, I don't disagree with you in the least.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, did you get your answer to the question? Commissioner Odell said, yes. Commissioner DeLoach said, we can go ahead and approve it then.

Commissioner Price said, I've got another question regarding this. I notice that J. C. Lewis Ford, I noticed that these guys didn't bid on it and since they're the local Ford dealer, why didn't they get the bid? Mr. Lynch said, okay. Bear in mind that because of the time of the year and because it is police models, we are dealing with a what have you got on your lot type arrangement. Obviously, if you get them in, if you would, the normal course of events, we would have had requisitions in in January. As you recall, also vehicle replenishment was not included in the six months budget. We're buying onesy-twosy [phonetic]. They did not have on the lot vehicles that met the specifications. Commissioner Price asked, but they were notified? Mr. Lynch said, of course, yes sir.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any further questions? Commissioner Price said, move for approval. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Commissioner DeLoach said, I'll second it. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, let's vote. Commissioners Jackel, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Pro Tem Murray and Commissioners Saussy, and Odell voted in opposition. The motion failed by a tie vote of three to three. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion's tied. Commissioner Jackel said, let me take another look at it. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, what you going to do now? Mr. Lynch said, sir, we will certainly take whatever action you desire and do it with vigor.

Commissioner Odell asked, why do we need to approve it if it's already been done? Mr. Lynch said, when we have an emergency —, a law enforcement states a requirement for a vehicle, we can verify that they are indeed in need. We cannot provide a substitute. We're dealing when we have to buy on a lot because we did not have a replenishment program earlier. We then request approval to go out and make an emergency purchase of a vehicle. In this particular case the wait would have been about three weeks. Commissioner Odell said, I think this says that perhaps we're encouraging car pooling for some of those administrative positions. Mr. Lynch said, sir, I don't want to debate it. I can assure you those vehicles are used to good purpose.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, George [Lynch], I will change my vote to a yes only because it's already been done, but I really think we need to look at these things a little bit closer, not just the Sheriff's Department, but any time emergency purchases come up. Mr. Lynch said, all right, sir.

Following a change of vote by Chairman Pro Tem Murray, the vote was as follows: Chairman Pro Tem Murray and Commissioners Jackel, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Saussy and Odell voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of four to two. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion passes four to two.

As to Items 14-B and C:

- B. BOOK SELF CHECK SECURITY SYSTEM; LIBRARY; 3M (SOLE SOURCE); \$23,150; CIP - VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT LEASE.
- C. BOOK ANTI-THEFT SECURITY SYSTEM; LIBRARY; 3M (SOLE SOURCE); \$19,855; CIP - VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT LEASE.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, B and C really are the same. Mr. Lynch said, they're two sides of security. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the reason I'm questioning this is it says 3M, sole source, which means there is only one source. Is that correct? Mr. Lynch said, my understanding on this one, sir, is that that was sole source because in order to integrate it with what is already there, now on the security side I am speaking now. Many of the books already have been marked with the 3M system. If you were to do a switch-out, you'd have to go through, take all of your old resources that you have in the library and put in new markers in those, somewhat similar in the lock-in that you have once you acquire, say, a telephone system, and to maintain compatibility in the system 3M was indeed your sole source. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, well, that's what I was questioning on both of those.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, are you ready to make a motion on B and C? Commissioner Price said, yes, B and C. Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I have a motion and a second on both —. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

As to Item 14-F:

ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR TERMS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE TO VARIOUS LIBRARY FACILITIES; LIBRARY; SAVANNAH PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE; \$54,060; GENERAL FUND/M&O - LIBRARY.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, where's the lady that asked us to pull this? Will you please state your name for the record.

Ms. Roseline Dike said, okay, I'm here to object the award for the Library. I was here about a couple of months ago back in March when that bid was up and it was [inaudible]. The reason why I was here today is because of the price that was, you know, that I was disqualified for that project. Okay, number one was my bid was low, number two was I had no experience, and number three that I had not been in business for long. So those are the three qualities that did disqualify me for being the low bidder. Okay, now the same thing came up last month so we turn in bids, but I'm doing the Library temporarily. They gave it to me temporarily, and I just received a letter they wrote about [inaudible], but I just got the letter, I'm not finished reading it. He said he'd try to fax me the letter on Friday. I looked at [inaudible] letter since July the 4th and he told me Friday that he was responding to that, so and I'm just reading from the letter. Okay, when they gave me the Library, okay, two weeks from the time we were given the Library to do, okay, Mr. Jenkins, which was the Facility Manager, he walked up, okay, to the Library, what need to be done and how it need to be done, okay, because the [inaudible] he said this is what he want and I said okay. So we've been doing it exactly the way he wanted, okay. Then I got a letter from Mr. Burke who [inaudible] from Mr. Jenkins stated that the men's bathroom, we're not doing it right. So I came in immediately when he called and then I asked him what the problem was, so he took me to the area and showed it to me. I said, well, Mr. Burke, this is what Mr. Jenkins wanted, this is how he wanted it and we've been doing it that way, but, I mean, if you want it done in a different way, we'll be glad to do that. So that was the result and since then, that was the only complaint they sent to me and that was resolved since then, so we've been doing it for, what, 60 days now and there's never been a complaint. So when this bid came out, so I turned in a bid. I thought there was eight libraries altogether, so I turn in the eight libraries as one price quote to the office, okay. So on the day of the bid, it just occurred to me that what happened back in March might not [inaudible] this time. You know, that somebody might actually bid close to what I bid [sic] last time. So I went ahead and put a price on the Bull Street, okay, without figuring out, what, you know, the rate, I just put a price point. So when the bid was opened, I did this in just about two minutes till the opening, okay, so just before I go home the Savannah Professional was the low bid. They bid [sic] \$3,500 a month on the library, okay, and then that was my question. I questioned this, I said why are you recommending this company because they bid \$3,500. The reason they gave me, one was that they were the low responsive bidder; two, they been in business for about 10 years; and, three, they have done large scope of work, and I have —, I talked to Mr. Bill, I said, Mr. Bill, were you telling me to do [inaudible], you told me when I was here in March. Are you telling me since then that this company, you will give it to them for 35, but you will not give it to me because they have more experience, they've been in business for so long. I said, well, I don't think that's right. I said I've been doing the library job from [inaudible], Mr. Fred Thompson and Bill told me the last time was

when I told them that I can do that job for what I bid [sic] it last time they told me that there was no way that I can do that job for anything less than \$4,000 a month. Not even me or any company because the library is a new building and it's going to take that much money to maintain. So when this bid came out, I've been doing it for 30 days —, for 60 days, and I went by, you know, what the discussion was last time, okay. So I put \$4,500 a month, and when I spoke with Mr. Bill on the 12th, he told me that, well, you've been doing it. I said, well, but, you know, I'm like a child. You told me don't do this. How do you expect me to come back and we repeat the same thing again, would I get it turned down on that issue. But he told me, well, you're doing it now. You know how much it costs to do it. I said, yes, I know how much it cost me to do it, but if I tell you how much it's going to cost me to do it or if I bid lower than \$4,000 how do I know you're not going to turn me down, so that's the reason why I'm objecting to this bid.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any questions from any of the Commissioners?

Assistant County Attorney Monahan said, I might refer that in Section 14, page 27, is the response on the company's protest. You might want to refer to it in the agenda. It's page 27, Section 14, Purchasing Agenda.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I move we approve it based on the staff's recommendation. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion from any of the Commissioners?

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I've just got a couple of questions, and mine would be, if I'm not mistaken, you were up here last when we went out to bid the contract for the maintenance on the library. Ms. Dike asked, sir? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, you came up back when we first opened the library and did a maintenance bid on that and you bid on that and you came up and protested that one, and I think at the time we told you that you could not do it at the figures that you had and it could not be done for that figure. Ms. Dike asked, what was the figure that it cannot be done for that figure and then —? There were three reasons that I was given. One was I cannot do it for that price, the reason being I was new to the business, I'm [inaudible] to the business, and then also I have not done anything with that large scope. These were the reasons that I was given. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I guess my question is if she was too new to be given the bid originally and the price was too low to do it originally, then why was her group brought in to fill in and do it in the interim period? Mr. Lynch said, Ms. Dikes [sic] and the —, the library, the first bid that came up covered the courthouses, courthouse annex, CNT, this building, et cetera, as well as the library. Okay. The library rejected —, asked for rejection of all bids on the library. They in turn negotiated with Ms. Dikes [sic], brought you aboard as their temporary contractor. Ms. Dike asked, can I —, can I make a comment? Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, did you have anything else? Mr. Lynch said, well, you were asking the question on that. The bid that Ms. Dikes [sic] now protests is, in terms of specifications and requirements, a quite different bid than the bid that she was asked to submit, or the —, all of them were asked to submit, in March. Example: Approximately 10,000 of space that the library had initially asked to be cleaned in the March bid has been withdrawn. The requirement for carpet shampooing on a periodic basis, withdrawn. As listed in the letter that Pat [Monahan] referred to, the bid today, the specifications of the bid are significantly less than were the specifications in the first request.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray recognized Ms. Dike.

Ms. Dike said, I disagree on his comments on the specifications. They were no different from the last bid to this bid. The last bid Mr. Fred Thompson did the pre-bid work and he showed us need to be done. There were no carpet shampooing. He said there was a contract —, there's a different contract for the shampooing so all we need to do is vacuum when he walked around. On the new bid it was the same thing. Mr. Jenkins walked with us and that was the same thing that Mr. Thompson showed on the last bid was what was on his bid this time. So he's saying the specifications changed. There were no changes in specifications. The last time Mr. Thompson said the building was approximately 60,000 and it was the same thing when Mr. Fred Johnson —, Thompson —, Jenkins walked with us. He was, you know, as I said, that he told us, but the letter that I just received now, that I saw, that said it is now 50,000. It is what wasn't [inaudible] in the bid. So what he said about the specification is not true.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, excuse me just a minute. Y'all's names have been used quite a bit, would y'all like to respond to any of this, or —? I mean, you don't have to. I don't want to put you on the spot, but at the same time when your name's been brought up that many times, I thought you might want to.

Mr. Fred Thompson said, Fred Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor. Ms. Dike is incorrect. The specifications for carpet cleaning in the original contract was quarterly. It's not in this contract. The square footage in this contract is substantially lower than what we gave in the original contract. The specifications has [sic] been modified by the library to fit their needs. I used our standard contract for custodial maintenance, which is different. I had not completely looked over the whole contract, but Mr. Jeff Jenkins had come to me and simply he didn't need in carpet cleaning as much as we do in these old buildings. So he modified it.

Commissioner Price said, because it's a new building. Mr. Thompson said, yes sir. Commissioner Price said, it's still not the lowest bid though from what she's saying. Mr. Lynch said, Ms. Dike's bid on this was not the low bid. Commissioner Price said, right. So, I mean, that would not have qualified her? Mr. Lynch said, secondly, there were a number of data elements that were requested that gives the staff insight into such things as frequency of service, staffing,

supervision. She did not provide any of those items, alone among the seven who were competing. Commissioner Price said, so it was determined then not to be responsive. Mr. Lynch said, so it was non-responsive, as well as not low. Commissioner Price said, I call the question. Commissioner Saussy said, second.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the question's been called. Ready to vote? The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion passes.

As to Item 14-K:

CONTRACT FOR THE WILMINGTON ISLAND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - CLARENDON AND MANCHESTER SYSTEMS; SPLOST; SANDHILL ALS CONSTRUCTION (MBE); \$167,604; SPLOST (1998-2003) - WILMINGTON ISLAND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the reason I pulled that one is just to make a point, and if I'm not mistaken, Al [Bungard], isn't this the same road that we had a LARP contract on where they came in and paved the road? County Engineer Bungard said, roger. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I talked with Al [Bungard] and found out that they were doing that. Commissioner Price said, that's Frank, not Roger. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, that's his military training. Mr. Lynch said, he's Army [inaudible]. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, and us Air Force people have to overlook that. Mr. Lynch said, yes sir. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, but at any rate, the reason I brought this up is I talked with Al [Bungard] about it and he was trying to coordinate with the State on that program because there was a new drainage project on there, yet the State came in, dug up the road, took the old asphalt off and laid the new asphalt down. I don't know how much patching has to be done now that we're going to go back and put in the drainage system. County Engineer Bungard said, there's a crosscut in part of the curb and guttering for about 200 feet will have to be removed and redone. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, but the only thing I'm trying to make is that when we know that we've got roads that are coming up with drainage projects on them, and whether it's a State contract or not, there should be some way that we can coordinate with them in order to do the drainage before we resurface the roads, and that's the only point I'm trying to make and I know it sometimes maybe it's hard to do, and I know you tried in this case and the State came in and did it anyway. County Engineer Bungard said, yes, well, the other was delete the whole project. They wouldn't delete that part of it, so the lesser of the evils was to bite the bullet and just try to do some real good quality control on the one crosscut and the curb and gutter to minimize it. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it certainly we want the drainage done. County Engineer Bungard asked, pardon me, sir? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, certainly we'll want the drainage done, but I just think it's a shame that we go in and have a newly resurfaced road and have to cut into it to put patches in there because we've got to have drainage. County Engineer Bungard said, it was a small piece of the project too.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, that's all. Do we have a motion? Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

As to Item 14-L:

CONFIRMATION OF EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO TERMINATE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT TYBEE PIER AND CONFIRMATION OF NEW CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT THE TYBEE PIER; PARKS AND RECREATION; RIPTIDE CONCESSIONS; \$31,200; GENERAL FUND/M&O - PARKS AND RECREATION.

Commissioner Jackel said, well, I'm in favor that we move for approval of the custodial services, but I have consistently been against us providing security services and felt Tybee should provide that since it's out there. So I move that we approve the first part and deny the second part.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, do we have a second to that motion to approve the first part, which is the custodial part of it, but not the security side of it? [NOTE: No second was made.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it dies for lack of a second. Do I have a motion to approve Item L? Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Price asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we do have a second.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, before we vote, I agree with what Martin [Jackel] was saying and I think that we need to try to do some negotiation with Tybee. After all, even though it is a County-owned facility, Tybee likes to take a lot of credit for that, and I think that they should be able, since they are there, to have some type of security, at least help with that in some way that benefits the pier. Mr. Lynch said, we may, sir, find that what we have done with this action is going to help with that. The gentleman, who is Mr. Riptide, is a Tybee resident and he's sort of trying to work himself out of the security mode of the contract. Will that happen based upon the vandalism that we encountered before we put light security person on? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, well, I know when we put them on. Mr. Lynch said, I doubt if it will, but he is working and seems to be optimistic that he'll be able to obtain greater and better support from Tybee law enforcement.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you. Any other questions? Let's vote. Chairman Pro Tem Murray and Commissioners Saussy, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition.

The motion carried by a vote of five to one. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 14-D through 14-T with the exception of 14-F, 14-K and 14-L. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

Commissioner Price moved to approve Item 14-A. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion. Commissioners Jackel, Murray, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Saussy and Odell voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of four to two. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

Commissioner Price moved to approve Items 14-B and 14-C. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 14-F. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

Commissioner Price moved to approve Item 14-K. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve Item 14-L. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Commissioners Saussy, Murray, Odell, Price and DeLoach voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of five to one. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers and Thomas were not present.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

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:

No report was attached.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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3. STATUS REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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4. INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FOR THE COUNTY INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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5. STATUS REPORT ON REMAINING CITIES' PARTICIPATION IN AREA-WIDE RECYCLING AS WELL AS AUTHORITY FOR CANAL MAINTENANCE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Report received as information.

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6. INFORMATION REGARDING A REVENUE GENERATING PROJECT FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written status report received as information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Commissioner Odell, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was recessed at 11:28 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, litigation and personnel.

Following adjournment of Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 12:13 p.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 Price moved to authorize the Presiding Officer to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. **REQUEST APPOINTMENTS AND/OR REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: SOUTHEAST COASTAL REGIONAL BOARD FOR MH/MR/SA, CHATHAM COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY, BUILDING CODE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, CHATHAM-SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS, TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AND CUTS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Upon motion made by Commissioner DeLoach and seconded by Commissioner Odell, the following appointments and/or reappointments were unanimously approved.

Southeast Coastal Regional Board for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse - Reappointment of Loretta Miller;

Chatham County Recreation Authority - Appointment of William T. Daniel to the position previously held by Eric Winger, and reappointment of William C. Seaman and Earl L. Etheridge, Jr.

Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals - Appointment of Downer K. Davis, Jr., to the trade listing of Civil Engineer;

Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless - Reappointment of Karen A. Sachs;

Tripartite Committee - Appointment of Robert Erb;

Zoning Board of Appeals - Reappointment of Steven Day, Charles L. Stewart, Jr., Davis Cohen, Michael W. Lee and Allan L. Cooper; and

CUTS Citizens Advisory Committee - Confirm the reappointments of Carl Kleeman (Chairman), Ronald Kolman (District 1), Freddie Patrick (District 2), Stephanie Jackel (District 3), Frank L. Bourne (District 4), Tabitha A. Taylor Odell (District 5), Tom Campbell (District 6), Harold L. Burgstiner (District 7), and Robert Brooks (District 8).

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Pro Tem Murray declared the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2000

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK