

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2001, 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, November 2, 2001.

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**II. INVOCATION**

The Reverend Micheal Elliott 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. [NOTE: District Three currently is without a representative.]

PRESENT:	Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
	Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
	Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four
	Jeffrey D. Rayno, District One
	Joe Murray Rivers, District Two
	Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
	David M. Gellatly, District Six
	B. Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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 welcomed the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Hannah Carter, a Senior at Calvary Baptist, Rebecca Childs, a Sophomore at Savannah Country Day; and Rachael Cohen, a Junior at Jenkins High School, representing B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Jewish Education Alliance. Chairman Hair said, as always, as we go through the deliberations if you'd like to make -, ask questions or make comments, raise your hand and I'll recognize you.

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. PROCLAMATION FOR ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH - CARMELITA MAYNARD WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT.**

Chairman Hair read the following proclamation into the record:

**WHEREAS**, November 2001, has been proclaimed National Adoption Awareness Month to call attention to children needing permanent homes. This special focus coincides with the Thanksgiving season, an appropriate time to highlight building through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 11, 2001, the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services & The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will celebrate 20 Years of the One Church One Child Adoption Program at St. John Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, all children need the love, support and stability of a family. In Chatham County and the City of Savannah, 250 children are living in substitute care, away from their families of birth; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been proven that there are indeed families able and willing to adopt children with special needs. Within the last 20 years, over 600 children with special needs were placed with adoptive families in Chatham County; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country during November, adoptive parent organizations and agencies will be hosting informational meetings for the public, speaking at schools and churches, running special newspaper, television and radio features, and trying to make the children’s needs for permanency and continuity more widely know; and

**WHEREAS**, they call upon the concerted public effort of all citizens, government and private agencies, legislatures, and other responsible and concerned persons for the future of these children.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 2001 as:

**ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

in Chatham County and call upon all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies to support the vital role of adoptive parents in enabling these children to develop into mature, responsible productive adults.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 2nd day of November 2001.

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

**ATTEST:**

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/s/ Sybil E. Tillman  
Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Ms. Carmelita Maynard said, I would just like to thank Chairman Hair and members of the Commission for the support that you have given us through the years. We will be having a gospel-fest on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:00 p.m., at the Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center to celebrate the joys of adoption. We’d like to invite you to come and to our service on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., at St. John Baptist Church where the Reverend Matthew Southall Brown is the pastor and the speaker for that evening will be the founder of our One Church One Child Program, Father George Clemmons [phonetic] from Chicago, Illinois. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you.

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**2. PRESENTATION OF “WELL DONE” CERTIFICATE TO MS. TARA BELL.**

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, she couldn’t be here this morning, so we’ll just with your permission send it to her in the mail. Chairman Hair said, okay.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Chairman Hair said, that takes us to Commissioners' Items and before we start it I'd like to add two under my section, one is approval of a plat for Village Green, Phase V, and the other is a resolution for special election in March of 2002. [NOTE: These two items were added without objection.]

**1. RECOGNITION OF VETERAN OF THE YEAR - WILLIAM J. "BILL" QUINAN, III.**

Chairman Hair presented the following resolution to William J. "Bill" Quinan, III:

**WHEREAS**, originally called Armistice Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, now known as Veterans Day, is a declared holiday commemorating all service men and those killed in battle; today we proudly salute Veteran of the Year 2002, William J. "Bill" Quinan III; and

**WHEREAS**, William J. Quinan III, a native Savannahian, enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on June 28, 1955 and served on various ships and units throughout the world that included a tour aboard a major Coast Guard ship during combat operations off the coast of Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, after his retirement from the Coast Guard as a commissioned Warrant Officer in 1975, he still remains active in the Veterans Council activities serving his fellow veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, he has received many awards throughout the year but among his most cherished is the coveted "Spirit of America" Award he received in 1993 for his unselfish devotion to the cause of veterans everywhere.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby salute:

**WILLIAM J. "BILL" QUINAN III**

for being named "Veteran of the Year" and for his dedicated devotion to our service men in Savannah and Chatham County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2001.

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

**ATTEST:**

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/s/ Sybil E. Tillman  
Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Mr. Quinan said, it is indeed a great honor for myself to have been chosen by my fellow veterans to represent the veterans of Chatham County this year, and I'd like to invite everyone to our parade on --, it's going to be on the 12<sup>th</sup>, which is on a Monday, ten o'clock downtown, invite everybody to come and be a part of it, and I appreciate this award very much. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you.

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**2. STATUS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL - DR. IRVING VICTOR.**

Chairman Hair said, before I ask Dr. Victor to come forward, I would like to --. Dr. Victor is here, right? Come forward, Dr. Victor. While you're coming forward, I discussed this with several individuals and what we're basically going to ask this morning is that we continue this Emergency Medical Services Council. They've done a good job under the leadership of Dr. Victor, and even though we've now privatized EMS, I still think we need to keep the council alive, and that's basically the purpose of this being on here. Chairman Hair recognized Dr. Victor.

Dr. Irving Victor said, well, really I directed a letter to the Chairman stating that at our regular monthly meeting we had recommended that the council be kept intact for both quality and monitoring purposes and I feel that this is important even though the Chatham County EMS has been privatized that we continue to serve the County and the citizens with this council. It's a fairly straight forward deal and hopefully you'll see fit to have us to continue.

Chairman Hair said, without objection –. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Dr. Victor.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to publicly report to the Board, which you're already aware of, that the notice to proceed has been issued to Memorial. The transition for the two districts for which they'll now take responsibility is the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, and I would like to recognize for the benefit of not only yourselves, but also for the audience, the outstanding work of George Lynch, Chief Sprague, Mike Kaigler and Zack Shuman. The transition was made in a relatively short period of time. Staff understood the direction you gave us and we implemented it.

Chairman Hair said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

It was the consensus of the Board that, even though the Chatham County EMS has been privatized, the Emergency Medical Services Council is to remain intact for monitoring purposes.

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**3. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE.**

Chairman Hair said, I'm going to ask Rev. Micheal Elliott if he would come forward briefly, but as he's coming forward you've all received copies of this proposal. It's a very good proposal and I've already sent a letter of support of this, but he's asking this morning that as an entire Commission we support this effort. Chairman Hair recognized Rev. Micheal Elliott.

Rev. Micheal Elliott said, this collaborative as you know seeks to fill the void of substance abuse services in Chatham County. Currently there are really no substance abuse services in Chatham County. Our folks have to go elsewhere. That is a chronic condition for many of our people. We have a collaborative comprised of Memorial Health, Union Mission, the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Recovery Place of Savannah, and Parent and Child Development Center. This is a collaborative that's expandable. It is one that can begin providing services immediately upon receipt of contract from the Regional Board. We already have the capacity, own the facility, already zoned appropriately to provide these services so we solicit your support to send a strong message to the Regional Board that Chatham County has a Chatham County solution to a Chatham County problem.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. I'll entertain a motion to approve a resolution. Commissioner Thomas said, I move for approval. Chairman Hair said, second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, I again want to compliment Rev. Elliott. He has provided the leadership for this. He's sort of been the glue that's held all this together, and we appreciate your efforts.

Rev. Elliott said, thank you, but let me say that Craig Cashman, the Director of the Authority for the Homeless, is the one who's orchestrating most of this and I appreciate his efforts. Thank you all very much. Chairman Hair said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a resolution in support of a behavioral health collaborative comprised of Memorial Health, Union Mission, the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Recovery Place of Savannah, and Parent and Child Development Center for a contract with the Regional Board to provide substance abuse services in Chatham County. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**4. REQUEST BOARD ACCEPT A RENEWAL OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A "STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" GRANT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTIPLE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. (Add to agenda in order to meet deadline for submission.)**

Chairman Hair said, this was a deadline issue with the District Attorney and I recommend that we approve this.

Commissioner Odell said, I make a motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board accept a renewal of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a "Stop Violence Against Women" Grant, and to amend the Multiple Grants Special Revenue Fund for the amount of the grant award. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE PLAT FOR VILLAGE GREEN, PHASE V.**

Chairman Hair said, the next item is one that I added. It's Village Green, Phase V, plat so that I can sign it and if we approve that subject to the County Engineer making the final inspection. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board approve the plat for Village Green, Phase V, subject to the County Engineering making the final inspection. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**6. RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION IN MARCH 2002.**

Chairman Hair said, the next is to pass a resolution calling for a special election in March of 2002 to fill the vacant position in the Third District.

Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board pass a resolution calling for a special election in March of 2002 to fill the vacant position for a Commissioner from the Third District. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Rayno, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 9:16 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel issues.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- 1. BOARD OF ASSESSORS (COMMISSIONER MURRAY). BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND MR. UDINSKY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Hair said, I'll call on Commissioner Murray to introduce the Board of Assessors and [inaudible]. Excuse me for just a second, Commissioner Murray. For the record I need to state that there were no votes or action taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Murray said, first of all, let me just set some records straight on some rumors that have been flying around over the past two weeks. At the last Commission meeting I requested that the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser be requested to come to this meeting. Nothing else was said about that other than they were requested to come to the meeting. My intent on doing that was it seems that every time there's a Board of Assessors meeting there seems to be a lot of problems. Now I'm not sitting up here and saying that because we disagree on certain issues you shouldn't be doing the job because the nine of us on this Commission very seldom agree totally on everything. The difference is though is that when we disagree and a vote is taken, the majority rules and we go on about our business. That does not appear to be happening with the Board of Assessors. I think we've got five people that are good people, I think everyone of them mean well, but the reason I want to do this is to sit there with all five of you together and tell you that we appointed y'all to do a job, that we expect the job to be done and we expect y'all to get along and respect each other during these meetings, and that is not being done. I know we've got people in the audience that follow on all sides and support each one of you in different ways and don't support some of you, but I can tell you that if I took and walked over there and put a hundred dollar bill on that counter and one of you said it's a hundred dollar bill, depending on who said that the others would disagree with it, and that's not the way you conduct business, and it needs to be different than that. And my request is that y'all sit there and y'all work together and get along even though you do have differences, and you do the job that needs to be done for this County and the taxpayers of this County. There are a lot of problems out there and there are a lot of problems within that department right now that need to be addressed. I did ask the County Attorney to make sure that what I was going to say is correct. Y'all should operate the same way we as a Commission operate. The County Manager works for this Commission, for all nine of us. We set the policy and it's up to him to carry that policy out. I cannot go into Inspections Department or the Engineering Department or any other department and tell them how to do their job or what they need to be doing without getting permission from the Manager to even talk to them, and that's the same way it should be with y'all's group, but I don't see it happening that way. The only thing I'm requesting is that y'all starting doing the job. I understand some of you have some statements you want to make. That's all I have to say at this point.

Chairman Hair said, I'll call on Mr. Hogan, as Chairman. Would you like to come forward?

Mr. Jerry Hogan said, I meet with y'all as much as I meet with the Board of Assessors, and I think if anybody that has a statement –.

Chairman Hair asked, would any member of the Board of Assessors like to make a statement? Mr. Sommers, come forward. Mr. Sommers said, Mr. Chairman first. Chairman Hair said, he's already said, he's not going to make a statement. Mr. Hogan said, I mean, I'd like for them to go ahead first and then I'll –. Chairman Hair said, then you'll make your statement at the end. Okay, that's fine. Mr. Hogan said, give them a chance.

Mr. Jackie Sommers said, yes sir, we do have a problem getting along together on the Board of Assessors. The [inaudible] if you read it is correct. There is a problem. The work is getting done. The problem is that we have an uncompromising chairman. Chairman Hair said, Mr. Sommers, I need to –, before you start. We're going to keep this is a proper professional decorum and I'm not –, please do not make any personal statements about individuals. Mr. Sommers said, I'm not –. Chairman Hair said, and keep it on the objective side. Mr. Sommers said, okay. We do not run the meeting according to *Robert's Rules of Order* and when you don't run the meeting according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, things do happen, and *Robert's Rules of Order* mean that a person –. Years ago the Commission here had the same problem when Mr. McCorkle was first Chairman. He was very dominating and did not run like *Robert's Rules of Order* and one of the members –, one of your members carried him to court. We have a similar problem there. Now a couple of us have been real concerned and we've had no help from anybody. According to State law, if we don't follow the County Civil Service Regulations, we can be dismissed. Well, Ms. Stringer and I found out a year ago that the Board of Assessors are not following the County Civil Service Regulation on overtime, for comp time and leave –, and annual leave time. They were booking it separately. There were two sets of records. One set of records were kept in Mr. Kaigler's office and one set was kept in the drawer over at the BOA office. We complained about it over a year ago. We thought it was fixed. This year the same thing happened. We sent E-mails to tell you what was happening and we even called Mr. Abolt and wanted a meeting with Mr. Abolt to discuss it because we were doing things wrong. Mr. Abolt did not even have the courtesy to have a meeting with us and –. Chairman Hair said, again Mr. Sommers, please don't –. Mr. Sommers said, okay. Chairman Hair said, keep it –. Mr. Sommers said, okay. Chairman Hair said, do not get personal. Mr. Sommers said, but I'm saying we have tried and when we have problems we didn't get no help from nobody. They were –, how can we have a problem with keeping two sets of records and all of a sudden people want it fixed but don't want to blame the person who caused the problems? Now all we can do is try. Ms. Stringer and I have brought everything forward that we –, when we first came on the board there was –, the 19 –, people were getting a two-year freeze, went back and tried to correct that. They have not all been corrected yet. We're getting very little cooperation from our staff. It's like for eight years or nine years you had a Board of Assessors who did not take control of the staff. The staff did what they wanted to. The staff –, the BOA staff resents us having day-to-day control over what's going on over there. We don't get all our mail. There's a suit coming up, we're being sued, and September 20<sup>th</sup> we got a letter sent to the BOA, Dear Sir and Madams, there's only one madam on the Board –, there's two madams on the Board. We didn't even get that letter. It was kept. We got it after Ms. Stringer requested the whole complete file on the Jetson suit. We've got to go to court next Friday. So, yes, we have problems and we've been trying to fight

them without any help. So we have to agree, and I appreciate all the help that the Commission will give us. There is a problem and I agree with you a hundred percent, and I think it should be straightened out and I hope we can straighten it out, but in my personal opinion of what's happened in the past, we forecast what happens in the future by what's happened in the past, it will not be straightened out unless there's some changes on the board. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Sommers. Anyone –.

Commissioner Rivers said, let me –. Mr. Sommers? I happen to be that Commissioner who sued Mr. McCorkle. Commissioner Murray said, I was one of them too. Commissioner Rivers said, and you know, if you have the same problem, then, you know, that's the route I took and I got results. Then I got everything favoring to me and the rest of the Commission was getting the staff. Eventually they too came back to me and says, hey, how do we go about suing? So we all did it at one point together and that eliminated that, but you can have due process and you can have that board ran [sic] according to the rules. It shouldn't come to me that you're not getting results. Mr. Sommers said, I have to agree with Mr. Rivers. I agree completely, but it's been too many lawsuits in the County already I didn't want to initiate one. I am ready, willing and able if it happens again. If we're not –, if we don't follow our *Robert's Rules of Order*, I will initiate a suit against our chairman and to stop this practice and to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* where we have an orderly meeting. Commissioner Rivers said, you do what you've got to do. Mr. Sommers said, yes. Commissioner Rivers said, that's what it is. Mr. Abolt, is Mr. Kaigler around? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, I need him. Mr. Sommers, you are in charge and Gary Udinsky is accountable to you. You as a director he's accountable to you and the rest of that board. Now maybe all of y'all don't see eye to eye together, but if there's something that has not been rectified, then you need to document those things and at least let your board members know that, hey, these are the things that I'm documenting, these are the things that are not right. Then you don't get the results, then let it come back to us and then we'll have a cause of looking at whatever is not taking place there that should take place to run this County office more efficiently. A lot of things out there that needs to be corrected within the department and it's up to you guys to hold them responsible. Mr. Kaigler?

Chairman Hair said, Mr. Kaigler, Commissioner Rivers has a question.

Commissioner Rivers said, now there was statement here that whatever we had reference to overtime, comp time or whatever we went through on last year when they brought it to your –. Ms. Stringer and Mr. Sommers brought it to your attention and we looked at it, it's the contention of Mr. Sommers that that hasn't been rectified. He said that's still happening. I just want to know why is it still happening and if it's still happening I want it documented and I want it back before us. Mr. Kaigler said, we did have a problem in the Assessors office, some disparity on how the time was being kept. We worked with Mr. Udinsky early this year and we got everything corrected and they are operating and keeping their records in accordance with County policy. Commissioner Rivers asked, where did that discrepancy come in, Mr. Sommers? Since –? Mr. Sommers said, as of June of this year it was not, and that's when we went to Mr. Kaigler a second time and what we did, we went over –, Pat [Stringer] and I went over to the office, we got all the records, we got all the in-drawer records and there's excess leave time and excess comp time in June a year after –, over a year after we complained about it, and then I think Mr. –, there was correspondence between Mr. Abolt and Mr. Kaigler and he was told to fix the problem. Now if it's been fixed, it's been fixed in the last several, last couple of months, but for over a year we were not in compliance and it looked like nobody cared. Commissioner Rivers asked, is that correct, Mr. Kaigler? Mr. Kaigler said, it is correct that they were –, had some employees in their department that had more time accrued, more comp time accrued than we normally would allow under the policy, but that has been corrected. We worked with Mr. Udinsky, who put some procedures in place, and that shouldn't happen again. Commissioner Rivers asked, would you document that for me with dates, Mr. Sommers, and –. County Manager Abolt said, we've sent all correspondence to this Board over a period of several weeks. Commissioner Rivers said, that's all right. It might have been something that passed us by because things pass us by just like it passes the Assessors Board by, but I want a little documentation on that, where you rectified it and at what time and point that it's been rectified the second time, and Mr. Sommers if you'll give me those dates when you rectify the first time and when you went to him on the second occasion, and I'd like to have that in hand.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Sommers. Anybody else? Ms. Cox, please come forward.

Ms. Tammy Cox said, just very briefly. Good morning, Chatham County Commission, and I wanted to address specifically the issue, just very briefly, that Commissioner Murray brought us here for this morning. I appreciate your concerns and I appreciate what you had to say this morning. I'm in agreement with you. We're all professional people and need to conduct ourselves in that way. I was happy to accept the appointment to serve on the Board of Assessors. I considered it an honor to serve on the Board of Assessors. I see our main job is to work together to make sure that the Chatham County taxpayers are equitably and fairly treated, and that's our bottom line. That's my bottom line, and I consider it a great service and if I have my way about it, I'll continue to serve Chatham County this way. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Ms. Cox. Anybody else would like to say anything? Okay, Mr. Hogan, I'll recognize you again.

Mr. Hogan said, I want to make sure that all of them –. Chairman Hair said, they've all had the opportunity. Mr. Hogan said, all have the opportunity. Chairman Hair said, yes. Mr. Hogan said, this is going to take about six minutes, so y'all can set you clock if you want, but I promise you it's about six and a half minutes. On July 1, 2000, I was named to

membership of the Chatham County Board of Assessors. Since January of 2001, I've served as Chairman of the board. When I began my term —, began my term as a member of the board, I had certain hopes of things that I could accomplish while serving Chatham County in this important position. When I became Chairman in January of 2000 [sic], I had certain goals for me and for the board. I had a positive agenda in place and a direction to pursue. However, in the last year I have not been able to steer the board in that positive direction. I had hoped to move in a positive direction for the board and for the taxpayers at large. I believe that I can —, I could —, I believe that I could make the Board of Assessors more taxpayer-friendly and efficient; however, the board has not taken that direction. It is my belief that this board must come together if it wants to accomplish anything. Therefore, I believe in my heart that someone has to make a move. Therefore, I'm making that move today. I hereby resign as Chairman of the Board of Assessors, resign as a member of the Board of —, I hereby resign as Chairman of the Board of Assessors and resign as a member of the Board of Assessors effective after the first meeting of the board in January of 2000 [sic]. Until that meeting, I will remain as Chairman of the board. I have enjoyed certain aspects of my position. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Tammy Cox as my Vice-Chairman, I've enjoyed working with Gary Udinsky and the staff. I believe that Gary [Udinsky] and the staff do a good job. While serving as Chairman we have accomplished certain goals. Some of the positive goals that the board has accomplished are that we completed the appraisal data collection process for the property in Chatham County, we have accomplished the successful implementation of the Stephens-Day Homestead Exemption, and primarily due to better appraisals and the Stephens-Day Bill, the rate of appeals is 60% lower in 2000 than any previous years. There was unconditional approval of the 2000 digest by the Georgia Department of Revenue. We submitted the 2001 tax digest on time. The field appraiser staff is better trained than any time in the past 10 years. All field appraisers except for one have an Appraiser II designation or higher and we have two additional field appraisers achieved the highest appraisal designation. We have successfully and fully implemented the Tax Bill of Rights, including (1) rollback millage rate calculations; (2) reason for assessment value change added to the assessment notice; (3) reason added to the appeals letter explaining why an appeal is being forwarded to the Board of Equalization or arbitration; (4) an appeal to the Board of Assessors now has the burden of proof in the value conclusion; (5) property owners may reschedule Board of Equalization hearings to a more convenient time; and (6) the Board of Assessors now provide a brochure about property tax law to all property purchasers. Obviously, this is not all the accomplishments of the board. I just wanted to explain a few of the positive things that we have accomplished since I began on the board. I'm very proud of the accomplishments. There has been many negative comments about the Board of Assessors and about me personally. I do not believe that the negative comments serve any useful purpose. I have attempted to keep negative comments out of the news media. I've succeeded in some of those efforts. The board should not be run through the news media as some of the board members have done in the past. The board should be a —, should not attempt to smear anyone's reputation or character to the news media. There should not be any character assignments by innuendos. As a result of some of the tactics of certain members of the board, three ladies who have gone —, done a great job in the Assessors Office have resigned. They will be sorely missed. The board has always been under pressure. The board has always been volatile. In the past board members have not gotten along; however, it has not gotten personal on past boards. Since many of you know me personally, you know I'm not a quitter. It's taken me a —, don't let this choking up think the resolve's not still there with Jerry Hogan. It has taken me a long time to get to this position, but as I stated earlier, I believe that someone has to make a move if the Board of Assessors of Chatham County ever want to accomplish its goals. I had high hopes in the beginning, but I —, but after a year and a half I believe it's time to move on. I certainly appreciate the confidence of this Board of Commissioners has bestowed on me in appointing me to the Board of Assessors. I have learned a great deal. I hope that this decision —, I hope that this decision to resign does not diminish your faith in me. However, it is a decision that I must —, I alone must make. There's a prayer that hangs in my house forever that helps me make the decision and is appropriate today. The last time I said this prayer I was being —, the Grand Marshal of the 1994 parade, and it was in a positive atmosphere. Now this prayer is being said in a negative prayer —, in a negative atmosphere: God, grant me the serenity of things —, accept —. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. After a year and a half I think I've come to a part where it's wise to know that there are certain things that I cannot change and, therefore, I must resolve myself to the fact and turn my attention to other places where I can be of service to my community. I would ask that you think long and hard for a replacement. I believe giving a closer look at whom you appoint to the board and why you believe a particular person should be appointed. I would hope that you would replace me with someone who does not have any hidden agenda and is open-minded and would understand what he or she is getting into. My hope is based on the fact that any man or woman who serves on the Board of Assessors is charged by State law to perform certain mandated duties. That person must be ready to do just what —, just that without fear of petty criticism. I thank you very much and I will accept any questions now that I've got this off of my shoulders.

Chairman Hair said, I thank you. Mr. Hogan said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray and then Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Murray said, yes. I'd just like to say that I, you know, Mr. Hogan is one person that I had put up, his name up for nomination to the Tax Assessors Board. He wanted to serve on this board. Why anyone wants to serve on it is beyond me, but he did and I think the others that are on there wanted to or they would not have submitted their names for it. We have talked several times over the last week and I told him that whatever his decision was that I would support that, but I do want to commend you for stepping up to the plate, trying to do and make a difference within that board for the year and a half that you've served on it and the time that you've spent. I know this decision which you have made today that you just stated was not an easy decision for you to make. You and I talked about that also, but I do commend you for it and, as I told you when we first talked, I will accept whatever that was, and your decision was to resign, but I do want to tell you that I appreciate you coming and willing to serve on a board that's so controversial anyway. Thank you.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Jerry [Hogan], I don't know if you'll remember when we met several years ago –. Mr. Hogan said, oh, yes I do. Commissioner Odell said, and, you know, my personal impression is that for approximately 21 years I've had the pleasure of reading Savannah News-Press and over that 21-year period the Board of Assessors has been the primary –, one of the primary focus of concern. Many of the people who served as Chairman, I've known them in business from Tom Taggart, Joe Bell, Jeff Felser, and respected them not only professionally, but respected their intellect. This is a thankless job and I'm hopeful that our Commissioners, my fellow Commissioners, do not think that the fact that there is disagreement that that disagreement leads to incompetence. Being an attorney I'm accustomed to the fact that there's always an attorney on the other side and each time we go to court one of us is going to win and the other one's going to lose, but that does not mean that the loser on that occasion was wrong. I guess what I'm saying is that I'd love to see us get beyond personalities. I'm grateful for what you've done. We asked competent people, intelligent people to come forward and to give of their time. I know the amount of time that it's taken Tammy Cox is a substantial amount of time. I encouraged her to make application as an assessor for the simple reason that I believe that there needs to be diversity. We're not all one, but each segment needs to be represented. We need people who are intelligent and we need people who do not have a set goal, a goal that this is the purpose that I am here, whatever the evidence is, this is my sole purpose. We needed that diversity, and I thought that you brought that diversity. I want the record to reflect that I'm a Democrat and from all indications, Jerry [Hogan], you're a Republican and I commend you –. Mr. Hogan said, I'm an Independent, sir. Commissioner Odell said, you're an Independent. You just look like a Republican. Mr. Hogan said, I'm Irish Catholic and you're calling me Republican. Commissioner Odell said, the only reason why I say it that is that one of your colleagues, my dear friend, Commissioner Murray is a staunch Republican and you were his –. Mr. Hogan said, I do lean towards the Republicans, I'll be truthful, yes. Commissioner Murray said, it's a good thing. Mr. Hogan said, yes, and still I'm either a conservative Democrat or a liberal Republican, so whatever way you want to take it. [Unintelligible statements were made when several Commissioners started speaking at the same time.] Chairman Hair said, he's not finished. Commissioner Odell said, but I wanted to thank you for your time and effort, and even though it does not appear that we appreciate it, I think this Commission appreciates each –, your efforts and the each of the members' effort. I tend to believe the simple fact that there is a difference, that honorable thinking people differ and we do not all have to march in the same beat that where you have different people, you have different ideas and that different mixture is good. It's greater than just the sheer numbers. I appreciate your comments. The jury is still out as far as my concern as to the Board of Assessors. I think whether or not there's a problem is really not the question at this point. There's so much smoke and concern and articles, and we, as Commissioners and State representatives, we receive so many letters of concern that we're at a point that we have decisions to make and you all have decisions to make. I think that as honorable people we can do that which is in the best interest of our community setting aside our differences that we can make a decision that puts the community first. When each of you elected to serve at some request of some Commissioners, you put aside your individual preference, you exposed your personal lives, you said I will do this for my community. I think we're at that point again where we need to make some decisions that doesn't make a judgment decision as to who's right or who's wrong. I think at that point that serves no one. I think what we need to decide is whether or not we're at a fork in the road and we need to make some decisions, even if they're decisions that's not based upon the pre-stated reasons, that we're at a crossroads that collectively as a board we need to make a decision. I think that you all are adults so I don't attempt to tell you what you can and cannot do. I know each of you individually, and chances go round, I know that there's nothing magic about being on the County Commission, that each of you have the intellect and the moral fiber and qualifications to serve on the Commission, but I do think that we're at a fork in the road where the community has lost some perception of credibility as it relates to the board. In that we tax and we take money from individuals for property, it is imperative that that process be above reproach. It is imperative that there be some level of unity. There is no unity. I am not omnipotent. I will not attempt to say who's right or who's wrong. I will say that there needs to be a change, a collective change, and we need to make that decision and we need to do it in a way that your service will be respected, that no one should be dishonored by attempting to serve its community, that intelligent people do differ, but we're at a point where credibility of our taxing process is at stake, and thank you for your time.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Commissioner Odell. I'd like to make a comment and call on Commissioner Kicklighter and Commissioner Gellatly. Jerry [Hogan], I know this was a very, very difficult decision for you to make. Being highly opinionated myself, you were very highly opinionated and sometimes that brings flack upon us, but I do think you've done the honorable thing today, and I commend you for it. I think it took a lot of courage to do what you did, and, you know sometimes we have to do the right thing even though maybe personally it's not good for us, and I think that's what you've done today, and I highly commend you for your decision and your courage. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Jerry [Hogan], I just want to say I know –, I've known you a long time from the days when I was at BC and you've been around there and I know you're a highly intelligent man, do a great job, capable of doing anything you set your mind to. I believe this entire group are all well educated, smart people capable of doing anything they set their minds to, but collectively as a group for whatever reasons the group itself has not been able to accomplish the things necessary to run in a proper manner. So I admire you for doing that, putting your personal differences aside there, and doing what's right for the board there and I appreciate everything. I appreciate everyone of you. Like I said, you're all very intelligent people and capable of doing whatever, but it's evident for whatever reasons as a group it's not a productive group, and thank you, all of you, for your service.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Jerry [Hogan], I've had the privilege and the honor to work with you for about 22 years now in various community affairs and I've always known you to be very competent and someone that's certainly dedicated to the community and the County, and I respect your decision today. I know it was difficult. I was heartened to have listened to one of your statements that you will continue to give and work and cooperate in a meaningful way in Chatham County and in the community, and I think you have a lot to give and I look forward to working with you again. Thank you.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, I'm going to ditto all the good things that were said, Jerry [Hogan], and I would say thank you for serving and, lastly, hold onto that prayer of St. Francis. Mr. Hogan said, you've got that. Commissioner Rivers said, it will bring you all the peace and solace that you need. Mr. Hogan said, it has. Commissioner Rivers said, you go with my blessing.

Chairman Hair asked, anybody else want to make a comment?

Mr. Hogan said, and again I thank y'all very much. I think the statement there is I hope it's good enough for y'all. There was no pressure from the County Commissioners, no pressure from the media, no pressure from the Board of Assessors. So it's just something that's got to be done, and I hope that Chatham County --, I'm really doing it for the taxpayers, and I thank y'all very much.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Hogan. Give us a moment here please. [There was a short pause when several Commissioners conferred among themselves.] Chairman Hair said, I'll call on Commissioner Odell for a motion.

Commissioner Odell said, one second. Chairman Hair said, certainly. [Another pause occurred when the Commissioners continued to confer among themselves.]

Chairman Hair said, Chairman Hair said, I'll call on Commissioner Kicklighter for a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, Board of Assessors, this is a tough thing to do, but because of all the things stated previously, I'm going to say for myself again, you're all good people individually, capable of doing whatever you choose in life, but collectively it's my belief that we can do better on the Board of Assessors, so I will move at this moment, I'm going to make a motion to ask for the resignations of the remaining four Assessors and, failing to do so by the 16<sup>th</sup> --. Chairman Hair said, schedule a public hearing. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, and I'd also like to schedule a public hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status if they fail to resign by then. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second to that motion? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion, vote yes --. Commissioner Rayno said, discussion please. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, we can replace the whole board and you had the same problem with the past board and you had the same problem with the board before that, but there's been a common denominator between the old board and the new board, and his name starts and ends with Udinsky.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman. County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, yes. Commissioner Rivers said, I'm going to ask that reconsideration be placed in the minutes. Chairman Hair said, I was expecting that one.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, yes. County Attorney Hart asked, am I to assume by Mr. Kicklighter's motion that he is directing staff to schedule a public hearing for purposes of showing cause? Chairman Hair said, that is correct. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. Should we not receive --. Chairman Hair said, the resignation. Commissioner Kicklighter said, the resignations by that date. Chairman Hair said, that is correct.

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

1. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to ask for the resignations of the remaining four members of the Board of Assessors and should they not be received by the 16<sup>th</sup> of November that a public hearing be scheduled on November 16, 2001, for the purpose of showing cause for the purpose of dismissal of the members of the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Rivers moved that a request for reconsideration be placed in the minutes to come before the Commissioners at the meeting of November 16, 2001.

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**2. MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DISCUSS FUTURE BUDGETS (COMMISSIONER RAYNO, COMMISSIONER GELLATLY AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Hair asked, who's going to be the spokesman for the group? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, we just want to set a date to meet with department heads to discuss future funding so we don't run into a budget crunch like we did last year.

Chairman Hair said, I think it's a good idea, Commissioner Rayno. I would encourage you --, there's one thing that I think we need to be real careful of. These all need to be scheduled through Mr. Abolt's office and Mr. Abolt would --, would deal with the issues in that department, and if he needs the department head there to back him up, but we do not as a Commission need to be meeting with department heads that work for Mr. Abolt. We need to be meeting with Mr. Abolt and let him bring the department heads in, and if that's your intent, I will support. If that's not your intent, I will oppose it. I don't think as a Commission we have a right to --. Commissioner Rayno said, that was my intent. Thank you for clarifying that. Chairman Hair said, I have no problem --. I think it's important to point that out that we don't need to be meeting with department heads in the absence of the County Manager. I don't know that we can set a date today. Are you talking about for the future budget for next year or what are you talking about? Commissioner Rayno said, yes sir, where we can start immediately --. Chairman Hair said, okay, so the budget's for --. Commissioner Rayno said, for next year. Chairman Hair said, okay, I think that's certainly --, okay, we'll do that. No problem.

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**3. RETURN OF FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROPERTY TO ORGANIZATION (COMMISSIONER RIVERS).**

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Rivers is not here. We'll move on and come back to that.

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Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, yes sir. You were out of the room. Commissioner Rivers said, I'm sorry. Okay. Chairman Hair said, I called on you, but you were not present. I'll go back to you. Commissioner Rivers said, okay, thank you.

Chairman Hair said, I'll call on Commissioner Rivers to discuss Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club property to organization. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman, fellow Board members, we're asking that you lift the deed and return the deed back to the Boys Club, Boys and Girls Club, as we have done for other institutions under the One Percent SPLOST. We've already turned the property back to the Telfair, Lucas, and everybody else, but we haven't done so with the Boys Club.

Chairman Hair asked, the attorney has no problem with that? County Attorney Hart said, no. Originally, when y'all --, when the Commission at that time took the title to the property, that was primarily done for legal purposes of the SPLOST referendum. At that time the decision was made the County would hold onto it for five years and that period has lapsed and there's really no reason for us to have title to it. Chairman Hair said, make a motion. Make a motion.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Rivers moved that the Board return title of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club property to the organization. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.]

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**CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:56 a.m., and reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

The Chatham Area Transit Authority was adjourned and the Board reconvened as the County Commission at 11:00 a.m.

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### VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

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

1. **MIKE WEDINCAMP REQUESTING A CURB CUT OFF OF JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER). Tabled at meeting of May 25, 2001.**

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Commissioners.

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- \* 2. **SECOND READING: REQUEST BOARD AMEND SECTION 11-3, ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF PLANS OF PROPERTY OWNER ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME LIMITS, BY DELETING THIS PROVISION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.  
MPC FILE NO. Z-010615-49894-1  
[NO DISTRICT - TEXT AMENDMENT - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]  
At meeting of September 7, 2001, item was tabled until meeting of September 21, 2001. At meeting of September 21, 2001, item was tabled for County Attorney to conduct research.**

Chairman Hair said, I need a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to take it off the table. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Does anybody have any questions about this? Are we ready to go ahead and adopt it? I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

Commissioner Rayno said, Frank [Murray] had a question before -. Chairman Hair said, he's not here so -. Commissioner Rivers asked, do you want to just hold it, Mr. Chairman, and pass to the next item? Suspend it?

Chairman Hair said, I guess we can. We'll just leave it off the table and I'll come back to it.

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Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Murray, we'll go back. We took the second reading off and everybody's ready to vote on it, but you had -. It's the one about specified time limits -. Commissioner Rayno said, number two. Chairman Hair said, on projects. Number two. It's off the table so we're ready to vote on it.

Commissioner Murray said, okay, yes, I would move that we leave it as it is and not make those changes, amendments to it. Chairman Hair said, the question I think is we have it but we're not enforcing it. Commissioner Murray said, that's my point. It needs to be enforced. Chairman Hair said, well, we don't need a motion then on that. If it's -. Commissioner Murray said, okay. Chairman Hair said, because this is the second reading to change it, so you would make a motion to deny the second reading. Commissioner Murray said, that's right. Chairman Hair said, so make a motion. Commissioner Murray said, I move that we deny the second reading. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Rayno said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to untable this item for consideration by the Board. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Murray moved to deny the request to amend Section 11-3, Action to be Taken if Plans of Property Owner Are Not Implemented Within Specified Tim Limits, by deleting this provision of the Chatham County Zoning

Ordinance. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**NOTE: At the meeting of October 5, 2001, items 5 and 6 were continued to the meeting of December 7, 2001.**

- 3. REPORT ON SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING MPC FILE NO. Z-010612-37306-1 (REFERENCE FILE NO. 98-12425-C), PETITIONER, JAMES B. BLACKBURN, JR., AGENT FOR OWNERS HOMER CURTIS JENKINS, III, AND MARVIN C. JENKINS.**

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- 4. THE PETITIONER, JAMES B. BLACKBURN, JR., AGENT FOR OWNERS HOMER CURTIS JENKINS, III, AND MARVIN C. JENKINS, IS REQUESTING THAT A PORTION OF A LOT SHOWN ON THE COUNTY TAX MAPS AS A 0.3 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON WHITEMARSH ISLAND AT 1032 OLD OATLAND ISLAND ROAD AND A PORTION OF AN ADJOINING 0.7 ACRE UNDEVELOPED PARCEL BE REZONED FROM AN R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A P-B-N (PLANNED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE, RESTAURANT OR RETAIL STORE. THE MPC DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN A 30 DAY PERIOD FROM THE DATE THAT THIS PETITION WAS SUBMITTED AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11-2.6 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, IS DEEMED TO HAVE APPROVED THE REQUESTED CHANGE.  
MPC FILE NO. Z-010612-37306-1 (REFERENCE FILE NO. 98-12425-C)  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Items 3 and 4 will be placed before the Commissioners for consideration on December 7, 2001.

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- \* 5. APPROVAL OF F-2 REAPPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).  
*Note: Continued from meeting of October 5, 2001. At meeting of October 19, 2001, item was tabled until meeting of November 2, 2001.***

Chairman Hair said, I need a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Rayno said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. I'll call on Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve the F-2 reapportionment proposal. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second? Commissioner Rayno said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

Commissioner Rivers said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner Rivers said, I move that this be entered into the minutes for reconsideration. Chairman Hair said, okay, we'll reconsider –, [inaudible] recognize the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Murray was not present; District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the F-2 reapportionment proposal. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]
3. Commissioner Rivers moved that it be entered on the minutes for reconsideration at the next meeting.

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- \* 6. **SECOND READING: AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4-12c(5) OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY DISTRICT, TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENT FROM THE MARSH LINE FOR PLATTED OR RECORDED LOTS NOT OCCUPIED BY A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.  
MPC FILE NO. Z-010828-59853-1  
[NO DISTRICT - TEXT AMENDMENT - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]  
At meeting of October 19, 2001, item was tabled until meeting of November 2, 2001.**

Chairman Hair said, I'll need a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Murray said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Yes?

Mr. Tom Wilson said, yes, this was an anticipated refinement to the Islands Plan. As you know, the Islands Plan increased the marsh setback for the marsh buffer from 25 feet in the case of the buffers to 35 feet in the case of the setback to 50 feet. This particular item before you is the MPC's recommendation to simply exempt vacant lots.

Chairman Hair asked, any questions on this?

Commissioner Murray said, yes. I haven't had a chance to look at the agenda book, but is this a revised –? Mr. Wilson said, we –, we haven't revised anything. We did at your request provide you with the information, Commissioner Murray. Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray, there –. Mr. Wilson said, this is information that summarizes the input we've had in recent weeks. Since the MPC recommendation came before you, we've had a number of conversations with a variety of people on the pros and cons of this particular approach. In response to your request earlier this week, we've attempted to summarize that information. You also asked that we look at perhaps another version –. Commissioner Murray said, yes. Mr. Wilson said, that would address some of the concerns that have been expressed by many people so we crafted something for your review and provided you with that. That particular approach would be a percentage approach whereby 35 –, the maximum amount of setback that would be –, that would apply to any lot would be no more than 35% of that lot so if you have a 100-foot lot, for instance, the maximum setback would be 35 feet instead of 50 feet. The reason the staff went back after you adopted the Islands Plan to look at that issue is that some lots are just small and that the new standards severely constrain those lots. So we went back and developed a recommendation, which we took to the MPC Planning Commission. The Planning Commission looked at the staff input, looked at other input, developed their own recommendation which was the recommendation to exempt all vacant lots. That came before you. Since then there's been a lot of discussion. Your discussion at the last meeting and the input we've had from the public, so there are a number of views on how this should work. It's –, the 35-foot buffer and 50-foot setback is a good standard that should apply. There's considerable science to support that. There's no question about that. The question is one of fairness to the property owners, particularly we think the property owners with small lots who would be severely constrained by it. So we have offered an alternative approach. That approach has not been reviewed by the MPC. It's something we've simply put forward for your review. Commissioner Murray asked, Jon [Hart], if we decided to implement this third, I guess, third alternative, would we have to go back through the process or can we make those changes today on the second reading? County Attorney Hart said, this is really a fourth alternative. The language I looked at for the sliding –, what I call the sliding scale third alternative, was slightly different than the language that was sent to you, and I got that this morning, looking at that. In concept, I have no problem with the sliding scale. Commissioner Murray asked, would you mind reading that so –. County Attorney Hart said, yes, I'd like to have some time to think about it because it's one of those deals that you've got to think about with six or seven different lots –. Commissioner Murray asked, so would you want us to table this until the next meeting? County Attorney Hart said, so you don't end up with some crazy, you know, out of the box intent, but –.

Commissioner Rayno said, Frank [Murray], table, I'll second. Commissioner Murray said, I move that we table this and give the attorney –. County Attorney Hart said, yes. Commissioner Murray asked, you will have it back at the next meeting? County Attorney Hart said, yes. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second? Commissioner Rayno said, second.

Chairman Hair said, a table motion is not debatable. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion is tabled.

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Commissioner Murray said, a few minutes ago we had addressed –, before this happened we had addressed the 25-foot and 50-foot setback and stuff, and I'd just like to thank the people that are still here from MPC because I did contact them and did request things and they came back on short notice and they gave us another compromise that we can work with, and that's what the County Attorney is going to be looking at. Chairman Hair said, thank you. Commissioner Murray said, so thank you for that work.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Murray moved to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Murray moved to table to the next meeting an Amendment to Section 4-12c(5) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Islands Environmental Overlay District, to reduce the minimum building setback requirement from the marsh line for platted or recorded lots not occupied by a residential structure. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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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 MULTIPLE GRANT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECOGNIZE REVENUES \$62,130 FROM THE BYRNE GRANT AND APPROPRIATE \$62,130 FOR THE K-9 UNIT; AND THE ADDITION OF A STATE-PAID ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION.**

Chairman Hair said, for the record I want to make sure that this Assistant District Attorney position is not in the Sheriff's Department. This, the way it's written, it seems like it is, but it's two separate items, but I wanted to make sure the record's clear on that. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor –.

Commissioner Rayno said, just one question. Are the funds available? I didn't see that check for that particular thing. County Manager Abolt said, yes. Chairman Hair said, yes. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following: A Multiple Grant Fund budget amendment to recognize revenues \$62,130 from the Byrne Grant and appropriate \$62,130 for the K-9 unit; and the adoption of a State-paid Assistant District Attorney position. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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2. **PRESENTATION BY COUNTY ENGINEER ON STATUS OF MAJOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS.**

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is obviously very high on your priority list and we like to periodically give you both a visual and oral briefing beyond your written report which you receive each month. Mr. Bungard is prepared. We do have the visuals behind me and with your permission we'd like to make a brief update on all projects of importance, both in roads and drainage. County Manager Abolt recognized, County Engineer Bungard.

Commissioner Odell asked, Al [Bungard], how long will this take? County Engineer Bungard asked, how long do you want it to be? Ten minutes? Commissioner Odell said, it's fine with me. County Engineer Bungard said, it depends on questions. Okay.

County Engineer Bungard said, I've taken the brief that y'all saw about six months ago. There have been [inaudible] developments. I have some new technology. I am somewhat technology challenged with this new mouse so I rehearsed once. Let's get started right away. Okay, I have –, this is two parts again. There's the drainage program and the road program. I will go with the roads first. This is the base map you've seen before and you'll see this come up where I'll show you the locations of the various road projects and there are some various photographs and then status charts.

The interchange of State Route 21 is coming along very well. As of yesterday they are coming very close to completing the bridge over State Route 21 and we're on schedule to complete that in March of 2002.

Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 1, was completed four years ago, and Phase 2 will go down to U.S. 80. We have revised, per GDOT and U. S. Fish and Wildlife instructions, the ecology report for the sixth time. That is back over with them for review. I'm looking forward to having that approved some time by Christmas. We've had all the public hearings and then we'll go have what we call a preliminary field plan review some time January, February, and then we proceed. We'll have right-of-way plans hopefully by the Summer. This is actually going quite well and on schedule based on the current level of funding. As you -, I'll back up. On the road report I put in there that the funding situation is problematic. It continues to change based on the balancing of the construction budgets across the various congressional districts.

Pooler Parkway, Phase 2, is under construction. The part from Quacco Road to Pine Barren Road was opened to traffic a couple of months ago and right now the completion date because of utility conflicts was rescheduled until October of 2002 for the part from Pine Barren Road out to U. S. 80 in Pooler. Other than that, it's coming along fairly well.

Now the widening of U. S. 17. This is a series of about four projects. The part from 204 up to Dean Forest Road is under construction and coming along very well, and also concurrently you'll see the development of the Berwick Plantation going along around Lebanon Plantation; however, the project from State Route 204 down to Bryan County, originally GDOT had that scheduled for letting in June of 2001. We had certified right-of-way. Then they rescheduled 2002. I'm told they've rescheduled it again until bidding in July of 2002, which is fiscal year 2003, and hopefully they'll be able to find the money for that. The road -, it's been in their hands now for several months.

The interchange of State Route 204 and Veterans Parkway is coming along very well. They're finishing up the caps on the piers on either side and then hopefully early next year they'll start building the bridge over 204. The mitigation area they had until another year to accomplish that. They finished it ahead of schedule and I get more questions -, I hit the wrong -, that mitigation area -, hit the wrong button. I get a lot of questions about that, but that was a multi-project mitigation site where they banked wetlands credits for future GDOT projects.

Montgomery Crossroad, been under construction now since about six months. It has been interrupted because of security reasons and a few other problems, but we're looking forward. We will make that 2002. The other good news is right-of-way plans for this project were approved earlier this month and we have started the right-of-way acquisitions for that project, 134 parcels. I guess that's it there.

Truman Parkway, Phase 4. That's a little bit off the map there. Excuse me, that's Phase 3. Under construction, going along very well. Because of the additional work at Skidaway and Eisenhower, the completion date was rescheduled from June until 2003. These are just a series of photographs from DeRenne Avenue. You can see they're working on the retaining walls on either side of the ramp right there now. We finished with all the relocations at the golf course. There is the Bacon Park Landfill we had to remove. This is all changed significantly in this area down by Georgia Regional and then where it ties to Montgomery Crossroad. They finished the clearing since I took this picture and now they're building a ramp up through here. Phase 4, the other good news there is we received approved right of way plans on Phase 4 and we have started the right-of-way acquisition on that. We've also had the final field plan review. I already have the review comments back. Got them today. It will take them -, there were actually very few comments so our consultant did a very good job. We're looking at having those in final form by Christmas with final approval by GDOT some time after that. We're ahead. It will take us probably until May to certify the right-of-way so they can let it this year.

Commissioner Rivers asked, this year. You mean -. County Engineer Bungard said, this fiscal year. Commissioner Rivers said, oh, okay. County Engineer Bungard said, which will be in June of 2002. Commissioner Murray asked, [inaudible] and we'll have a contract on that? County Engineer Bungard said, we'll have a contract under the current schedule.

County Engineer Bungard said, and since the last time, I believe, we also have an approved Local Government Project Agreement whereby GDOT has agreed to fund the construction of Phase 5.

Whitfield and Diamond Causeway. We will continue the battle with GDOT -, the Federal Highway Administration. They wanted us to combine the two projects based on logical termini criteria the same way they made us do the Truman Parkway. Thanks to the help of our Assistant County Engineer, we've re-looked all the traffic numbers and accident rates and we think we have an agreement whereby we can keep those projects separate, and that -, the environmental assessment for Whitfield Avenue is at GDOT and Federal Highway being reviewed now. For the Diamond Causeway we have to incorporate a PAR review for wetlands minimization. That has been finalized and that should go back over by the end of this month. There's very little right-of-way to acquire now. On Diamond Causeway. We have about 60-some parcels on Whitfield Avenue after that.

Now the widening of Skidaway. That saga continues. I get a lot of questions about why it's taking so long not to mention the fact that we had six draft EA's. The issue we're fighting now involving logical termini involves the intersections of Montgomery Crossroad and Ferguson and Norwood. The Federal Highway maintains -, I've been trying to see about what about taking those intersections out as a separate project. They say that based on traffic volumes alone and including the Truman Parkway traffic that they will not participate in the funding of the construction from Eisenhower south if we don't include that lower part as the logical termini. On that other end, however, is where we have the impacts on the Lutten Historical District and we had to deal with the executive order on environmental justice. We had another meeting in Atlanta and out of that meeting they asked us -, they gave us other alternatives to try one-way pairs to

minimize the impacts. After we did all that, they said, no, that's not going to work. So I said, what do we do. They asked us to try to shoehorn improvements between Montgomery Crossroad and Ferguson and Norwood to avoid impacts within the existing right-of-way. We have done that. It will fit except for a minor impact on an end parcel, but during the course of investigating that we found an error dating back to the 70's in the parcel information and I'm asking to have the historic district redefined because it includes a vacant lot. I don't think by definition you can have an historic property that's vacant, and I've tried to set up a meeting this week with the State Historic Preservation Officer. They wouldn't talk to me without having GDOT present, so I hope to have that meeting next week and hopefully we've got this resolved and we can get on with the plan.

This project, the widening of 80 from Bryan Wood to Tybee, the project out to Bull River is coming along very well and we believe that APAC will meet the completion by December of 2001. A lot of people are looking forward to that, and as far as the part out to Tybee, I honestly don't know the latest status, whether that's going to be from the northside to southside, whether it's to be raised or lowered. It's still a battle as far as I know between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Park Service on the environmental impact resolution.

As far as the Hutchinson Island, Wayne Shackelford Boulevard, they are right now paving the corrections for the settlement on the boulevard itself between the interchange and the hotel. They'll finish that in a couple of weeks and then they'll shift over and fix the other road. The settlement period is complete for the ramps themselves and they'll probably resume work on that some time in January. Commissioner Rivers said, yes, I went on that roller coaster ride the other day. Man, that was tough. County Engineer Bungard said, that's an interesting ride.

The signal improvements at U. S. 80 and Debbie are coming along very well. They've cleared, they've graded. They encountered a gas line this week and they're working with the gas company to resolve that. It was in the right spot in terms of horizontal, but not quite as deep as it was supposed to be so we're working on that, but we will meet the schedule based on everything that's happening out there right now.

Commissioner Murray said, Al [Bungard]. County Engineer Bungard said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, on that project, are they getting ready to close in that ditch where that frontage road is being improving all the way down? County Engineer Bungard said, the ditch will be piped from Debbie Street up to the Huddle House, but not on the other end. It will be extended somewhat at the intersection, but we couldn't pipe the whole ditch. Commissioner Murray asked, is the reason we can't pipe that whole ditch funding or it can't be done for other reasons? County Engineer Bungard said, we limited the scope of the project. We obviously didn't look at piping the rest of the way because we worked it from Debbie on down. Commissioner Murray asked, could we look at the balance of that ditch? County Engineer Bungard said, we can. Commissioner Murray said, okay.

County Engineer Bungard said, then looking forward to the SPLOST that we --, the '98-2003, we have under design right now the widening of Abercorn from the terminus of Phase 5 out to Rio Road and the widening of Eisenhower from Waters to Abercorn and I'm looking at extending the scope of the widening where the Tax Commissioner's Office is from Waters up to Seawright and possibly all the way down to Truman to see, as long as we're at it, why don't we make whatever necessary improvements we need to do, if any are required, and I'm working with our consultant to get a reasonable fee for doing that and deciding on a scope or if it's warranted. We continue to work with the MPC on improving some --, on developing some of the other long-range projects.

The end of the road part, we'll jump right into the drainage. This is as fast as it'll go in the programming. You've seen this slide before with the various projects, background information. We still follow the same project development process. Again, it's very similar to the road except I don't have to deal with the Federal Highway Administration. These are all of the projects in the County that have been completed since 1993. Again, same methodology. Green completed, amber under construction, and red under some sort of design. Here we have a summary chart of all the various projects. We have follow-up slides for where you have the green arrows, and then now you see where the red dots appearing progress has been made on each of those projects since the last report.

Placentia Canal, Phase 1 was completed several years ago. Phase 2 is under construction. I will have a change order next time for a couple of improvements both downstream from the outfall from Phase 1 all the way out to the river. It's silted up in there due to some of it construction and just normal sedimentation. Down here is the slide where we narrowed the channel and put in the sheet piling. What you can't see is the sheet piling that's already in place along here and there's the tree which was the reason for which we did the sheet piling. That dead limb hanging over right there is not part of the other tree. That's a dead pine tree --, or dead pine limb. This one is behind schedule, but we're working with the contractor to catch it up. It's looking real well on the part that they've done.

Wilmington Island. This is actually done in three parts. The Manchester/Clarendon part was done some time earlier this year. We're designing the Surrey part and we're in Phase 1 of constructing the crossing under Wilmington Island Road, and the slide you see there are pictures of that. It's still Copper Dam now, but this was a large part of the improvements that I think 70-some percent of the improvements come as a result of just this crossing. Commissioner Murray asked, can you guarantee how long that will solve the flooding on Wilmington Island right now? County Engineer Bungard said, it will solve all the problems. If you buy that I've got some other deals for you.

Okay, Westlake/Springfield this one we're about ready to wrap up. Right --, this is the new channel which comes out from under the bridge. This is the crossing under the CSX Railroad right here and then it comes around the bend. We've

made the improvements on the base here down to the new bridge and then the outfall to the Forest River. The Bridge is complete, the other crossings, we're dressing things up right now. The base is very close to what we've done there. Commissioner Odell asked, can I have a -, just a financial summary of the expenditures for the Westlake Project? County Engineer Bungard said, I'll be glad to provide that. We're still waiting for CSX for the -, we're working on this one. We can't do any work on this until this is done because we can't dump all the water into there, and we're waiting for some feedback from CSX on how to do all this under the railroad yard.

Fawcett Canal. The picture up here on the left is of the lagoon before that was doing right there. These are improvements that go under the road. You may recall we had a problem a couple of years ago in the rainfall event there was a pipe there temporarily that caused all the flooding. All that's done, but we're getting ready to wrap this one up before too long here.

Ogeechee Farms. We're both designing and acquiring right-of-way through here. It's a very low-lying area. These will be modest improvements.

Phillips Avenue Canal up in the Port Wentworth area under construction, and you may recall this is the one where we had a little bit of problem working out the access because Georgia Ports Authority bought all this frontage here from Georgia Pacific right through our outfall for the Phillips Canal through here, but it is under construction. I think it's going to take about six months.

Pipemakers. We have acquired all of the right-of-way and we have one condemnation pending and we're having a little bit of problem getting the agreement out of Georgia Ports. I wrote the Director out there a letter about three weeks ago asking for his help in getting the agreement. Everything as far as I know is resolved. The language, the plans to get that in place, and that includes, as you may recall, right in here enough space for a pump station there. That's the warehouse which was built over the canal. We're building a new bridge right downstream of that. That existing bridge will stay. That's the existing conditions over here. When we're done, the channel instead of being right here will be over here somewhere and all that -, those bushes will go and Phase 1 goes up to U. S. 17 with no improvements there for now. This is the part that was completed two years ago next to the airport.

County Engineer Bungard said, Commissioner Kicklighter, you may recall that there's a crossing under State Route 307. In this case, we've done the analysis and GDOT I think has agreed to take up the cost of constructing the improvements under 307 as a part of the widening project from R. B. Miller Road up to State Route 21. They've been very good about picking up drainage improvements on road projects based on our analyses and hydraulic requirements. Commissioner Kicklighter said, good job. Thank you.

County Engineer Bungard said, Conaway Canal. We've pushed this up. We're in the design stage. Coming along very well. The consultant first time [inaudible] working for us, and we should be in the permitting and right-of-way status probably by Spring. We're having meetings with the various property owners. Had some -, we had to work out an issue right about in here somewhere with access. Turns out that's the dividing line between Bloomingdale and Pooler. There's some unique access issues to residents in there, but I think we've got those resolved. Sirs, do I have any questions?

Chairman Hair asked, any questions? Yes, Ms. Earls.

Ms. Montine Earls said, Al [Bungard] should have known I was going to ask. Chairman Hair said, he's probably prepared for it. Ms. Earls said, okay. When you start doing the bridge over 204, are we going to be closing some lanes there when you start going over? County Engineer Bungard said, I have no idea. That's so far out there.

Chairman Hair asked, are you talking about the flyover for Veterans Parkway? Ms. Earls said, yes. I knew we had to have something and when you're going over, something's got to be closed. County Engineer Bungard said, it will be accommodated some how, but the good news there is we're going to take the project up to King George and I talked them into extending the contract to include the interchange over King George Boulevard to the railroad crossing, and that is part of the scope. Now how we work all the traffic control for construction, that's going to be a challenge, but I don't think it will be any worse than it is at the interchange right now.

Ms. Earls said, another question. Okay, when you're talking about whenever we get through with Truman Parkway and you start widening Abercorn to Rio Road, what's going to happen to the bridge? Is that going to be widened also. Chairman Hair said, talking about the Forest River -. County Engineer Bungard asked, you mean, the bridge over Rio Road? Ms. Earls said, no, the Forest River. The bridge there. Are we going to be widening that also to take care of everything? County Engineer Bungard said, well, it doesn't make any sense to have six lanes going to four -. Ms. Earls said, well, that's what I was thinking, but I had never heard anyone say anything about the bridge. Chairman Hair said, it's part of the project. County Engineer Bungard said, part of the project. Ms. Earls said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Thank you, Ms. Earls. Thank you, Mr. Bungard. We appreciate that report.

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

Received as information.

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**3. INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2001-02 (JULY 1, 2001, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001).**

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, as you know, for about a decade we have been giving you quarterly financial reports, but it's always been nested away under your information section of your agenda. Henceforth, and certainly based on discussions during your last budget deliberations, we now present in information formation that first quarter report. If you had a chance to review it and in the interest of time, all I will tell you is that the first three months are always somewhat difficult to establish trends. It might be more beneficial as you review it to keep this in mind because Mr. Persaud and I plan to have for you at your next meeting two weeks from today the audit and there might be more significant information in that from which you might be able to determine where we are financially. At this juncture, three months in, there are some trends which are not unpredictable. There are trends even with revenue collections, and at this point we see no reason to be alarmed. However, I would ask you to hold most of your questions and attention possibly when they can be better discussed during the time of audit presentation in two weeks.

Chairman Hair said, thanks. I appreciate that.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Received as information.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLE SAFETY (DMVS) AND THE GEORGIA TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY (GTA) AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ENABLE PARTICIPATION IN THE GEORGIA DMVS'S STATEWIDE LICENSE PLATE WEB RENEWAL PROGRAM.**

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to introduce this. Normally this would appear on the calendar and go by possibly quickly, but I would like to recognize Mr. Powers and his staff. What they're doing in concert with the State is very innovative and happens to coincide almost to do the day of the time in which Commissioner Rayno asked us to look at [inaudible].

Chairman Hair asked, Danny [Powers], would you like to make any comments or –.

Tax Commissioner Powers said, yes. Well, we worked long and hard to try to get to this level here and we've got a decision to make to which one of these alternatives you want to agree with because there are some –, there're some funds involved here as far as, you know, the renewal on the Internet. The E-check process it will not cost anything, but the –, if a citizen goes on to do a renewal, there's a \$6.00 charge and there's several options here and I guess you folks need to get comfortable with what you want to do because the money ultimately –, if it comes to the County it comes out of the County. I proposed number three where we'd split that \$6.00 three to three. That way we could at least see how many people are going to, you know, use this thing. I'm just scared the \$6.00 is going to scare some folks off.

Chairman Hair said, yes. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, I'd first like to commend Mr. Powers. We talked about this last December when we were up in Athens. Tax Commissioner Powers said, we have been working on it. Commissioner Rayno said, and finally brining it to the plate. I appreciate that. The industry standard across the nation has been about \$3.00 the consumer would pay per transaction, so it would be in line with Mr. Powers' recommendation to go half and half.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve Mr. Powers' –. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray. Commissioner Murray said, thank you. Chairman Hair said, just one second, Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray asked, what if –, if somebody wants to use that, in other words, you're saying if we approve this, the County will pick up \$3.00 and the citizen will –? Tax Commissioner Powers said, will pay \$3.00, right. As a convenience to, you know, to go on the web and do it. Commissioner Murray said, I think that if a citizens wants to use that, they should pick up the \$6.00. The reason I say that, when you take a government credit card, if you do a call-in by phone to make your payment, it's a \$10.00 charge –. Tax Commissioner said, yes, well –. Commissioner Murray said, that the government does not reimburse. Tax Commissioner said, I do know that we worked on this thing all through the Summer. You know, the costs were even higher, and we dealt with one of the banks and we finally got it down to \$6.00. What I'm scared is if we leave it six bucks, you know, all the work and effort that we put into it we may not see –. Chairman Hair said, will go down the tube. Tax Commissioner Powers said, we may not see anybody using it.

Chairman Hair said, I think that's a good point. Well, we have a motion and a second on the floor. All those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve request for the Tax Commissioner to enter into agreements with the Georgia Department of Vehicle Safety (DMVS) and the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) and any subsequent agreements necessary to enable participation in the Georgia DMVS's statewide license plate web renewal program. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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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 said, that takes us to the Action Calendar. Does anybody want to remove anything from the Action Calendar? If not, I'll entertain --.

Commissioner Rayno said, yes. Chairman Hair asked, which one, Commissioner Rayno? Commissioner Rayno said, number 6, please. Commissioner Rivers said, 7, 8, 9, 10. Commissioner Rayno said, no, no, no, no, no. Chairman Hair said, you're taking place --, okay. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno. Commissioner Rayno said, just six, please and --. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Rayno said, and I. Chairman Hair said, and 5? Commissioner Rayno said, I.

Chairman Hair said, okay, I'll entertain a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 6 and 9-I. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

**[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 OCTOBER 19, 2001, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2001, as mailed. - Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 11 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2001.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period October 11, 2001, through October 24, 2001, in the amount of \$7,238,753. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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- 3. REQUEST FROM THE ENGINEER FOR TURNER'S COVE DEVELOPMENT TO RECORD TURNER'S COVE, PHASE 4-B.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request from the engineer for Turner's Cove Development to approve the final plat of Turner's Cove, Phase 4-B, for recording and accept the financial guarantee. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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- 4. REQUEST FROM STEVENSON & PALMER, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR BERWICK LAKES, PHASE 3, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, AND RECOMBINE THE SUBDIVISION INTO THE EXISTING STREETLIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request from Stevenson & Palmer, engineer for the developer, to record the subdivision plat for Berwick Lakes, Phase 3, accept the subdivision agreement and financial guarantee, and recombine the subdivision into the existing streetlighting assessment district. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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- 5. REQUEST FROM EMC, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR GRIMBALL POINT PHASE 2, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, AND CREATE A NEW STREETLIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request from EMS, engineer for the developer, to record the subdivision plat for Grimball Point, Phase 2, accept the subdivision agreement and financial guarantee, and create a new streetlighting assessment district. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNERS ON EAST DRIVE TO CHANGE THE STREET NAME TO MOON RIVER DRIVE.  
[DISTRICT 1.]**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, being [inaudible] I'm happy they want to change the name to Moon River Drive. Was there anybody opposed to this that's here today? If not, I entertain a motion for that to approve it. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Murray said, I mean I'm supporting it. What's the—? Commissioner Rayno said, there's a Moon River Court. Chairman Hair said, yes. The Clerk asked, did we have a second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve the request from property owners on East Drive to change the street name of East Drive to Moon River Drive between North Drive and the intersection of East Ridge Drive and Moon River Court. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE COUNTY ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED FOR JAZIE DRIVE. Based on past action of the Board, approve Alternative 1 in order to meet the requirements of the Code for acceptance.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve acceptance of a right-of-way deed conveying Jazie Drive to the County. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**8. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2001. PETITIONER: JOHN A. LAUCIK, D/B/A RASCAL’S PIZZA & RIBS, LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD, SUITE D-1 AND D-2. [DISTRICT 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request of petitioner John A. Laucik, d/b/a Rascal’s Pizza & Ribs, located at 7360 Skidaway Road, Suite D-1 and D-2, for a new beer and wine pouring license for 2001. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. One (1) full size 15 passenger van	Sheriff	Critz, Inc.	\$21,059.58	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
B. First renewal option to the annual lease agreement for the building located at 808 Pennsylvania Avenue	Central Services	Melaver, Inc.	\$6,000	General Fund/M&O - Central Services
C. First renewal of annual lease of approximately 500 square feet of office space in Courthouse Annex to First Administrative Judicial District Administrative Office of the Courts at a rate of \$8.50 per square foot	Central Services	Chatham County	\$4,250 paid to the County per year	Revenue Producing
D. Two full size Ford Expedition sport utility vehicles	Sheriff - K-9 Unit	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$53,683.60	Multiple Grant Fund - K-9 vehicles (pending Board approval of funding)
E. Two full size Ford Explorer sport utility vehicles	CEMA	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$45,945.14	SPLOST (1998-2003) - CEMA
F. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for two additional one year terms for the “as needed” purchase of service uniform shirts, trousers and civilian clothing	Sheriff	Frank’s Uniforms (WBE)	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
G. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for two additional one year terms for the collection of delinquent real and personal property taxes	Tax Commissioner	Delinquent Tax Solutions, Inc.	Compensation for their services through the collection of Administrative Fees that are added to delinquent accounts at the time of collection	N/A
H. Deductive Change Order No. 2 to the contract for the Savannah River Transportation System Ferry Docking Facilities to close out contract	SPLOST	The Industrial Company	(\$42,272)	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Ferry Docks System
I. Replacement equipment for the Henderson Golf Club and lease/purchase financing	Henderson Golf Club	Turf Care Products (equipment)  GE Capital (lease/purchase)	\$115,150.65  Monthly amount \$2,601.54	Henderson Golf Club Enterprise Fund

**As to Items 9-A through 9-H:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-H. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

**As to Item 9-I:**

**Replacement equipment for the Henderson Golf Club and lease/purchase financing; Henderson Golf Club; Turf Care Products (equipment), GE Capital (lease/purchase); \$115,150.65, Monthly Amount \$2,601.54; Henderson Golf Club Enterprise Fund.**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, I know we've got to maintain this, but I'm stopping spending money on that. When are we going to dump this golf club? Chairman Hair said, well, if it weren't so upside down it would be easy to do, but since we owe about three million, two million more than we -, than it's worth, that's the problem.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Odell said, so move. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-H. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 9-I. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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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. **AMEND SECTION 3, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 3-12, VISUAL BUFFERS AND SCREENING. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. (SEE ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM COUNTY STAFF DEALING WITH ENFORCEABILITY ISSUES.)**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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- 2. **THE PETITIONER, JOHN S. KERN, P.E., AGENT (FOR ROMAR DEVELOPMENT, LLC, OWNER), IS REQUESTING THAT A 277 ACRE PARCEL OF UNDEVELOPED LAND LOCATED EAST OF U. S. HIGHWAY 17 SOUTH AND SOUTH OF CHEVIS ROAD BE REZONED FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO A PUD-M-5 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, MULTI-FAMILY) TO ALLOW SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-010904-32195-1 [DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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- 3. **ADOPT THE COMBINED SEWER DISPOSAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATERS ORDINANCE AND APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ADMINISTER THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

SEE "TABLED ITEMS" FOR ADDITIONAL SECOND READINGS.

1. **THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 6-2.2, SIZE OF DRIVEWAYS, BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE WIDTH OF A DRIVE WITH 90 DEGREE PARKING BY ONE FOOT AND REDUCE THE WIDTH OF A DRIVE WITH 60 DEGREE PARKING BY TWO FEET; SECTION 6-3, OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, USE (13), SHOPPING CENTERS, BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FOR CENTERS LESS THAN 200,000 SQUARE FEET TO 5 SPACES PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF LEASEABLE AREA AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SPACES FOR LARGER CENTERS ON A SLIDING SCALE DOWN TO 4.25 SPACES FOR CENTERS OVER 600,000 SQUARE FEET OF LEASEABLE AREA; AND SECTION 6-3.1, SIZE AND MARKING OF PARKING SPACES, BE AMENDED TO REDUCE THE DEPTH OF PARKING STALLS FROM 20 FEET TO 18 FEET FOR 90 DEGREE PARKING AND FROM 18 FEET TO 16 FEET FOR 60 DEGREE PARKING.  
MPC FILE NO. Z-010705-39758-1  
[NO DISTRICT - TEXT AMENDMENT - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]**

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Rayno said, motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, oppose vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner Rayno moved that the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows: Section 6-2.2, Size of Driveways, be amended to increase the width of a drive with 90-degree parking by one foot and reduce the width of a drive with 60-degree parking by two feet; Section 6-3, Off Street Parking Requirement, Use (13), Shopping Centers, be amended to increase the number of parking spaces for centers less than 200,000 square feet to 5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of leaseable area and reduce the number of spaces for larger centers on a sliding scale down to 4.25 spaces for centers over 600,000 square feet of leaseable area; and Section 6-3.1, Size and Marking of Parking Spaces, be amended to reduce the depth of parking stalls from 20 feet to 18 feet for 90-degree parking and from 18 to 16 feet for 60-degree parking. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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2. **AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION AND POWERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT" TO INCORPORATE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ENABLING ACT MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE SINCE 1989.**

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Odell said, so moved for approval? Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Rayno said, question for the attorney. Have you looked over all these numbers and made sure that they're actually correct? County Attorney Hart said, no sir, I have no. Commissioner Rayno asked, we're going to approve something that we don't know is absolutely correct and then --? Chairman Hair asked, why don't we approve it with the corrections if any need to be made. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. Chairman Hair said, that way, it would keep from having to come back.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

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

Commissioner Odell moved to approve amendments with corrections, if any need to be made, to Chapter 1 of the Chatham County Code entitled "Organization and Powers of Chatham County Government" to incorporate the amendments to the Enabling Act made by the Legislature since 1989. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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**3. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "TAXATION AND REVENUES" TO INCORPORATE THE CURRENT LAW.**

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Rayno said, hold on. Chairman Hair said, we've got a motion, do we have a second? Commissioner Rivers said, second. Commissioner Rayno said, I thought --, we talked about tabling this until another meeting when we can sit down with the BOA and talk to them about it because there's substantial changes to Gary's [Udinsky] title.

Chairman Hair said, well, if you want to make a motion to table, you have every right to do that. Commissioner Rayno said, motion to table. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second to that motion? Commissioner Murray said, second.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of tabling vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.] Chairman Hair said, the motion is tabled.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Odell moved to approve amendments to Chapter 7 of the Chatham County Code entitled "Taxation and Revenues" to incorporate the current law. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Rayno moved to table until the Board has an opportunity to sit down with the Board of Assessors to discuss changes to the Chief Appraiser's title. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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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. UPDATE ON "CIVIL WAR ERA FEATURES" AT TOM TRIPLETT COMMUNITY PARK.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Written report received as information.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Rivers and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 11:37 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 12:19 p.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM OF GUS CORRELLAS (JON HART).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve settlement of the property damage claim of Gus Correllas in the amount of \$6,409.39. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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- 2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR CLOSE OUT OF CHANGE ORDER NOS. 17, 18 AND 19 TO THE CONTRACT WITH MTCB FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRADE CENTER.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board authorize approval of Change Orders 17, 18 and 19 to the contract with MTCB for construction of the Trade Center, with the provision of seeking settlement of issues with the architect and use of undesignated funding from the SPLOST 1998-2003. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: District Three was not represented.]

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

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**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

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

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SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK