

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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, September 29, 2000.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Priscilla D. Thomas introduced Minister Kennetha Wright, Assistant Minister at Christ Memorial Baptist Church and Aldersgate United Methodist Church, who gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT:	Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight 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 (arrived approximately 9:50 a.m.) Ben Price, District Six Eddie W. DeLoach, District Seven
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IN ATTENDANCE:	R. E. Abolt, County Manager R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk
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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Hair said, I'd like to introduce our Youth Commissioners who are with us today. We have --, is it Brian or Brianne. Ms. Draffin said, it's Brianne. Chairman Hair said, Brianne Draffin. She is a Co-Chairperson and a Senior at St. Andrews School. We have Tiffany White. Tiffany is also a Co-Chairperson and she's a Senior at Beach High School, representing Port City Business & Professional Women Little Sisters. We also have Henry O'Neal with us, a Co-Chairperson, and he's a Senior at Beach High School, representing Educational Talent Search. We appreciate you folks being here this morning and, as always, if you want to make a comment, raise your hand and I'll be glad to recognize you. You can ask any questions or participate any way you deem appropriate. Thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY YOUTH FUTURES PRESIDENT BERNARD POLITE ON UPCOMING YOUTH SUMMIT.

Chairman Hair said, the first thing on our agenda this morning we're going to have a presentation by the Youth Futures President, Mr. Polite, a dear friend of mine, who I've known for 20 years, and he's doing an outstanding job for our community and he's going to talk a little bit about our upcoming Youth Summit. Mr. Polite, the podium is yours. We're glad to have you with us this morning.

Mr. Bernard Polite said, thank you very much, Mr. Hair—, Dr. Hair. The Youth Futures Authority now has a new Executive Director, and I'd like to have her join me at the podium if I may. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Mr. Polite said, this is Ms. Jacqueline Elmore. Ms. Elmore said, good morning. The Commissioners said, good morning. Mr. Polite said, It's our pleasure and our joy to stand in front of you with this presentation because it represents what I think Youth Futures is about, what we were empowered to do, and that is to champion the cause of youth and family in our community. This idea of the Summit, Community Summit, comes about because it provides an opportunity for us as a community to prioritize those things that we want to focus on as we move into the coming years. This is not a new event or activity for the Youth Futures Authority because since our beginning we have been doing this. We've gone through now five phases as we have evolved, focusing on various priorities. The thing that makes this different is the method to incorporate all of the resources within the community and have it so that there is less duplication and more efficiency as we look at those things that will come before us under the banner of children, youth, families. I'm going to ask Ms. Elmore if she can tell you some of the specifics of this Community Summit.

Ms. Elmore said, good morning. The Commissioners said, good morning. Ms. Elmore said, the Youth Summit, the Community Youth Summit will be an opportunity for all the persons who are involved in leadership and decision making and impacting policy for our children and for their families have an opportunity to convene for one and one-half days at the International Trade Center to discuss those issues that have been identified first in the Children's Profile that we presented to each of the Commissioners this morning. Those statistics, those revelations, led the Youth Futures Authority, as well as many of our partners, to the conclusion that we should convene and we should discuss among ourselves those possibilities in rectifying those things that are negatively impacting our children. We're convening this summit for several reasons, one being that originally the Youth Futures Authority was involved in a compact that had a commitment among education, elected officials, human service providers to do some different things as it related to the functioning of our children, the healthy existence of our children in this community. We want to bring that leadership together again to examine those issues that still plague and interfere with that healthy functioning. As much as we applaud, and I don't think we do it enough, but as much as we applaud the wonderful things that our youth are doing, it is evident to us, and I'm certain it's evident to this Commission, that there's still some things that are interfering with every child in this community being given the opportunity to become a healthy, economically self-sufficient, productive adult. The formal objectives are that we will assess the conditions of children and youth and their families. We'll renew a community-wide commitment to youth, their families, and the priorities that will make a difference for them. And we're very well positioned to make this a successful event. We've been fortunate to have Mayor Adams and the Commission Chair, Dr. Hair, agree to serve as Honorary Chairpersons for this event, so on Thursday evening they will be the individuals welcoming this gathering and hopefully saying to the gathering how important it is to the leadership of this community. Several leading support organizations have agreed to assist in not only developing priorities, but in supporting with resources this event. Among them are, of course, Chatham County, the City of Savannah, United Way, Armstrong Atlantic University, Savannah State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, the Health Department, the Department of Children and Family Services [sic], and I could go on, but that's an example of the commitment of organizations who share the same concerns and same vision that we have for children. Over 250 community leaders have been invited to attend this event, and by community leaders we're looking specifically at the persons who wrestle every day with how his or her decision will have an impact on the functioning of children and their families in our community. We'll have one of our former Executive Directors and founding members of the Youth Futures Authority, Dr. Johnson, give some opening comments. We'll have Mr. Willis Potts, who was very instrumental in helping the Chamber to work with our collaborative in the early stages, also make some comments on that evening. We're soliciting youth participation. We have invited the Youth Commission to participate with us. There will be a track where the young people of our community will be able to come into the report-out session and give those elements that are the most concern for them to inform the leadership of the things that are on their minds. So several youth groups throughout Chatham County have been invited to have focus sessions and work sessions where they talk about things that concern them. The four subcommittees are the four areas in which the work has been divided, are ensuring educational success, economic self-sufficiency, healthy family functioning, and safe families and neighborhoods, so of course we're looking at those four areas that would have crime impacted, the functioning of our families, the education that our children receive, their readiness as well as their functioning, [inaudible] they've completed their formal education. The subcommittees have begun to meet and over the past three months they have had work sessions that help them to identify relevant data, some best practices, and certainly begin to talk about the major items that will be put to the forefront at our summit. As leaders of Chatham County, we are certain that you are going to support, we know we already have the

support of the Commission, but we certainly wish that you as individuals will not only attend, but take a very close look at how you can help us in moving forward with those elements that we have identified at the summit, and continue to have those kinds of dialogues and make those decisions in this community that will help our children be productive citizens. Thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Ms. Elmore.

Mr. Polite said, let me just reinforce a couple of things that Ms. Elmore said, and that is that this is a community summit. It is not a summit that's one agency or one institution, but this is an opportunity for us as a community to define the things that we're going to apply to our resources from the standpoint of prioritization. The work actually begins to happen, I mean it revs up after the summit because these issues that we post out there have to be dealt with. That's what this community summit is about, but we certainly thank you all for allowing us the chance to come and share this with you today, and we certainly elicit your continued support. Thank you very much, Dr. Hair.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Bernie [Polite]. We appreciate you being here and we --, I certainly will be there myself and we want you to know that we are supporting it. I think it's a great idea, and I'm used to your leadership, Bernie [Polite]. Most people probably aren't, but this man has been involved in this for 20 years and he's provided great leadership. We appreciate it. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just wanted to also tell you publicly that I support what you do. Unfortunately, I have a prior commitment when you're having this meeting, but I do support what you're doing.

Mr. Polite said, thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, thank you. We appreciate y'all being here.

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2. MYSTERY CUSTOMER AWARDS.

Chairman Hair said the next thing on the agenda is the Mystery Customer Awards. Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hair, gentlemen, it is again that we pause to celebrate the very best that Chatham County has to offer: our employees. Two years ago you implemented a recognition program to award employees that rendered quality customer service. In the Mystery Customer Program our random mystery customer at an unknown frequency visits County departments inquiring about services. I am pleased to report that Chatham County again has three for three. Three County employees were visited and three employees received high marks for quality customer service. In recognition of their commitment to quality customer service, they will receive \$50 and a coveted certificate. Our first recipient is Cathy Simms, who is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant I at the Police Department.

County Manager Abolt said, you've got \$50. Chairman Hair asked, we do have the check don't we? County Manager Abolt said, yes, it is there. Chairman Hair said, we've had a problem with checks in the past, I just wanted to make sure you got your check. County Manager Abolt said, it's not signed though, sir. Chairman Hair said, bring it up here, I'll sign it.

Chief Sprague said, Cathy [Simms] is a 20-plus year employee of the Records Section. Her work load has increased by a hundred percent in the last 12 years, but she is also an Evidence Custodian with us, evidence, property, et cetera, and does an outstanding job, and I know she will continue to do so.

Chairman Hair asked, would you like to say anything?

Ms. Cathy Simms said, this is an honor. Thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, thank you. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, just by pure happenstance I happened to call out to the Records Section yesterday and this was this lovely voice on the phone helping me out. It was just yesterday, what a coincidence. That's great.

Ms. Simms said, thank you. Chairman Hair said, thank you. Keep up the good work.

Mr. Johnson said, our second recipient this morning is Antoinette Scott, who is employed as a Tax Tag Processor I in the Tax Commissioner's Office, and I believe the Tax Commissioner is coming here this morning.

Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, good morning. Ms. Scott has been with us now just a little over 90 days, and that's a great honor for her to be here today. I know she's going to have continued success with Chatham County, and hopefully she'll stay right in the Tag Office with me.

Ms. Scott said, I thank the Lord and the Commissioners for this opportunity to receive this award, and one thing I've thought about, I said I'm new, I just got on the job, but yet I figured that if you're here to serve, you need to serve and be consistent

in what you do and treat everybody like they're somebody no matter how they come to you. One thing I'd like to leave with everybody when you're dealing with people is that you're not accountable how people treat you, but you are accountable how you treat people.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much.

Mr. Johnson said, our final recipient is Frances Rasmussen, who is employed as the Assistant to the County Manager for Administrative Services. I don't see the County Manager –. County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Hair, you asked a question a few minutes –, I can't find the check. Oops! There it is. Chairman Hair said, that's okay, Frances [Rasmussen], we're just going to take it out of his. Commissioner Murray said, and regardless of what Russ [Abolt] tells you, you don't have to buy him lunch. Ms. Rasmussen said, he told me I had to buy it for everybody.

County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hair, gentlemen, we've all been captivated and much pleased and honored by the work of Team Savannah and the recognition it's given our community in the Olympics. I do want to announce today that we are now going to make a bid in the next Olympics for a new sport called Everything You Can Do Three Times Over and Do It All At Once, and our gold medal contender is Frances [Rasmussen]. She is absolutely wonderful. I'm blessed with 1,700 great employees, she's at the top of the list. A number of times I know you've seen her in action, but more importantly for the viewing audience out there, you may talk to her on the telephone and you have no idea what's going on at the time. She's most pleasant, most helpful, does not lose her patience. I'm usually next to her giving her dictation and all sorts of things, and she's doing at least three things at once. So this is our gold medal contender, Frances [Rasmussen].

Ms. Rasmussen said, thank you. Commissioner Rivers said, I'm a candidate for lunch. Ms. Rasmussen said, you have impeccable timing. This is really an honor. It's –, I don't know what to say. Customers –, customer service is our product and if we can't serve our customers, we have nothing to do here. So –, I didn't have anything planned to say, but this is wonderful, and I do appreciate the award and I think it's a good thing that people know that it's out there and maybe they'll work a little harder to be nice to the next person, but thank you very much.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, it's a great job you do. Commissioner Jackel said, thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

Commissioner Rivers said, to all the recipients [applause].

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. BAND SHELL FUNDS TRANSFER OF \$787,500 (THIS INCLUDES INTEREST EARNINGS) TO CITY OF SAVANNAH THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (CHAIRMAN HAIR AND COMMISSIONER PRICE).

Chairman Hair said, the first thing is under my section, the band shell funds transfer of \$787,500 to the City of Savannah through an intergovernmental agreement, and I'm going to ask Commissioner Price to say whatever he'd like to say in a moment, but we think that –, we've had this discussion about this band shell for a number of months now and I think it's time for us to act on it. If you remember our discussions with the City of Savannah, they want to expand the band shell and they're willing to do it at their expense. They think that the 700,000 [sic] is not enough to do the job they want done. Also, all the locations that are being considered are inside the city limits of Savannah. So I think it's appropriate this morning that we transfer this fund through intergovernmental agreement to the City of Savannah and allow them to continue the planning. We met this morning with Dana Braun, and most of you remember Dana [Braun] is the person that heads up the Leadership Savannah group that was sort of the idea behind the band shell, and he wanted me to express his opinion this morning that they are very supportive of this idea and they think it's the proper way to proceed to do this, and I urge your support for this. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, I agree. We need to get this done. You realize this is the last project of over six years ago that the taxpayers voted on in the then SPLOST referendum that was on the ballot, and initially we thought about this would be part of the Trade Center. The idea was that this money could be used in that direction, but I think we're fulfilling our promise to the taxpayers by going ahead and doing this in a way that's going to assure that we're going to have a structure, a venue, an outside venue that will be dedicated to all the different types of cultural and whatever type of events that we can have take place. There's also a commitment from the City, as far as I understand it, that there will be continued dialogue as to the location of this. The City has an idea of where they would like to put it, but there is going to be more public input into this in not only the forum of the Council –, City Council meetings, but in other ways. I'm very much in support of doing this, and I would move so that we do that.

Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I would –, the way I'd like –, I don't have a problem with doing this, but I'm more –, I'd just as soon earn the interest on this money as give it to the City of Savannah, so I'd like to transfer them an IOU and tell them at the time that they're ready to proceed, the money's there and we'll give it to them, but I would rather us to keep the money in the bank and earn the interest so that we can use it on projects that we have, and then they can have it at the time that they're ready for it. I don't have a problem transferring it, do that, no problem, but I would love to keep the money here and earn the interest so that we can put it on projects that we have rather than handing the money when we don't know what time frame they're on. It could be anywhere from, you know, two months to two years. I'd just as soon earn the interest and then hand it to them, that's fine with me, Billy [Hair].

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Price, would you accept that as an amendment to your motion? Commissioner Price said, this project has taken so long and I think that the longer we wait before we make any type of progress in any direction, the costs –, the construction costs are going to continue to go up, and if we try to say that we're only going to give, you know, the original amount that was indicated in our referendum, and then what we discussed, we're already behind the eight ball on this project, we haven't gotten it done, it should have done, it should have been completed years ago and it hasn't been, and I think that the use of it, I trust the City to be able to use it wisely and I think that in other instances we've done this with other projects. So we've set a precedent in other areas as well in doing this, and I think we're only talking at this point \$37,500 difference from the \$750,000. I'd like to try the motion as is. Chairman Hair said, okay, so we have a motion and a second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yes, I agree with Commissioner DeLoach and what his request was and I think it was a legitimate request. The other –, and I don't have a problem with transferring the funds, but I would really like to more from the City about what their plans are rather than just us talking about it because there was no write-up in our agenda book on this, it was just on here as an agenda item. If anyone here from the City could give us some information on what their plans are.

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Shearouse is here.

Mr. Joe Shearouse said, our plans are to meet with the Leadership Savannah Committee that initially brought this project forward. We've already had some discussions with Dana Braun and others, but we'll bring that committee back together. As I understand it now, they've basically recommended two sites, which is Forsyth Park and Battlefield Park. So we'll go back over that, we'll develop more information on both of those sites as to the pros and cons, we'll then have the appropriate meetings with the community to get community input about their feelings about both sites. Once we've gathered all that information, we'll then take it to the Mayor and Aldermen and present to them what we have found from the analysis of the sites and from the community input with a recommendation as to which site and what would be built at that site.

Commissioner Rivers asked, do y'all have any preliminary –, excuse me. Do y'all have any preliminary plans as to someone said something about enhancement? Do y'all have any preliminary plans? Mr. Shearouse said, well, I don't want to preselect a site, but what we have done prior to this project coming forth from the County, is we've looked at Forsyth Park. As you know, we've got the old fort in Forsyth and we've currently funded about \$850,000 to do improvements to the fort. As part of conceptual plans, we have looked at how you could incorporate a band shell into the renovation of the fort and how those two projects could be tied together. Now that doesn't mean Forsyth Park is a preselected site, but as a separate project from yours we had looked at that, so that's what we'll be coming forward with in addition to looking at the pros and cons of Battlefield.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Rivers, I'd like to add to that. I've had some discussions with the Mayor about this, and the Mayor is interested in expanding several things, the size of the band shell to allow –, to accommodate different types of events and also to expand the original size and seating, and so I know he is very interested in expanding both of those concepts. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'm in favor of this band shell and the voters voted for it. When we discussed this thing previously, one of the suggestions I had was that we do it at Memorial Park, and I think when this thing had come up in front of the Commission, if we had voted to approve Memorial Park, we would have that band shell in place already, and as I pointed out, the advantages to Memorial Park were, one, we have adequate parking at Memorial Park, we have a police force that's use to providing security there, we have concessions at Memorial Park, we have lighting at Memorial Park, and it is not adjacent to any residential neighborhood, but Dana Braun was insistent that that could not be the place, and I suggest that if we had voted on it when that came up before us that we could have already had the band shell in place, up and running and operating at Memorial Park. Now we're back still at ground zero not knowing where it's going to be. Now as everybody here I think understands, part of my district is the historic district, and I can tell you that the people along Forsyth Park are dead set against this because they have contacted me. Now when we look at Forsyth Park, we've got virtually zero parking, we're adjacent to a residential neighborhood, we have it bordered on two sides by one-way streets with high velocity traffic that imposes danger to people crossing, particularly at night, we have no concessions, and we have no restrooms. I'm sure some of those things can be alleviated if you do build it there, but that is my reluctance in turning

it over to the City because then I have absolutely no say-so, and we still don't know what's going on with Memorial Park. Until I see that we have an agreement in place, a commitment by the City and a reasonable place to locate this, I don't see how I can vote for this, and it's kind of troublesome to me, and this, of course, has nothing to do with you. I'm not criticizing you in any way here. You know, we had a --, I got my agenda book on Wednesday this week --, I think it was Wednesday, and I see that we're giving three-quarters of a million dollars to the City, there's no explanation. That's my first knowledge of it. Now I think that we've now put it out. Hopefully, the press will print something about it, people will see it on our TV station, and we'll be able to get some comments from our constituents who we represent on whether this is a good idea or not. So I would like to move for us to table this so we can get some insight before we commit ourselves.

Chairman Hair said, all right, we have a motion to table. That's not debatable. All those in favor of tabling the motion --. County Attorney Hart said, you need a second. Chairman Hair asked, do we have a second to table? Chairman Hair said, okay, it dies.

Commissioner Murray said, no, I'm not seconding it right now, but I wish that Commissioner Price would reconsider Commissioner DeLoach's request as a friendly amendment to that motion. If not, then I will vote to table it. Commissioner Price said, in the sense that the ends justifies the means, I will, and I'll accept that. Chairman Hair asked, all right, will the second accept the amendment? Dr. Thomas? Commissioner Thomas asked, did you accept? Commissioner Price said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, I'll accept.

Chairman Hair said, all right, he accepted the amendment that we transfer the \$750,000, but not the interest money of \$37,500. All those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioner Murray said, wait a minute. Is that --, I didn't think --, understand it that way. I understood what you said is that we would hold the money until they had a plan and then --. Chairman Hair said, that was Commissioner DeLoach's suggestion. Ben [Price] did not accept that amendment. Okay? That was his suggestion. The motion on the floor is to transfer the \$750,000 to the City of Savannah. That's the motion, and that's the one that has the second. Commissioner Murray said, I'd still rather wait until we saw a plan and what was going to actually take place with it. Commissioner Rivers asked, would you let him state his --?

County Attorney Hart asked, did the table have a second? Chairman Hair said, no, it failed.

Commissioner Jackel said, I have a legal --. Chairman Hair said, okay, we have a parliamentary inquiry. Commissioner Jackel asked, can we transfer this money without any plan or anything? County Attorney Hart said, if you choose, yes sir, you can. Commissioner Jackel said, well, if we just transfer it without any plan, is that not in violation of the Gratuities Clause? County Attorney Hart said, no, it's not. There's not a gratuity problem insofar as it's a transfer between two governmental entities, number one, and, number two, my understanding is that there would be an intergovernmental agreement in place that would say that these funds, \$787,500, would be --. Chairman Hair said, \$750,000. County Attorney Hart said, will be spent for the band shell. Chairman Hair said, correct. County Attorney Hart said, the City's got --. Commissioner Jackel said, and there's no intergovernmental agreement in place. County Attorney Hart said, no, not at this time. This concept --. Commissioner Jackel said, so --. County Attorney Hart said, this motion, my understanding is that there will be a preparation of an agreement arising out of that to complete that.

Chairman Hair said, it would be transferred through an intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Saussy and then Commissioner Rivers. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, Joe [Shearouse], a couple of things. Right now there are two sites basically. Mr. Shearouse said, yes sir. Commissioner Saussy asked, assuming Forsyth Park is not the choice, where would this go in Battlefield Park? Mr. Shearouse said, I think the easiest way to describe it without a map, it's not in the traditional area of Battlefield that you're thinking about. If you go over the overpass --. Commissioner Saussy said, right. Mr. Shearouse said, there's a --. Commissioner Price said, a train trestle. Mr. Shearouse said, an old train trestle that there's an area over there that's, the best way to describe it is kudzu heaven, so it's kind of in the north, northwest quadrant, I guess would be the best way to describe it. Commissioner Price said, it's an area where you have both the Central of Georgia Railroad and one of the other railroads that came into the old roundhouse, and it's kind of a V-shape and it's an elevated --, the trestles, of course, are elevated. It's almost a natural setting. Mr. Shearouse said, it's a natural bowl almost. Commissioner Price said, yes. Mr. Shearouse said, it would be part of an overall master plan for Battlefield that would --. Commissioner Price said, [inaudible] that whole area. Mr. Shearouse said, you'd be connecting it with a trolley system to River Street, and this is the vision. It would take a lot to get there, but that's how it plays into that. Chairman Hair said, Commissioner --. Commissioner Saussy said, wait a minute. The other thing is, should --, would it delay anything for y'all's plans if we waited to give you the money until you're ready? Mr. Shearouse said, no, I think what we would need today is approval of the intergovernmental agreement. When the money actually transfers I would imagine is when we make the request.

Chairman Hair said, yes, I think that's fair. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, now I conclude that we're probably going to end up holding the money anyway, but Eddie's [DeLoach] suggestion was that we hold the money and all the accruing interest in hand and as the interest accrued that we would use that interest in other projects, and that's --. Chairman Hair said, that's already been accepted as amendment. That's already been accepted. Commissioner Saussy asked, that has been accepted? Chairman Hair said, that's already

been accepted, not just to –. Chairman Hair said, it does not include the interest money, that's correct. It's only to the 750 [sic].

Commissioner Murray said, no, but I think what Joe [Rivers] is saying is the same question that I had –. Commissioner Rivers said, you're missing the whole thing. Commissioner Murray said, that is what you said you did not accept. Commissioner Price said, right. Well, the money wouldn't go until the intergovernmental agreement is drawn and brought back to us. Chairman Hair said, I don't think there's any problem with the City as far as not taking the money until you're ready to use the money, so that's not an issue. I think that's a fair request. Mr. Shearouse said, we don't draw the money until we need it. Commissioner Murray asked, so we [inaudible]. Chairman Hair said, we'll just add that as another amendment that the money will be transferred until the actual cost is –. Go ahead.

County Manager Abolt said, Chairman Hair, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, unless you tell us differently, this motion will create a very simple intergovernmental agreement, namely, you agree to pay the City of Savannah X-amount of money to build a band shell, period. Chairman Hair said, that's right. County Manager Abolt said, it would not come back on your agenda. The Chairman would be empowered to sign it unless you want to put further conditions in the intergovernmental agreement.

Chairman Hair said, no, we're not talking about that. We're talking about the fact that the money would stay here until the City of Savannah actually needs it, that's all we're talking about, and that's –, anybody object to that? Commissioner Rivers said, and the amount is 750 [sic]. Chairman Hair said, that's correct. All right, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Murray, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved that the County transfer band shell funds of \$750,000 to the City of Savannah through an Intergovernmental Agreement, the transfer to occur at the time such funds are actually required by the City of Savannah, and any interest which accrues from said funds will be retained by the County and used for County projects. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Rivers, Murray, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jackel voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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2. CONSIDERATION OF OUTSOURCING PLAN REVIEWS.

Chairman Hair said, this is an ongoing problem we have in our County, and I think we need to look at alternative solutions. Mr. Bungard's office, of course, is having great difficulty in hiring engineers and if you talk to people in the business of developing Savannah, it takes forever to get plans reviewed through our Engineering Department, and all I'm asking this morning is that we ask staff to study this issue and bring back within a couple of weeks or as soon as possible some recommendations about outsourcing plan reviews to private engineering firms. I've already discussed this with the County Manager and he is in favor of it. Actually, he's already considered –, they already have started a process of considering it, as in your staff report, and I just think that this is a way for us to give better customer service. You know, we gave awards this morning for customer service. It's not good customer service when it takes an engineering firm six months to get a plan review and it only took two weeks to draw the plan, and that's the situation we've got. I think this is a way we can improve our service to the constituents by outsourcing plan review, and I think this –, a lot of other communities in the country do this and have been doing this for years, and I think it will relieve a lot of the pressure in Mr. Bungard's office in terms of staffing levels. I also think it's –, I think you will see when we get the report back from staff that it's probably also going to be very cost effective. I think you're also going to find that it's probably going to cost less money to do it than it would be to hire another \$70,000 engineer [inaudible]. Mr. O'Neal has a question.

Youth Commissioner O'Neal asked, what's the problem with hiring engineers? Chairman Hair said, the problem is salaries. You know, we're paying \$40,000-\$42,000 and they're getting \$60,000 and \$70,000 out in the community for private industry. That's one of the major reasons. That's the primary reason. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, yes, I would think this would be a good thing because it would certainly save what I think a lot of money on benefits and things this. If we need a motion, I'd be happy to –.

Chairman Hair said, we don't need a motion. We just need to direct staff. If there's no objection, we'll direct staff to study this issue and bring it back as soon as possible. Like I said, the County Manager has already started the process. He –, when I discussed this with him before I put this on the agenda, I didn't want to blind side him with it, I discussed it with him and he told me that he had already started some discussions about this with the County Engineer.

County Manager Abolt said, we'd appreciate the opportunity to discuss it, Mr. Chairman. At your leisure, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, you could review the report from Mr. Bungard, which just highlights what we're now looking at. This is one of the options. This is on very high priority. We'll come back to you in the very near term with some choices. Chairman Hair said, I think it's a very good idea. Thank you for your consideration, and we'll get the report back from staff.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

The Board directed staff to study the issue of outsourcing and report back to the Board at the earliest possible date.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. CHATHAM COUNTY OPTIMIST DAY (COMMISSIONER JACKEL) .

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Jackel, we have a proclamation here. Would you –, I'll just let you present it.

Commissioner Jackel said, it is my pleasure today, we want to proclaim this as Optimist Day, and if I could have my fellow Optimists come up to the front please. We have a proclamation that states:

WHEREAS, OPTIMIST members are dedicated to developing optimism as a philosophy of life, promoting an active interest in good government and civic affairs, inspire respect for law, promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of human kind, the community and world; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of OPTIMIST as an organization making an important difference in the life of a child and communities across the world is a noteworthy event; and

WHEREAS, the OPTIMIST clubs have served the youth and communities of Chatham County for over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, the OPTIMIST clubs of Chatham County have greatly enhanced the quality of life for our citizens through community service projects such as providing scholarships through oratorical and essay contests, substance abuse prevention programs, providing food baskets to needy families, coaching youth sports teams, fingerprinting safety programs, honoring educators, conducting junior golf tournaments and mentoring youth in preparation for a productive future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 29, 2000 as:

OPTIMIST DAY

in Chatham County and urge all citizens to support and become involved with this very productive organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 29th day of September 2000.

Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Commissioner Jackel said, we're proud to be here as Optimists and we have several of our Optimists here. We have several clubs here in Chatham County, and the idea other than just promoting optimism is to serve the youth of this community, and this Linda Lee, the State Governor, one of the first women in Optimists once women were allowed, and that was allowed much too late because they've added a deal to optimism and the youth –, helped the youth of this community. Commissioner Jackel recognized Ms. Lee.

Ms. Linda Lee said, thank you very much. We appreciate this proclamation. What I've heard this morning with the Youth Summit and the recognition of the Mystery Awards, everything's very positive, and of course as Optimists we're always looking for the positive way. We've had several of you come and speak with us, and we appreciated that very much. We appreciate the good work that you've done. I would like to recognize there are three Optimist Clubs in Chatham County. We also have one in Effingham, which I know that's like next door, but we have three Optimist Clubs in Chatham County, and in the State of Georgia there are 130 Optimist Clubs with approximately 4,000 Optimist members, and our purpose is to serve the youth and help them be productive adults and mentor them through the main things. We appreciate your support and thank you very much, Chatham County, for making this Optimist Day.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. You're quite welcome. We appreciate the work that y'all do.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'd like to –, Linda [Lee], would you just please recognize this group please? Ms. Lee said, I will. Ms. Lee said, if you'll notice, there's a green jacket here. This is the uniform for the year 2000-2001, which actually starts October 1. This is Larry Lee, who happens to be my husband. He's with the Savannah Optimist Club, Paul Vogler [phonetic], Savannah Optimist Club, Irene Pennington, Savannah Optimist Club, Betty Mills, our current Lieutenant

Governor, Savannah Optimist Club, Diana Stewart [phonetic], Savannah Southside, Walter Harn, Savannah Southside, Tom Sprague, Savannah Southside, Linda Zadach [phonetic], Savannah Southside. The other club is Tybee Island and unfortunately they were not able to be here this morning. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thanks again. Thanks for coming. Thank you.

Ms. Lee said, oh, wait a minute, and Martin Jackel, Savannah Southside.

Commissioner Jackel said, I'd like to –, I'm sure everybody knows this, but we need to point out one further thing. That our Chief of Police –. Commissioner Saussy said, absolutely. Commissioner Jackel said, is a member and he has worked hard and truly believes in the youth of our community and what we can do for it, and Irene Pennington is also on our police staff and she's the same way, and I just think, you know, it's wonderful that they have this faith in our community and know we have to work with our youth to have that better tomorrow, and before I let y'all go, one of the things that has helped motivate me through recent years in my life has been the Optimist creed. It's just a wonderful creed and won't take but just for a minute. You think we'll remember it? Ms. Lee said, they know it. Commissioner Jackel said, okay.

The Optimist members said, Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind, to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet, to make all your friends feel that there is something in them, to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own, to forgive the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of your future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, to noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Commissioner Jackel said, okay, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much. We appreciate y'all being here.

Commissioner Jackel said, many is the time I've told myself I need to forgive the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Commissioner Murray said, we thought you were going to recite that by yourself.

Chairman Hair said, you know, I think maybe all politicians should be required to be members of Optimist. Ms. Lee said, we have applications. Chairman Hair recognized Tiffany White.

Youth Commissioner White asked, is the creed –, is that a national creed? Chairman Hair said, yes. Ms. Lee said, yes, it is. Youth Commissioner White said, it was sent to me as a poem in a E-mail, so I printed it one day when I was down, and I remembered it and I started saying it with you. Ms. Lee said, you should always keep it with you and say it when you're down. Youth Commissioner White said, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Thank y'all for coming.

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2. POLICY ON VIDEO POKER.

Chairman Hair said, this is really not a Commissioners' item. I'm going to do that at the end. That's something the County Attorney wants to talk about.

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Chairman Hair said, we're going to have brief discussion from the County Attorney on –, to ask us for direction on possible ordinances that would regulate video poker.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, Mr. Chairman. Jon [Hart] participated, which I appreciate. This came forward initially by Mr. Anderson, and I asked Jon [Hart] for his advise, which he'll give to you. The overall subject matter has been addressed now most recently at the State level. I know there has been some migration of video poker machines as a result of prohibition in the State of South Carolina. We candidly admit in our review of the regulations they're ambiguous at best. The question before you, if you wish to entertain it as a policy matter, do you wish us to punch up the volume on our ordinances and completely prohibit video poker.

Chairman Hair said, well, I don't know that we need to go to –, I don't know what our options are. I don't know if an outright ban would –. We have current State laws that regulate it. I don't know if you've read it in the Atlanta paper, they just confiscated about 500 machines up in Georgia right outside of Anderson, South Carolina. It's Hart County and Franklin, up in that area. I do think it's probably something we need to look at. I don't know an outright ban would be the way to go,

but why don't we do this, why don't we have staff look at it in conjunction with the County Attorney and to bring us back some options and then let's do that. Let's proceed along those lines and see what our options are.

Commissioner Price said, Chief Sprague wanted to speak on that. Chairman Hair said, well, he can speak now, but I think it would be appropriate, let's just see what our options are firsts. We don't really know what our options are, so I think at that time we'll have a full discussion of it. I think it would be premature to do it now. Commissioner Price said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

The Board directed that staff, in conjunction with the County Attorney, review the issue of video poker in Chatham County and bring back options for the Board's consideration.

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3. DOG WASTE (COMMISSIONER JACKEL).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. [Unintelligible comments when several Commissioners began speaking at the same time.] Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Jackel is going to talk about dog waste.

Commissioner Jackel said, I've already said you've got to forget the mistakes of the past. The reason why this is on the agenda was, as I understand, everybody else was approached to put this on and no one else would, so --, but anyhow we have a problem in parts of the unincorporated County with accumulation of dog waste and stuff, and we've had numerous complaints to Animal Control, and I think it's just time we had some discussion on this matter so we can kind of get some consensus of whether we need additional regulation, whether we need additional enforcement because it is becoming a problem as the unincorporated area becomes much more residential and the density increases and the number of pets increases, and I understand where Commissioner Price lives out in Georgetown that it's really becoming a problem, so I thought, okay, I'll put it on the agenda, y'all can have a laugh, and then we'll see if anyone's interested in doing anything about it.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, my question would be to say that we've got this problem, is this a problem created by people walking their dogs on leashes through other people's yards or is this a problem that we have with people turning their dogs out and letting them run loose? Commissioner Jackel said, I think it's both. Commissioner Murray said, well, if it's the run about them running loose, then we have an ordinance that's supposed to take care of that and the dogs need to be picked up. Somebody needs to be calling Animal Control to have that done if in fact that's the problem. But if that's not the problem, Russ [Abolt], you said --.

County Manager Abolt said, the report from the Police Department indicates in the Georgetown area residents walking their dogs, and whether there with a leash or voice control--. This has to do, I assume, with an outing where the owner is present.

Commissioner Price asked, they're not scooping? Commissioner Murray said, well, they need to carry their poop scoops with them. Our ordinance evidently doesn't say that. County Attorney Hart said, it doesn't provide for a scooper. It does say that you've got a duty to remove the dog.

Chairman Hair asked, Chief, could you enlighten us on the dog waste?

Chief Sprague said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I understand the County ordinance currently, it only pertains to County-owned property, it does not pertain to private property. It's a universal problem, as we all know. I know I live in the City and in looking over their ordinance, the one I saw was dated in 1987, they also do not have an ordinance involving private property. Things for consideration on the County ordinance might be to expand it onto public parks and public ways, et cetera, along with the County property that's already covered. However, when you get around to the enforcement of it, in my neighborhood I walk early in the morning, I see some people with a dog on a leash, I see some owned dogs that are just out, the owner lets them out. I think it's a problem that neighbors ought to mediate between one another as opposed to making it something of government personally because I don't think government can solve the problem that we're talking about here.

Chairman Hair said, I totally agree with you, Chief. I think this is something that, you know, if you're not careful, you can over regulate, and I think this an example where you can very easily over regulate. I don't think is necessarily a role that County government can play. I think we could play a role of encouraging it, but I think it's very, very difficult, and as you said and correctly pointed out, of course, the burden of this would fall on you to enforce it, and there's no need to pass a warm and fuzzy, you know, regulation to make somebody feel good, but then it's absolutely and totally unenforceable and nothing happens. It might make a politician feel good, but it doesn't do anything to solve the problem.

Chief Sprague said, if the act in violation of such an ordinance were to occur, the officer would have to see the crime committed before he could cite the owner. Consequently, a neighbor would have to have –, I mean, he could swear out a warrant, and he could have as evidence a video or Polaroids or something on the act –.

Chairman Hair said, I'll tell you what let's do. I'm going to recommend that we not take any action on this and we'll monitor the situation and if it gets to be a problem, we will try to address it in the future. We certainly couldn't do it on private property. I'd be totally opposed to that.

Commissioner Saussy said, let's see if we can't encourage it through our channel, TV channel, for people to police themselves. Chairman Hair said, yes, something like that.

Commissioner Jackel said, let's also remember that –. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel. Commissioner Jackel said, let's also remember that we live, by and large, in a law abiding community. People some years ago laughed when the State passed its first seatbelt law saying, well, this is a private thing, I can do what I want in my own vehicle, and they said making it a law wasn't going to make any difference, but Americans are law abiding citizens, and I'm going to raise my hand and say I'm a law abiding citizen. So just maybe if we did pass something, that might have an impact beyond what we realize because most of our people are law abiding citizens. Now we don't have a regulation now. Of course, we're not talking about private property, but like the Georgetown area where they have that boulevard, and I can tell you also, which I've already mentioned today, but I live downtown and I live right off of Troupe Square, and the City has that as an ordinance, and in one day's time I guarantee you there are over a hundred dogs that come through that square, and if it wasn't through the ordinance and the law abiding citizens following that ordinance because it is the law, it would be knee deep in that square, and I think there are those problems in some others, and y'all can laugh if you want, but there is that, and I would also venture to say where our Chairman lives that it is highly regulated and they have the people out there are required to scoop and keep their dogs on leashes, and I think it is strictly enforced out where he lives, so there are people in that unincorporated area who are not getting the courtesy of what our Chairman gets where he lives.

Chairman Hair said, well, since you brought it up, Commissioner Jackel, there is no regulation where I live. Commissioner Jackel said, well, where you used to live. Chairman Hair said, the citizens do it themselves and we don't have a cop out there finding for something, and the citizens take care of themselves, and I think that's the way we should approach this.

Chief Sprague said, my thoughts on it, again I think it's a neighbor to neighbor thing. I've lived in Georgetown in the past and I go there a lot now in this current job, I think it's an ordinance you put on the books and that basically it's there, but it's really unenforceable. Chairman Hair said, that's exactly right. Chief Sprague said, and I don't think the Police Department should be called in as a referee in a dog defecation incident –. Chairman Hair said, I agree. Chief Sprague said, I think that it lowers respect levels for one thing, and you always start getting calls that are going to be unanswerable really.

Chairman Hair said, I'll get everybody. Thank you. Let me recognize the Youth Commissioners and then I'll get Commissioner Saussy, Commissioner Price and Commissioner Murray. Chairman Hair recognized Youth Commissioner Brianne Draffin.

Youth Commissioner Draffin said, in keeping with Optimist Day instead of suggesting a way of prosecuting these people, how about I've seen in difference apartment complexes, and this may be difficult to do on a large level, but these little stands that have a trash can in them specifically for dog waste and inside the stands are the dog –. Commissioner DeLoach said, scoops. Youth Commissioner Draffin said, pooper scooper that you pick up the dog waste and put it in. In these high problem areas could some of those be implemented?

Chairman Hair said, I think that's –, I think we could certainly look at those things. I think we could do a public works campaign. I just think –, I personally think that an ordinance is not necessarily the way to go about it. Chairman Hair recognized Youth Commissioner O'Neal.

Youth Commissioner O'Neal said, not only –, I know that around the City of Savannah, especially around Forsyth Park, it is a fine if you don't pick up your dog poop, and basically it's –, it's all over Savannah and round about over by Georgetown, even on the side of the highway, even though it's beside the highway, that is very distressing but it should be a fine anywhere. I mean, you don't have to make it a law, but it should be a fine. If the dog's out running, I mean, of course –. Chairman Hair said, well, you'd have to pass a law if you want to make it a fine. If you have –. Youth Commissioner O'Neal said, a lot of people let their dog do their duty, you know, and everything, but it should be a fine. If a person let their dog do that, they should be fined for it. Chairman Hair said, okay. Youth Commissioner O'Neal said, because it's all over Savannah.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, sir. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Saussy.

Commissioner Saussy said, thank you. Commissioner Jackel says we need to have a law. I think we've got –, the laws are fine if they can be enforced. I don't think this can be enforced, but I want to thank that we have a greater rule of life, and if we'd go by that, then we would have no problems, and that is to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. So

I think that's what we need to teach and that's the thing we need to go by. If we fear laws, we certainly should go by that.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Price said, there's a organization in Georgetown, you talk about Georgetown, and it's the Community Services Association. They have an elected board of directors, and if this is such a high priority problem in Georgetown I would think that that organization would be in touch with us. They have a community oriented police officer out there, and I've heard no feedback, I've heard no feedback from the Earls, who come regularly, they're not here today, but they attend our meetings on a regular basis, and I'm saying --. What I'm saying is I can understand the City of Savannah's awareness of this problem because we are a showcase, and we have tourists that come here all the time. There's a need, probably a much higher need, because of the awareness of that to do something about it, but I think when you get out to the unincorporated area, especially in an area where it has some form of government, and Georgetown does, let them take care of their own problems, let them enforce it in whatever fashion they can. If they want to seek assistance from the County, let's hear from them, but there is an organization out there and, you know, let's let--, you know, it's an organization that communicates to the citizens, it's an organization that, you know, they could very easily on day become a municipality. I think they're smart enough not to do that, but --.

Chief Sprague said, just for purpose of clarification, Commissioner Price, the original report on this came from a resident in Georgetown who stopped the community outreach police officer and asked them if they would get the Police Department to bring this forth, which we have, and that's why we're here. It was a resident. I won't --, it was not asked of the association.

Commissioner Price said, I agree with you and I agree with the Chairman in that that's something that we don't have the manpower, we don't have the resources to handle any type of ordinance like that, and instead of just creating more government and not being able to serve that need, I agree we don't need to do it. I do think though that community awareness and what Brianne [Draffin] is saying and how we might go about helping solve the problem, we don't have to have an ordinance to do that. There's a lot of community involvement we can have.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Murray. Commissioner Murray asked, did you want to say something first? Okay, let him go ahead and then I'll --. Commissioner Price said, everybody wants to talk about it.

Mr. Jim Golden said, Commissioners, you have okayed a policy dealing with setting aside several areas for exercising their dogs, and it's working well out in the unincorporated area now. We've got it marked and at first we had some problems, but it lessened the problem we've had of citizens bringing their dogs inside the parks. We refer them to that now. The Parks and Recreation system throughout the country now is confronted with this problem and they're dealing with the different ways of setting aside certain areas in a park for that, and some of those areas are dogs without leash, but in our area we require dogs with leash, and it's working well, and if the community wishes to address that issue, then perhaps if you set aside a piece of property that could be earmarked, marked off and signed, but that particular area would be [inaudible].

Commissioner Murray said, I think it's a problem that we do have; however, I don't think that we can put an ordinance in place and enforce that ordinance. I agree that the neighbors need to address it themselves with whoever's dog it is. We do have an ordinance on our books because there's a leash law out there and the dogs are being picked up. I know that we don't have enough people in Animal Control to serve all the areas at one time, but the animals do get picked up, and I know from experience they get picked up because I had a dog that was picked up three times. The dog's dead now because that was a long time ago, but it happens and --, I've got dogs. My dogs I let them out in the back yard, which is fenced. Other people's dogs in the neighborhood have used my yard. I understand that, but at the same time they do need to have the leashes on and, if they don't, then you can enforce that law, but as far as enforcing the other part, the only thing I see that might be able to be done to the ordinance is add in there that if you're out walking your dog, you have to carry your scoop with you. I don't know whether you can do that or not and whether it could be enforced, but that would be the only change that I would even see that might be feasible for the ordinance. But other than that, I understand where Martin [Jackel] is coming from, but the district I represent is all unincorporated except the Town of Tybee, and, yes, I do get calls from time to time, but there's not a whole lot that can be done. I think that's a neighborhood problem and I think the neighbors need to be working together and a lot of times you have neighbors that feud rather than try to work together on situations like that, but I don't see how we can enforce if it's put in place.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I just have one further comment. I'm glad that we brought this item up, that we've had the discussion. We've aired it out, and that was part of the intention too so people would become aware that there is a problem. Maybe they will be more courteous to others. I can tell you downtown when I have mentioned it to some people I was only treated with expletives for my efforts, but maybe other people will have better success.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, we will take it into consideration everything that has been discussed and hopefully the message will get out there and people will be a little bit more tolerant –, not tolerant, but be a little bit more concerned about others as they walk their dogs.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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4. MR. NASWORTHY, GREENTREE PROPERTY (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, staff met with the lady and Mr. John Nasworthy yesterday. As a matter of fact, I was able to get in town in time to attend the meeting. I believe at this time they have come to –, resolved the problem. I think everybody now understands what can be done and what can't be done based on the County ordinances and will move forward, and for that reason we –, I'd like to pull that from the agenda.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was removed from the agenda.

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5. WESTIN RIVERWALK (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, we have –, and I'm sure that the public has seen much in the papers and on the news media about the Riverwalk over at Hutchinson Island and what's going on with it and it's collapsing and a lot of other things, and it seems like it continues to go, and the information is not really given to the general public on where the County stands and the County's liabilities. I don't know how much of that can be given to the public right now, but I would like a briefing on that to the extent we can go into without getting into the legal ramification part of it so they fully understand, and that means whether we put something in the paper explaining the process, what kind of time frame we're looking to have all of this resolved and fixed like it needs to be done and repaired.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, I agree with you one hundred percent. That's my concern as well. Mr. Manager?

County Manager Abolt said, hopefully an on-point briefing. This Board has been very emphatic in your lack of patience with the contractor. The answer to Commissioner Murray's question is within 30 days the complete Riverwalk will be replaced. It is coming about now because obviously the very situation that brought this to fore was the injury to a youngster over there, but this is another indication of folks in the business being left in defense of this to the public's need, and it's taken this County Commission repeatedly in dealing with the contractor to reemphasize and focus his attention on what it means to do work for the public sector. In the case of this situation, a contractor other than the one that did it initially will replace the walk as well as a different engineer, but County and this Board have from the beginning held the contractor and the engineer as the responsible party. Unfortunately, we did not act promptly and that created the situation we all had to experience a few days ago. We're most sorry for that, but we're very confident that fairly quickly now finally the matter will be corrected to everyone's satisfaction.

Commissioner Murray said, it's just a shame that we've got to have someone injured. It's kind of like an intersection where people feel like a traffic light needs to be put up, but you've got to wait until X-amount of people are killed before that happens. I certainly hope this is repaired before somebody does get injured or killed [inaudible].

Vice Chairman Thomas said, I agree with you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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6. SCOREBOARDS FOR RECREATION FIELDS (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, the reason I've got this on the agenda a number of years ago we had a situation about a scoreboard, and I think it was Memorial Stadium, if I'm not mistaken –. County Attorney Hart said, correct. Commissioner Murray said, and I believe, if I remember correctly, that that was going to have a marquee that went under it so if wanted to put –, so they could put advertising. Is that right? County Attorney Hart said, yes. Commissioner Murray said, I think that was going –, was being proposed at that time.

Mr. Jim Golden said, we proposed to contract, contract it out in a fund raising situation to take care of construction and also maintain it.

Commissioner Murray said, and the reason I put this on the agenda is we've got --, I've had an individual, and I'm not going to say what companies, but there are two companies, that would like to donate a scoreboard for the Charlie Brooks Park, but within that they don't need the marquee, they'd just like their names up there on that scoreboard as being the people that donated it in support of what we're doing in Chatham County basically. And so, that's why I bring it to the Commission to find out and, George [Lynch], that's why I requested that you and Jim Golden be here because y'all had the history on what's taken place in the past, and what can we do and what we --, in order to take advantage of something like this, and not just necessarily for this, but maybe we can put it out to the public and see if we can work it out and the people will do it in several other recreational areas we have throughout the County.

Mr. George Lynch said, let me address if I could Memorial, and I'm not ignoring the other site, but let me just touch on Memorial. There is a company, Anderson Media, in the Atlanta area which offers an approximate \$80,000 scoreboard clock, bells, whistles, everything else. They install it free, they provide maintenance, they sell advertising on it. That's the way that, in essence, they are able to amortize their investment. They do all the software maintenance, which are on the more modern ones is a pretty significant portion. They pay to Chatham County for the first 10 years of that contract, about which more later, 15% of their net advertising revenue. At the end of 10 years, that goes up to 25%. This is a pretty lucrative market. The advantage is if you wish us to pursue that further, there is absolutely no out of pocket costs to the County and there is a small, but recurring revenue stream that comes in. That's a sole source. There are a lot of firms that manufacture and sell scoreboards, but so far Taz Anderson Media is the only one we've been able to find that'll give you an up-front. We also have coming in next Tuesday a representative of one of the larger manufacturers of scoreboard clocks, and I think, Commissioner Murray, this might get to yours, we're going to ask that gentleman to give us some cost estimates on Charlie Brooks Park, just as an example, as to how much would it cost if we had to buy it. We'll also be having Taz Anderson look at some of the smaller parks. In all probability, we aren't going to be able to get the no up-front costs in anything much smaller than Memorial Stadium because of the advertising revenue.

Mr. Golden said, let me add to that, upkeep maintenance is included in that at no cost to Chatham County. They also set up a workshop for new equipment and we can invite in the user's representative who keeps the score clock to work the workshop and he will set that up free too. This will be a requirement in the specs.

Commissioner Murray said, the reason I wanted to bring this up is to get that information, but also I didn't --, I told the individual to call me if it was no sense in pursuing it future if we couldn't --, if there was something we couldn't do because I knew there was a reason the last time we did not do the one at Memorial and I can't remember all the details on that. Mr. Lynch said, Taz Anderson at that time was saying he wanted a 15-year contract, no escape. Our good Purchasing Agent, Bill Parson, negotiated with him. He now will accept annual contract, automatic renewal unless the Board takes specific action to cut it. Commissioner Murray said, well, I just didn't want that individual going any further, so based on what I'm hearing now then I will put this person in contact with y'all and you can go from there with it.

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Hart has a comment.

County Attorney Hart said, we were asked --, the County Attorney's office was asked to look at this issue back in November of '97 and insofar as what Commissioner Murray explained to me that these individuals desired to do prior to this meeting, which was essentially to make a gift to the County and place a logo on the signage, the County Attorney's office would have no problem with that whatsoever. I don't think we would have a gratuities problem, we don't have any other problems like that. The scoreboard with the running advertisement was a little bit different situation out at Memorial and the concerns expressed there was who regulates what goes on the advertising on the scoreboard, and you get into a situation there of giving to a third party the right to advertise in a public building and they control the message that's being sent across that scoreboard and do you have the right to regulate commercial speech and all the inherent First Amendment issues that go with it. If there were to be a scoreboard with the advertising on it, and that was something that the County decided it wanted to get into, we'd have to look very carefully at those issues about how you regulate in a public forum what you put on that scoreboard because it is a public situation. I think that could be overcome with some language, but in the present circumstances that you described, I see absolutely no reason --. Commissioner Murray said, well, that's what I was asking about, the one where they put their logos on of these two companies and that was it and they would give the scoreboard. Now the reason I referenced back to the other one is I knew we had some problems and I was not sure what those problems were at the time because it was a while back. County Attorney Hart said, we had the First Amendment issues and we also at that time, like George [Lynch] said, we had some issues on leasing. We do have some, you know, annual recurrent leasing issues, which apparently is not any longer a problem. Commissioner Murray said, well, what I would recommend then is that I will put the person in contact with y'all to go ahead and start looking at the one at Charlie Brooks Park, but as far as the one at Memorial Stadium, if y'all could work with the County Attorney and see what could be worked out, it might be something we could do with that also and take advantage of it.

Mr. Lynch said, Bill Parson just told me they will be amenable to the Anderson Media Group to allow the Board and staff on their behalf to make sure that we don't get into anything controversial.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell ask, Jon [Hart], how comparable to what we do on CAT buses, we advertise on CAT buses? County Attorney Hart said, yes, but all our contracts, all the CAT contracts reserve the right to classify it as commercial speech and –. Chairman Hair said, and approves it. They also approve the ad. County Attorney Hart said, and approve the ads. The problem with these type scoreboards is it's just a computer driven thing that you punch up anything so you don't have quite the process of control that you have, say, with a billboard on the side of a bus. You just have to be careful with it and understand that you need to be diligent in looking at that, and whoever you enter the contract with he needs to understand that this is a public entity and there are certain rules they're going to have to follow.

Chairman Hair said, all right. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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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 (*).

- 1. INDIGENT DEFENSE LAWYERS. *At meeting of August 11, 2000, Board requested this be referred to the Tripartite Committee with a report back in time for the August 25, 2000, Commission meeting.***

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Abolt, the gentleman from the Tripartite Committee promised me five weeks ago that he only needed two weeks, have you heard from him? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, Mr. Bob Erb is present in the audience. Chairman Hair said, very good. Okay, let's take it off the table first.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I move to untable. Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor of taking it off the table vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, just briefly for the benefit of the public, this was a case where we had a request from one of the judges that asked us to take some action in terms of lawyers, indigent defense lawyers not showing up for court and delaying the process, particularly witnesses, and we've asked the Tripartite Committee to look at it and we'd like to hear their report this morning before we act.

Mr. Robert Erb said, good morning. Pursuant to the letter received from Mr. DeLoach, the Tripartite Committee –. Commissioner Odell said, Bob, you're going to need to state who you are. Mr. Erb said, my name's Robert Erb. I'm a member of the Tripartite Committee, and this is Steve Beauvais, who is also a member of the Tripartite Committee. We received this letter, which included a memo from Mr. Abolt and a portion of the minutes from here. We had a meeting with the Tripartite Committee and, as a result of that meeting, Mr. Beauvais sent out letters to all of the judges, all the Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court and Recorder's Court judges. The two problems that were brought up to us were the failure of the attorneys to appear at the appointed time and overbilling. Universally, all of the judges said it's not a problem, it doesn't exist. The conversation with the Chief Judge of the Superior Court and the conversation with the Chief Judge of the State Court indicated that there was no problem about –, no systemic problem about attorneys not showing up for court, and as far as the fraudulent billing, the Tripartite Committee reviews virtually every bill that comes in to the Committee or in to the County that is over the budgeted amount, and I'm not familiar with any. We couldn't find any of the judges who were familiar with any. Universally, we just don't find that it is a problem.

Chairman Hair asked, you talked to the Chief Judge of Recorder's Court and he told you there was no problem? Mr. Erb said, we sent letters to all of the judges. Everyone responded except the Chief Judge of Recorder's Court. He's the only one that did not respond. Chairman Hair said, well, he's the person that brought it to my attention that there's a problem so I find it a little bit odd that all the judges you talked to except for the one that said there's a problem –. Mr. Erb said, well, the only thing I can tell you is what we found. I did get a letter from Judge Burke. He indicated it was not a problem, that there was no lawyer in particular that failed to show up. The case that I believe that you were a witness, the lawyer on that case had a leave of court so that case not only was –, should not have been scheduled at all, and I believe –, well, I know for a fact that that list of the attorneys that have leave of court –. Chairman Hair said, but not –, the case I was with was not the problem. The case was –, I sat there and listened to four or five cases before my case and they released all these witnesses that were the problem, so it wasn't my case that was the issue. Mr. Erb said, no, I didn't mean your case, but I mean the day you were in court. Chairman Hair said, right. I think it would be appropriate for you to contact the Chief

Judge of the Recorder's Court and get his input because he –. Mr. Erb said, he was contacted. Chairman Hair asked, and did he –, he said there was no problem? Mr. Beauvais said, he didn't respond. Chairman Hair said, okay, well, that's my point. There's a big difference in not responding and –. Commissioner DeLoach said, I wouldn't bother him then. Chairman Hair said, okay, well, I'll talk to the Chief Judge. Thank you.

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to take the time to thank both of you for the effort you've put into this thing, for sending out the letters, talking with these people, and also your dedication to the high legal principles and working on the Tripartite Committee. I know how much time it takes, you don't get paid for it, and often your efforts are unappreciated because you have to tell people we know you did the work, but we have a limited budget and you have to cut their well-earned fees down, and we appreciate that. We know it's a tough job.

Mr. Erb said, I would like to point out one more thing. On your recommendation for the suspension period of time, we discussed that with some of the judges, and each of the judges that we did discuss it with felt that they had the authority and the power to handle the matter in their courts as it came up, and that was an additional –. Chairman Hair asked, has anybody ever been disciplined by a judge? Mr. Erb said, to my personal knowledge I know of three cases, yes.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much. We appreciate your time.

Commissioner Jackel said, Mr. Chairman, we have Mr. Caleb Banks. Did you have a comment, sir?

Mr. Caleb Banks said, yes, if I could be heard please. My name is Caleb Burch Banks. I'm a practicing attorney in Savannah and Chatham County. I make most of my money from indigent defense. First of all, let me point out to you as a public defender I'm very much familiar with the law that set up the Tripartite Commission [sic]. This Commission has no authority over the Tripartite Committee. You cannot tell them to what to do because you appoint one-third of the committee and that's it. If you don't like the way they're acting, then don't reappoint them. They –, the Tripartite Commission [sic] has no authority whatsoever except people who are on the indigent defense list. They have nothing to do with the people who do not rely on appointed cases for their income. I think that you should look at the other side of the coin, Mr. Chairman. If you've got one squeaky wheel out of nine, ten, twelve judges, the problem is not with the majority of ten or eleven to one. The problem is with the one. The only judge making any complaints is the Chief Judge of Recorder's Court. Now, it's been my experience since I've been back in private practice that in Recorder's Court most of the continuances are for the benefit of the State. The rule is the State gets one –, the local rule, the State gets one continuance, the defense gets one continuance for good cause shown. The State never has to show a cause that I know about. Just recently I was appointed to a case, a murder case, which the State continued it, they continued the preliminary hearing because the policeman wasn't ready. The policeman couldn't come the week of the 18th of September because he told me he had jury duty. One of the other lawyers involved also had a case set for the 18th. Be that as it may, on the 20th they took him down and indicted him. Now we have to apply for a preliminary hearing. So a lot of times these –, that's why you go over on a docket, but that's neither here nor there. I'm simply pointing out to the Commission that if there's something –, if people are stealing from the County, as Commissioner Odell suggested, my memory is when this first came up, that they need to be referred to the District Attorney's office, whether they're lawyers, doctors or Indian chiefs. If they are turning in false vouchers to this County, they need to be prosecuted. If they are attorneys, they need to be referred, name and number, to the State Bar of Georgia. We've got a bunch of people up there in Atlanta who do nothing. I think we've got nine now, and their sole job is to look into complaints like this, and that's where the complaint is supposed to be made. I resent, as a member of the Bar, being maligned and lumped in with –. If there are people doing it, I'm not one of them and neither are –, I don't know of any lawyer that's stealing from this County. I've been late for court, I've missed court, and I'm going to do it again, probably do it next Monday after having come up here. It just happens. None of us do it on purpose. I don't know of anybody stealing. If I do, I have an obligation as a member of the State Bar of Georgia, whether it be a violation of law or a violation of the Code of Ethics, conduct, or government [inaudible], I have an obligation to report to the State Bar of Georgia. If you all don't want to do it, just give me their names and I will send them up there. Thank you.

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

Commissioner Odell said, Caleb [Banks], before you go, let's clarify that. My comments were not that attorneys were stealing. My comments were based upon what the Chairman had said, if there are attorneys who are stealing from the County, then like any other thief they should be prosecuted. Mr. Banks said, if I disagreed with you in any way, I didn't mean to. That's exactly my point.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, sir. We appreciate y'all coming again. Mr. Erb, we appreciate the job y'all did for us. Thanks a lot.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner DeLoach moved to untable this action and place it before the Board for consideration. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]
2. The report from the Tripartite Committee was received as information.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: A GENERAL FUND M & O CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$21,860 TO CAT TELERIDE FOR TELERIDE EXPENSES; A GENERAL FUND M & O BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE \$66,700 REVENUE FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY AND \$92,700 FROM THE C-E-L REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO APPROPRIATE \$159,400 FOR LIBRARY SALARIES AND WAGES; CONFISCATED FUNDS CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS OF \$980 FROM CNT CONTINGENCY TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM FOR PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE, \$12,500 FROM CNT CONTINGENCY TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM TO PAY OFF A LIEN ON A SEIZED VEHICLE, AND \$11,400 FROM CNT CONTINGENCY TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM FOR RENT OF STORAGE SPACE; A TRANSFER OF \$5,000 FROM 1998-2003 SPLOST, CHATHAM COUNTY OPEN SPACE, GREENWAY & BIKEWAY RESERVE TO THE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS, AND A TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE TAX ASSESSOR'S BUDGET TO FUND AN AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CHIEF APPRAISER.**

Commissioner Price said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yes, I've got a question on the last item about transfer of funds for the Tax Assessor's budget to fund an automobile allowance. I could be mistaken, but I thought that the Tax Assessor's contract gave him the right to have a County automobile whether we agree or disagree with the fact that he has it. Is that right or wrong? County Manager Abolt said, I would defer to his employer. I believe Mr. Hogan's present as the Chairman of the Board. That is not my understanding for what it's worth.

Chairman Hair said, we also --, come up --, Mr. Hogan, if you could come forward please. We also, I believe, at our last meeting there was an item that dealt with substituting \$450 a month in lieu of the car that the Board of Assessors had approved. Mr. Hogan, could you clarify that for us?

Mr. Jerry Hogan said, yes sir. On the --, on August 17th the Board approved the --. Chairman Hair asked, the Board of Assessors? Mr. Hogan said, the Board of Assessors. Chairman Hair said, right. Mr. Hogan said, okay, the Board of Assessors approved \$425 to replace Mr. Udinsky's car. We would pay him instead of having a car. Mr. Sommers made the motion and it was passed by all of us unanimously, but Mr. Udinsky talked --. This is nothing to do except that about six months before this even happened, Mr. Udinsky had come to the Board and suggested that --, the previous Board, not our Board, to go ahead and do this because of rather bad publicity and everything else he was getting from this. And, yes, Mr. Murray, it was his --, his package to the Board that hired him, it was in his package that he would be able to have this automobile, and so he's given up the automobile in retrospect for the \$425.

Commissioner Murray said, so the only thing we would be --, would actually come out of y'all's budget is going to be \$425 automobile allowance. Is that correct? Mr. Hogan said, yes sir. We understand that --, from Mr. Udinsky it is a savings. Commissioner Murray said, yes, it's a lot less than a commercial automobile. Okay, I just asked a question on it.

Chairman Hair said, okay, all those --. We have a motion and second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner DeLoach.

Commissioner DeLoach said, I wanted to know what this transfer of \$92,000 [sic] from the Board of Trustees for Library Salaries and Wages, will that be a continuous flow of money from now on or is that just a one time deal on this? Chairman Hair said, actually that item's number three. We can go ahead and answer now, if you will. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Sprague, if y'all will come --. We were going to have it when we get to three, but we can go ahead and cover it. Commissioner DeLoach asked, do you just want to do that? Chairman Hair said, no, we'll --, let us deal with it now. Let's do it now.

Ms. Mary Ellen Sprague said, this is what we were talking about last time with the Gates Foundation money that we needed funding toward --, to receive the computers to go along with it, and we have worked within the existing budget using the SPLOST money to offset the money that we would have used, and I think that discussing --.

Commissioner DeLoach asked, this is not --, I'm talking about the \$92,000 that it says it came from the --. Ms. Sprague said, oh, that's Effingham County. From Effingham County? Commissioner DeLoach said, no, \$92,000 from the C-E-L Regional Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Sprague said, right.

Mr. Bill Johnson said, it is a continuous flow of money, Commissioner; however, in our next budget year, your next budget year, we would be asking you to pick up this SPLOST. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes, that's my point. I know when we're creating new positions here -. Mr. Johnson said, yes sir. If it's absolutely necessary, we can carry those positions. Commissioner DeLoach said, okay, well, you can carry them. Ms. Sprague said, it'll affect our book budget.

Chairman Hair said, we can control that. Commissioner DeLoach said, yes. Ms. Sprague said, now, we will come back to you in April [inaudible]. Commissioner DeLoach said, I've got you. I just wanted to be sure.

Chairman Hair asked, okay, any further questions? All those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the following: a General Fund M & O contingency Transfer of \$21,860 to CAT TELERIDE for TELERIDE expenses; a General Fund M & O budget amendment to recognize \$66,700 revenue from Effingham County and \$92,700 from the C-E-L Regional Library Board of Trustees, and to appropriate \$159,400 for Library Salaries and Wages; Confiscated Funds Contingency Transfers of \$980 from CNT Contingency to the Counter Narcotics Team for purchase of software, \$12,500 from CNT Contingency to the Counter Narcotics Team to pay off a lien on a seized vehicle, and \$11,400 from CNT Contingency to the Counter Narcotics Team for rent of storage space; a transfer of \$5,000 from 1998-2003 SPLOST, Chatham County Open Space, Greenway & Bikeway Reserve to the Civil War Heritage Trails, and a transfer of funds within the Tax Assessor's budget to fund an automobile allowance for the Chief Appraiser. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE RECLASSIFICATION OF THREE SEASONAL MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATORS TO A PERMANENT CLASSIFICATION.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to approve the reclassification of three seasonal Mosquito Control Operators to permanent employees for a total initial cost (April 1 to June 30, 2001) of \$5,290, and approve the transfer of \$5,290 from General Fund-M&O/Mosquito Control, Vendor/Vehicle Repairs, Object Code 52.22000, to Salaries and Benefits, Object Codes 51,21000, 51.22000 and 51.23000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD RECOGNIZE ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,700 FROM THE C-E-L REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND APPROVE CREATION OF THREE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WITHIN THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET. (Budget transfer contained in item 1 above.)

Chairman Hair said, this is the item we just dealt with. Commissioner DeLoach said so moved. Commissioner Price said, second. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, motion and second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to recognize additional revenue in the amount of \$92,700 from the Chatham-Effingham-Liberty Regional Library Board of Trustees, and approved the creation of three additional positions for the Carnegie Branch Library when the Carnegie Branch Library opens in 2001: one part time Library Associate, one full time Library Associate, and one full time Librarian I, to operate a technology training center in compliance with the Gates Foundation grant. Commissioners Saussy and Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO HIRE A NEW LIBRARIAN FOR EFFINGHAM COUNTY LIBRARIES, 100% FUNDED FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY. (*Budget transfer contained in item 1 above.*)

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the request from the Chatham-Effingham-Liberty Regional Library to hire a new Librarian for Effingham County Libraries, with 100% funding from Effingham County. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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5. BOARD CONSIDERATION FOR REFUND OF DRIVEWAY BOND AT 417 NEWINGTON ROAD FOR MR. L. L. TUCKER. [DISTRICT 6.]

Chairman Hair said, you have a report in your staff –, a staff report where they give you all the options and they're recommending that –, staff recommends denial of the \$300 refund. Commissioner Price asked, is Mr. Tucker here? County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, you might note that Mr. Tucker could not –. Chairman Hair said, no, if you'll notice, there's a note in the staff report that Mr. Tucker is not able to be here today because of treatment. He has to go to the doctor and also it is unlikely that he would be here for future meetings, so tabling this would not deal with this issue. This has been an ongoing dialogue between Mr. Tucker and us for some time, and basically it's a real simple matter. The requirement for the refund of the bond requires that you pave and he has not paved, and so, therefore, he's trying to get his \$300 without following the County ordinance that requires he pave, and if we were to approve the waiver, it would go against our formal policy of making everyone else pave before they get \$300 bond back. So that's really the issue. It's a very simple issue.

Commissioner Price said, call the question.

County Attorney Hart said, the only correction to that, Mr. Chairman, is it's not technically an ordinance. It's part of our Engineering policy, which has the force under our ordinance, but it's semantics. Chairman Hair said, but it requires that the driveway be paved before the bond is returned. County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Chairman Hair asked, okay, do we have a motion that that would be denied. Commissioner Price said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Price moved to **deny** the request for refund of a \$300 driveway bond at 417 Newington Road for Mr. L. L. Tucker and adhere to County policy. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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6. RECOMMEND BOARD APPROVE A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM INTERMARINE. [DISTRICT 8.]

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion. Have we got a second? Commissioner Price said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a variance request from Intermarine for a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance conditioned upon there being no electrical equipment or outlets below the 100-year flood elevation and upon the recording of a revised property deed noting the variance thereon. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF GREENSPACE RESOLUTIONS AND SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE.

County Manager Abolt said, Chairman Hair, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is something that, as you know, we're very proud of. You have in front of you a report from the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff. It is a report that in part has yet to be completed from the standpoint of adoption by each of the participating municipalities. On page three of the staff report you have a table representing what each of the jurisdictions have done to date. I would certainly urge you to proceed with adopting the resolutions. There's one minor typographical error that has to be made in the second resolution, but this fulfills your commitment to get a report to the State on greenspace in a very timely fashion. It also allows you to proceed with one of your top priorities, purchasing of a very desirable piece of land in the Islands area. I must indicate as I transmit this to you, as I did in the past, that this required a lot of give and take with the municipalities, such as we've done with drainage and other areas of mutual cooperation. We feel we have a very balanced approach to a multi-year program for creating greenspace within Chatham County. The point that I want to make publicly is that you put the priority in the Demere property, most of the municipalities insisted on what I refer to as future draft choices, namely in the out year, as we look as expenditures over a multi-year, five-year period, for example, they want to ensure that they're given credit for the fact that some of the greenspace money, or all of the greenspace money in its first iteration, would go towards a project that has some priority countywide. We certainly think that is fitting with what this Board has done to exercise statesmanship in the drainage program. It is not a parochial program. It's one in which the entire community benefits. The only thing I do want you to know in that up front as you adopt this resolution, should you choose, there is a commitment for a balanced program to give assurance to each of the eight municipalities that they will be heard and projects funded in context of the Demere property having the first priority and other projects would come later, and possibly those projects would be initially created and instigated by members of those municipalities. The one deletion, Mr. Chairman, and I apologize for the duration of my presentation, but on page two of two on the second resolution there's a reference in item seven, the last sentence in number seven says, "The attached Draft Five-Year Community Greenspace Program Budget Plan will be amended to reflect each jurisdictions' acquisition plan." It is not attached. If you choose to make a motion to adopt that resolution, I would ask that in that motion you delete that last sentence of item seven.

Chairman Hair said, okay, I'll entertain a motion to approve the resolution with the suggested amendment by the County Manager. Commissioner DeLoach said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the "Resolution Adopting the Chatham County Community Greenspace Program" and "A Resolution Providing for Intergovernmental Revenue Exchanges to Further the Goals of the Countywide Community Greenspace Program" with the deletion of the last sentence of paragraph number seven on page two, and submittal to the State. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to remove anything from the Action Calendar. Commissioner Jackel said, yes. Commissioner DeLoach said, move for approval. Chairman Hair said, well, let's get the removal first. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, 10 and Item A and Item J. Chairman Hair said, okay, I'll entertain a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, we did send out to you yesterday a recommendation from staff that on Item 9 and on Item J that those two items be pulled until your meeting of next week, the 6th of October.

Chairman Hair said, so 9 and J have been removed. Okay, a motion for the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner DeLoach said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Action Calendar Items 1 through 12-O with the exception of Items 9, 10, 12-A and 12-J. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2000, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 2000, as mailed. - Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2000, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2000.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period September 1, 2000, through September 20, 2000, in the amount of \$2,602,173. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN EASEMENT LIMITED AGREEMENT WITH SAVANNAH ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY INVOLVING RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE III.
[DISTRICTS 1 AND 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve an Easement Limited Agreement with Savannah Electric and Power company involving relocation of electrical facilities for Truman Parkway, Phase III. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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4. **REQUEST BOARD DECLARE SURPLUS PARCEL 13R FOR THE VETERAN'S PARKWAY PROJECT.
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to declare as surplus Parcel 13R for the Veteran's Parkway Project. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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- 5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE RELOCATION OF TWO GOLF HOLES AT THE BACON PARK GOLF COURSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,494. [DISTRICTS 1 AND 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Amendment #1 to an agreement between the City of Savannah and Chatham County for the relocation of two golf holes at the Bacon Park Golf Course in the amount of \$209,494. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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- 6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PINE BARREN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to amend the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Program for improvements to the Pine Barren Wastewater Treatment Facility. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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- 7. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES. [DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Thunderbolt for maintenance services. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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- 8. **REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to confirm the Chairman's signature on a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for the Chatham County Police Department. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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- 9. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF GEORGIA TO ACQUIRE AIR NATIONAL GUARD PROPERTY. *Note: This item pulled until the meeting of October 6, 2000.***

This item was pulled from the agenda by staff until October 6, 2000.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Action on this item was postponed until October 6, 2000.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF COMPUTER ACCESS TO ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, I found this to be very interesting. This is a request that we access cable so one of our Board of Assessors members, Jackie Sommers, can access certain data without having to come down to the County Courthouse to access this information, and also that's to give him the opportunity to access this information nights and weekends, and I just wanted to point out I just think that's great, that we need to support this that he's making this extra effort so he can be better information. I just wanted to point that out.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Saussy said, so moved. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Saussy moved to approve computer access to assessment information for the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RECREATION AUTHORITY FOR STAFF SUPPORT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Recreation Authority for staff support. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Final renewal to annual contract to provide insurance agent/broker services	Finance	Hilb Rogal and Hamilton	\$12,600	Insurance and Surety Bond Premium
B. Deductive Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 to the contract to provide and install audio-visual equipment for a change in the front projection screens and speaker and hardware upgrades for the Trade Center	SPLOST	Stage Front Presentation Systems	Total reduction in contract (\$4,146.77)	N/A - Deductive change order

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
C. Purchase "as needed, funds available" for 2001 Crown Victoria Police sedans	Various	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$20,352	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to provide janitorial services to various "Southside" locations to increase scope of service to include the Board of Equalization office located at the ANG building	Board of Equalization	Quality Cleaning Contractors	\$250 month	General Fund/M & O - Board of Equalization
E. First renewal option to annual contract to provide and service portable toilets	Various	Waste Management	\$27,817.20	•General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation •General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner •Solid Waste Management
F. First renewal to annual contract to provide water and well test sampling analysis for various County landfills	Solid Waste Management	Advanced Environmental Management	\$33,000	Solid Waste Management
G. First renewal to annual contract to provide laser printer cartridge service	Various	•Entré Computer Center •All Ribbons Express	Varies by item	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD Various
H. Final renewal to annual contract to provide pagers and pager service	Various	Pro Page, Inc.	Varies by item	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
I. Change Order No. 8 to the contract for the Skidaway Road Widening Project for additional historic impact analysis	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton	\$4,418	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Skidaway Road Widening Project
J. Contract for the construction of the new Chatham County Tag Office Note: This item pulled until the meeting of October 6, 2000	Tax Commissioner	Collins Construction Services	\$1,039,700	•SPLOST (1993-1998) - Tag Office •Bond Proceeds - Tag Office
K. Confirmation Change Order No. 6 to the contract for design improvements to the County's water and sewer systems for additional design work	Water and Sewer	Thomas and Hutton	\$12,125	Water and Sewer Extension Fund
L. Change Order No. 7 to the contract for the construction of water and sewer improvements to the County's system to replace a water line, lower a water line, connect the existing water meters to the new laterals and provide additional connections to the existing water system	Water and Sewer	Thomas Griffin Construction	\$51,100	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
M. Two 2001 Ford Ranger pickup trucks	Inspections	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$33,000	SSD - Inspections
N. One-year extension of the contract for the County's Legislative Liaison	Board of Commissioners	McAlister and Associates	\$25,000	General Fund/M & O - Commissioners
O. Confirmation of Change Order No. 1 for installation of an additional HVAC unit for the project to modify the old ANG building at 1117 Eisenhower Drive	Inspections	Air Management Systems, Inc.	\$5,300	CIP - Modification of Air National Guard Building

As to Items 12-B through 12-O:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 12-B through 12-O except Item 12-J. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]

As to Item 12-A:

FINAL RENEWAL TO ANNUAL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE AGENT/BROKER SERVICES; FINANCE; SOURCE: HILBROGAL AND HAMILTON, AMOUNT: \$12,600; FUNDING: INSURANCE AND SURETY BOND PREMIUM.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Jackel.

Commissioner Jackel said, there's a comment in the second paragraph that says, "The insurance market continues to 'harden.' Premiums are increasing and coverages are decreasing. This requires HRH to spend more time and effort in finding reasonably priced insurance with coverages necessary to protect the County." They want a five percent increase or \$600. That --, I mean, that's a nice sounding phrase in there, but I assume that they're just renewing the policies that are already in place. We're not talking about going out and getting new coverages. Mr. George Lynch said, as a matter of fact, sir, we have been having them do a number of checks for us where they are going out into the market as changing requirements occur. Do they do renewals? Of course. Do they get into some negotiations when they do renewals to try to keep the premium down? Yes. Commissioner Jackel said, okay. All right, well, it sounded good and I just wanted to make sure it was true. Mr. Lynch said, yes sir, it is.

Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Saussy said, second. Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Murray were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 12-J:

CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHATHAM COUNTY TAG OFFICE; TAX COMMISSIONER; SOURCE: COLLINS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES; AMOUNT: \$1,039,700; FUNDING: SPLOST (1993-1998) - TAG OFFICE; BOND PROCEEDS - TAG OFFICE.

This item was pulled from the agenda by staff until October 6, 2000.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 12-B through 12-O except Item 12-J. Commissioner DeLoach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Price were not present.]
2. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 12-A. Commissioner Saussy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and Murray were not present.]
3. Action on Item 12-J was postponed until October 6, 2000.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

1. AMENDMENTS TO REVENUE ORDINANCE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT FEES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Hair read this item into the record as first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written report received as information.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written report received as information.

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3. STATUS REPORT ON CONTRACT TALKS/NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CHATHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY CHATHAM/SAVANNAH TO HOUSE STRAY CATS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written report received as information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Price, seconded by Commissioner DeLoach and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 10:37 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE COST IN ROBINSON V. CHATHAM COUNTY AND MCNEIL V. CHATHAM COUNTY (JON HART).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to that the County Attorney be authorized to pay an additional \$7,000 for use of Dr. Clark as an expert witness in the cases of Robinson v. Chatham County and McNeil v. Chatham County. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, HOLLIS JOHNSON, AND MS. BETTYE BERKSTEINER (JON HART).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to authorize \$9,171.02 in additional costs for the claim involving Public Works employee Hollis Johnson and Ms. Bettye Berksteiner. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Saussy, Jackel, Odell, Price, DeLoach and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Murray voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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APPOINTMENTS

1. **C-E-L REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS
SOUTHEAST COASTAL REGIONAL BOARD**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner DeLoach moved to approve the following appointments: C-E-L Regional Library - Appointment of Mr. Karl Dane Bohnstedt to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Jack Wardlaw, which term expires June 30, 2001; Chatham County Board of Tax Assessors - Appointment of Ms. Patricia A. Stringer to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Samuel A. Simowitz, which term will expire June 27, 2001; and Southeast Coastal Regional Board - Mr. Don Smart to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Mr. Lem Highsmith, which term will expire July 31, 2002. Commissioner Price seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.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