

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2002, 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, January 11, 2002.

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II. INVOCATION

The Rev. Mark Guiliano, Montgomery Presbyterian Church, 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. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
- Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four
- Jeffrey D. Rayno, District One [arrived approximately 9:28 a.m.]
- Joe Murray Rivers, District Two
- Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
- David M. Gellatly, District Six
- B. Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

ABSENT:

- Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
- David M. Gellatly, District Six

IN ATTENDANCE:

- R. E. Abolt, County Manager
- R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
- Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

Vice Chairman Thomas said that Dr. Hair had to be out of town today, that's why he's not here, and Commissioner Gellatly had reminded us at the last meeting that he would not be here today because of eye surgery.

Vice Chairman Thomas wished everyone a happy new year.

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Thomas welcomed the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Amro Idris, a Senior at Windsor Forest High School; Shane Johnson, a Junior at Bible Baptist; and Nelson Lewis, a Senior at Savannah Christian.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. "SHOULDER TO SHOULDER" - SONG WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY REV. MARK GUILIANO IN MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH.

Rev. Mark Guiliano said, in the short days following September 11th, our President asked us to stand shoulder to shoulder with one another. The Prime Minister of England said that England stands shoulder to shoulder with the United States of America. I know that myself and many, many others were quite moved when we saw the House of Commons in England and the Parliament in Canada singing the Star Spangled Banner, standing shoulder to shoulder with us. And on the National Day of Prayer we were once again asked by The Rev. Billy Graham to stand shoulder to shoulder with one another. I needed a way to articulate how I was feeling, and so I wrote this song called "Shoulder to Shoulder," which I'll share with you today.

Well, the world's just not the same anymore, the same as it used to be. No, the world don't make much sense anymore, it don't make sense to me. And I know my heart is caught today between the anger and the sad, but a terrible thing has happened here, today it makes me mad. The nation gathers round you, Lord, to lift to you our prayer. We pray for those who've fallen and we pray for those who care. And even though the dust is flowing or the rain comes pouring down, we'll stand as one beside you. We'll raise our victory sound.

Shoulder to shoulder we know we'll find a way, shoulder to shoulder we'll build a better day. And I don't 'bout tomorrow and I don't know 'bout today, but in the deep of the darkest night, oh Lord, I know you'll light, I know you'll light the way.

Now, our hearts weighed and heavy, Lord, our eyes are filled with tears. But our nation's growing stronger now, freedom without fear. And God bless America and the truth for which she stands. Yes, God bless America and God bless this land.

And shoulder to shoulder we know we'll find a way, shoulder to shoulder we'll build a better day. And I don't 'bout tomorrow and I don't know 'bout today, but in the deep of the darkest night, oh Lord, I know you'll light, I know you'll light the way.

Hey, America, can you stand up proud? Hey, America, can you sing out loud? We're one nation, under God, and together we are strong.

Shoulder to shoulder we know we'll find a way, shoulder to shoulder we'll build a better day. And I don't 'bout tomorrow and I don't know 'bout today, but in the deep of the darkest night, oh Lord, I know you'll light, I know you'll light the way. Yes, I know you'll light, I know you'll light the way. Yes, I know you'll light, I know you'll light, I know you'll light the way.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you so very much. That was very touching.

Commissioner Murray said, the person accompanying Mark [Guiliano] with that was Emily Calhoun. And Mark also had received some acknowledgments, if I'm not mistaken, from the White House on this. Is that correct? And also from New York. We appreciate y'all being here.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, that's one of the most beautiful --, and I'm sure we will find the way to build a better tomorrow. Thank you so very much.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Vice Chairman Thomas said, we're going to delay the Commissioners' Items until Commissioner Rayno arrives. He wanted to address that.

1. CONSOLIDATION OF RECREATION DEPARTMENTS (COMMISSIONER RAYNO).

Commissioner Rayno said, I think this is a great time, we just talked about the LOST renegotiations and also the fact that there has been past discussions about the merging of the recreation departments to again re-institute meetings between the City of the Savannah and the County to talk about a single head over the recreational departments. In a meeting last Summer with Floyd Adams, a lunch, he expressed a desire for this to happen and also in conversations with Pete Liakakis, he expressed a desire for this to happen. I think there's a willingness on both sides. Since funding was an issue in the past, [inaudible] LOST renegotiations would be the perfect time to at least explore the opportunity. I don't know that we necessarily need to vote on it, but perhaps if it would be the consensus of the Board, we could ask staff to set up a meeting between ourselves and the City.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I had one question. Exactly how is the recreation funded? Out of the Special Service District? County Manager Abolt said, no, it's all M&O. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. That's --, I guess that's the part that I would have a problem with is because, you know, the entire County pays into the M&O budget, and what we would have is a consolidation of the City of Savannah with Chatham County, and you'd have Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Bloomingdale, Tybee Island, Thunderbolt all funding recreation for the City of Savannah, and, you know, that's --, we would have to definitely figure out a way to compensate somehow or reimburse tax dollars back to other municipalities should we merge in --.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may. I would really urge you to keep the funding issue aside for a moment because the case I made in the past, which was not successful, is from a management standpoint we can consolidate recreation tomorrow. And in my opinion it gets confused by the issue of funding and the per capita expenditure. It's no relevance to me from the standpoint of if you were --. The example I used in the past here: a person's in the business of building houses. You may have a customer that wants a \$100,000 house and a customer that wants a \$200,000 house. You don't stop building homes because you have a different appetite or expectation. And between a merged staff it's very easy with modern technology to develop programs in different locations paid for by the two different jurisdictions, the City of Savannah, Chatham County, and cater them to the budget. Where it's gotten lost in the past is the very thing you bring up, and that became an issue of per capita expenditures for recreation services. I submit, as you go into it, which I certainly encourage, that you keep in mind that is a different issue from maximizing the resources you have to get the job done. It certainly must be addressed, but I would not lose site of the overall efficiency you can get from combining the departments and not get lost in what is one jurisdiction spending per capita for this or are senior citizen programs as much needed in this area of the County versus another area of the County. I mean, those can be issues that you can address for Chatham County or the unincorporated area, whatever fashion you want, based on your authority, but not try to come up with one grand plan that not only yourself, the City Council for the City of Savannah, all the other City Councils would agree that. That's chaotic, permit me. But from the standpoint of what Commissioner Rayno wants to do, it can be done.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, with all due respect to you, Russ [Abolt], on your opinion there --. County Manager Abolt said, pardon, sir? I'm sorry. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I said all due respect to your opinion there, I believe that's what's financially got us in a little bit of trouble in the past is us trying to all and be all for everybody where our jobs, I believe, is to overlook, you know, the budgets and recreation for Chatham County, not the City of Savannah. They have a separate government that does there, and we have our duties here to look out for our recreation in the unincorporated areas.

County Manager Abolt said, I don't mean to be [inaudible]. I had the good fortune in another organization to run a combined department and it run smoothly. It does not get to where you're talking. Each year I would present, were you to do this, a budget for the program in the area of responsibility where Chatham County is set. We're going to be the ones making the decision. A same budget or similar budget for a different program would be presented to any City Council --, City of Savannah, Tybee, whatever --, who wanted to be a part of this joint program, but each jurisdiction, those elected officials, decide what you want to spend for those services. That's all I'm saying.

Commissioner Rayno said, it would be my hope that we would also go into these discussions with an attitude not that we have a problem, but that we have an opportunity to discuss these items in a calm and reasonable manner, and just an idea from off the top of my head being perhaps the City and the County [inaudible] the Recreation Authority and make that the overseer for what's going on, and then other municipalities might be able to tap in as well, and we could approach recreation as a regional function rather than just a city/county function.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what I'm asking for. Exactly. Because I know the smaller municipalities will opt out of if you combine it into a larger recreation area because the smaller, they tend to --, you know, it works good. All of them's happy with their recreation --. Commissioner Rayno said, perhaps this could breathe new life into the Recreation Authority, which seems to have no purpose other than to pay off debts right now. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Well, if we can help the small municipalities also, then let's look at it.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Murray and then Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Murray said, yeah, I think Commissioner Rayno is right on target, especially on the timing on this. It's –, you know, a number of years ago we [inaudible] trial basis a certain section of recreation with the City and the County and it was just strictly for maintenance. It was out at the –, off the Eisenhower Drive area where they have their softball complex and we have the stadium and things, and it went on, I'm not sure, I think six months or maybe a little longer, but it did save a little bit of money and it made sense that we didn't have County equipment out doing a portion of it and the City equipment out doing a portion of it, and we never expanded on that. There are a number of ways that things can be done. And, Dean [Kicklighter], I don't want to get tied up on the financial side of it either, but if you really want to be fair about it, we've got recreational facilities that we do and the County's responsible for and we do it out of M&O. The City has theirs and the City has the taxes they pay on that. So I guess, in a matter of speaking, the City is paying double tax for recreation where the County is not to a degree, but I just think that –. I agree with Russ [Abolt], too. I think we can look at it from the standpoint that the economics can be worked out if everybody's willing to come together and work. And I would recommend that if it's done, that we have a committee set up to do it and we have representation of every municipality, even though in the past they have opted out of it, as you said, and they might this time, but I think if it's done properly and everything is gone over where one person's not worried about who's going to control who and what's going to happen to it, then we can do it. But, frankly, I think we would do a much better job of recreation if it was consolidated, if we could work out the details. I think the timing is right. I think we need to move forward and look at it. I know the Chief is working with the City's Chief on police protection, and they're doing that. So there are a number of things, I think, that we can work with, but I think it's going to take not just the staff sitting down and talking, it's going to take the Commission, the City Council, and other council members for the other municipalities to sit down and work out details, too, because that's where it gets bogged down. That's where it gets stopped is when one group decides they don't want the other group handling it. So I think we're all going to have to be open and certainly express our feelings about it. But I agree with Commissioner Rayno. I think it's timely and I think we need to look at it.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Odell. Commissioner Rayno asked, if there's no objection, can we ask staff to set the meeting. County Manager Abolt said, sure. I'd be glad –. I think Commissioner Odell wanted to say something. Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Odell has the floor. Commissioner Rayno said, sorry, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, any time, Jeff [Rayno]. Just to answer Dean's [Kicklighter] question. Dean, I really don't think that now we do not back out of the money for recreation for the various municipalities. Under this –, under any proposal I don't think financially it would change. I think we might perceive that as being a financial obstacle, but I don't think financially it would be any different than it is now. The only financial stumbling block potentially could be if you look at the per capita expenditures made by the City of Savannah and compare that with what Chatham County makes, we're about 65% of what the City of Savannah pays, and I think the major stumbling block in the past was not the inequity it created by the various small municipalities paying and not receiving, because they do, but because I think the City of Savannah wanted parity as far as [inaudible] expenditure, and we weren't willing to raise the millage.

County Attorney Hart said, also there's a mix issue there. The City had a different mix of services than we did and –, primarily Senior Citizens was included in that, which is a –, you know, a chunk of money, and I think the County's program was more of a purist recreational, traditional type of a program and the City's was a little bit broader.

Commissioner Odell said, but just to finish, I tend to agree with Jeff [Rayno]. This is now a good time for us to look at it, and I do not think that finances as far as parity should be a problem and as far as who pays into the M&O at this point. I think we all will benefit if we do this. It's going to come eventually. We can take the lead on it.

Commissioner Rivers said, you know, basically the money comes out of M&O. Municipalities really don't pay anything into the M&O. The people of the County pay into M&O and we've got recreation facilities spread out throughout the County, so everybody is receiving the service. That's –, I don't think that's going to be part of your problem as far as [inaudible] municipalities or selling to municipalities because our facilities is spread it. Now do we enhance –, as Russ [Abolt] said, we're going to do half and half. It's something to look at. I don't know how receptive the City would be to it, but, you know, they haven't been receptive to most things that we have presented. They might be willing to –. Commissioner Murray said, this is a new year. Commissioner Rivers said, you go ahead and try it.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, I wanted to leave you with the thoughts as you go ahead, which I certainly encourage, number one, as your Manager I'm just telling you, I'm not trying to –, just not braggadocio, it can work. It can work in a matter of weeks, but the policy issues you addressed cannot be resolved by staff. So that's why I encourage you to have your meeting with the City Council or Councils. I'll give you one option you could think of, and it comes to mind right now, parallel in part to MPC. I realize MPC is 50/50, but that doesn't mean it's required. But you could very well set up what amounts to a parks board, which might be the Recreation Authority. Have it jointly appointed by yourself and the City Council. A director is selected. That director works with me on County matters, with the City of Savannah or the City of Tybee, or whatever, on matters that relate to them. And then you have one recreation policy. Commissioner Odell said, and we could do bonding, too. County Manager Abolt said, yes, if you want to do bond –. Again, I don't want to jump into the funding issues, but I'm just telling you, without much study you could very easily, using MPC as a parallel, say you want a recreation group, which could be the Recreation Authority. So you agree to –, in fact, have them selected that way, as well as the City of Savannah. Any other city, whether it's Garden City, Port Wentworth, they participate. They participate because each year they agree to a budget, whatever they want for their community, and

then you have one staff. And the efficiency of one staff speaks for itself. Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's an excellent idea.

County Attorney Hart said, in regard to the Recreation –.

Commissioner Murray said, I just wanted to as you, the County Attorney, between now and the time we do have a meeting if you could go ahead and find out just what has to be done to change the makeup of the Recreation Authority. I think we have to go through our Legislators to do that. County Attorney Hart said, yes, you make a good point, Commissioner Murray. The way that thing was drawn was originally as a County entity and, for example, there's a certain number of Commissioners that have to serve on that board, and probably what we would want to do is either go back and get some local legislation to modify the makeup so that you've got the inclusiveness, or temporarily until that came about, we could appoint so many Commissioners as required and then there's some vacancies where you could make up other members and just make sure that we assign those to –, for the lack of a better term, City Aldermen, if they wish to participate at that level, so that there's, you know, enough representation on the other side that nobody feels like, you know –. Commissioner Murray said, I think by doing it that way you might get more buy-in from the smaller municipalities, too, if they get some of their elected people serving on the authority. County Attorney Hart said, we might have to –, you know, we might have to expand the makeup of the board and make some modifications. As soon as we kind of got the idea though, it would be a simple matter of redrafting portions of that.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, am I to understand that you're basically saying the municipalities would be running their own operations and this Recreation Authority would be there to assist financially however with all the different areas that they [inaudible]. County Attorney Hart said, they could be in or be out. You know, they could be as autonomous as they want, they could be part of the mix as they want, they could look to that authority for bonding assistance, as Commissioner Odell has pointed out. You know, it's a –.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, Madam Chair, rather than us getting into all –. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, that's fine. Commissioner Rivers said with all this thing, just go ahead and meet and lay it out, and then we can peruse it and see what needs to be added and who's covered –. County Manager Abolt said, I don't mean to be contrary to that. I would really ask that you all come together at the policy level because we can do this, but I'm afraid if we present to you something official, it will be resented by somebody else because it didn't incorporate their thoughts. I can speak and I know the Attorney can at a public setting with your counterparts there without looking as we're trying to predetermine the outcome. I'm just –, I mean it, I'll guarantee, if you allow me to do what I'm speaking of, it can be done with the minimum amount of turmoil.

Commissioner Odell asked, can we lay a ground for some kind of communication from you or the leadership, Billy [Hair], Dr. Thomas, and Frank [Murray], and –? County Manager Abolt said, it would come from –, I'll draft it for the Chairman. Commissioner Odell said, yes, and advise City Council that we're interested in again pursuing the consolidation issue regarding recreation and schedule a meeting, and that meeting can be with our leadership or with the full Commission, but what you're saying is before you do your thing, we need to do our thing. Commissioner Murray said, sure, we do. He spent a lot of time last time [inaudible] –. County Manager Abolt said, I can do –, I mean, we can do our thing –. If I may, for clarification. Does the invitation go only to the City Council for Savannah or do you wish to also advise the other communities? Commissioner Odell said, I think all the communities. Commissioner Murray said, to all the communities. Commissioner Odell said, in Chatham County. Commissioner Murray said, they certainly don't have to be a part if they decide not to, but I think they need to be part of the discussions. County Manager Abolt said, we'll do it.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, from the beginning. Okay, that's the consensus? All right. Commissioner Odell said, good idea, Jeff [Rayno].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

County Manager Abolt was directed to draft a letter for the Chairman to send to all municipalities in Chatham County inviting them to participate in discussions regarding consolidation of recreational services in Chatham County. The County Attorney was also directed to determine what is necessary to modify the makeup of the Recreation Authority to include representatives from the municipalities who wish to participate in a consolidation of recreational services.

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2. SETTING MEETING DATES WITH STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS BUDGETING (COMMISSIONER RAYNO).

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, pardon my absence early in the meeting. You set a time for a strategic planning and individual action, does that concern meeting –? County Manager Abolt said, same thing. Commissioner Rayno asked,, same thing? Vice Chairman Thomas said, same thing. Commissioner Rayno said, okay, then. Move forward.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

See Item IX-1.

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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. **SECOND READING - AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "TAXATION AND REVENUES" TO INCORPORATE THE CURRENT LAW.
At meeting of November 2, 2001, item was tabled until the Board has an opportunity to sit down with the Board of Assessors to discuss changes to the Chief Appraiser's title.#**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board.

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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 SET TIME FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION.**

County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is coincidentally the same topic, I believe, as Commissioner Rayno. There is, as you'll recall, a wish of this Board expressed several weeks ago that early on in the new year that you would set a strategic planning session that would deal with how this year looks and where you'd like this organization to go. I have not had the opportunity to talk to Commissioner Rayno, but I believe that may very well be identical with his intent. I have talked to the Chairman. I believe it's his wish, and certainly with your concurrence, early on that you would set a date for this to take place, and become really the first of such an effort.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, how about Monday, January 28th? Vice Chairman Thomas said, January 28th had been proposed. Is that a good date. Commissioner Murray asked, is it at all possible to do it on a Friday? Opposite –, I mean, not a Commission meeting Friday, another Friday? Could we do it on Friday rather than Monday? Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's possible. I'm just –, I'm off Mondays so –. Commissioner Murray said, well, I am on Fridays, so –. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's fine. Whatever's fine. Vice Chairman Thomas said, maybe you can alternate. The next time –. Commissioner Murray said, we can do that. That's fine. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, which date?

County Manager Abolt said, I just looked at my calendar. I do notice, and I believe I sent this to you, too –, that is the week of celebration for the 60th birthday of the Eighth Air Force. I believe some time that morning the Board will be invited, if you're not already, to sit on the reviewing stand. This is somewhat historical, but that's the only conflict I'm aware of other than your own personal conflicts. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, on the 28th? County Manager Abolt said, yes, that's correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, how about Monday, February 11th? Vice Chairman Thomas said, [inaudible] vacant space. Commissioner Murray said, I'll be out of town. I'll leave on that Thursday prior to that and won't be due back until a week and a half. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, what Friday would be good for you, Commissioner Murray? Commissioner Murray said, there's nothing –, what's on the 26th? Commissioner Odell said, the 26th is a Saturday. Commissioner Murray asked, it's a Saturday? What about the 25th? Do we have a meeting –? Commissioner

Kicklighter said, that's our meeting. Vice Chairman Thomas said, that's our meeting date. Commissioner Murray said, okay, what about the Friday before that? Vice Chairman Thomas asked, the 18th? Is the 18th a good day? Commissioner Murray asked, is that too soon to do it? County Manager Abolt said, not for me. One o'clock you have that ribbon-cutting for the -. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, on the 18th? Commissioner Murray said, yeah, but if we came in here, say, nine o'clock -. County Manager Abolt said, I'm just looking at my calendar. It's up to y'all. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, could we start at eight o'clock on that Friday morning? County Manager Abolt said, that's fine with me. Commissioner Odell said, I think y'all can start at eight o'clock, but I -, I need to go by the office before I come in here.

County Manager Abolt asked, would you like us to have you all polled when you have your calendar? Commissioner Odell said, that would be better. Vice Chairman Thomas that would be fine. That would be a good thing to do. County Manager Abolt said, we'll poll all nine -, all eight.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, so the Manager's office will get back to us on the date. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

The County Manager's office will poll the Commissioners to determine a date convenient to set a Strategic Planning Session and will notify the Commissioners as soon as a date has been selected.

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2. REQUEST BOARD ELECT A CHAIRMAN PRO TEM FOR 2002.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, this is standard procedure each year. Our current Pro Tem is Commissioner Murray. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve Commissioner Murray. Commissioner Odell said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor of the motion. Opposes? The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried and Commissioner Murray has been elected to that position. Congratulations?

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that Commissioner Murray be elected to serve as Chairman Pro Tem for 2002. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FROM THE 1985-1993 SPLOST, INTERCHANGE: SOUTHWEST BYPASS - ABERCORN (FUND 330 6503) TO SOUTHWEST BYPASS (FUND 330 6013).

County Manager Abolt said, this is just a formality to shift the money in. It will be up to your future discussion and deliberation of how you might wish to use this in a matter involving acquisition of property and condemnation of property. If any of this money is not used in the matter recommended, it will go back into another road project.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Odell said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor, please vote. Opposes? The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the following: Transfer of \$200,000 from the 1985-1993 SPLOST, Interchange: Southwest Bypass - Abercorn (Fund 330 6503) to Southwest Bypass (Fund 330 6013). Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003 BUDGET CALENDAR.

County Manager Abolt said, this -, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is consistent with your past efforts to outline point-by-point the major milestones in preparation of next year's budget. You'll note in the staff report, as what you've had in the

past, that you would have, in addition to your strategic planning workshop, a budget workshop that would be specific to this next fiscal year, and that would be a matter of course. But by adopting this schedule, you set forth your plan for a way in which you would consider and eventually approve a spending plan for the period the 1st of July, 2002, to the 30th of June, 2003.

Vice Chairman Thomas recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, Russ [Abolt], I know that this is the year that we go back and renegotiate with the municipalities on the fifth –. County Manager Abolt said, LOST. Commissioner Murray said, and that sometimes can affect our budget, as it has in the past. When do we start those negotiations? County Manager Abolt said, fairly quickly. I'll send you some information on it next week in your packet, but I've already talked to the Chairman. I would hope that that could commence and possibly include, before you adopt this budget, I believe by State law you have to have it filed, you know, by –, I think it's a year from July. Given your leadership in the past in a very difficult time, I think we'll be able to wrap it up within less than six months and it certainly would not conflict, if we're that lucky, this go-round. Commissioner Murray said, good. Okay. Do you need a motion on that? County Manager Abolt said, please. Commissioner Murray said, I move that we approve the calendar, budget calendar. Commissioner Rivers said second.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, it has been moved and seconded. All in favor of the motion, please vote. Opposed by the same sign. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, no opposing, the motion is carried.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Budget Calendar. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Thomas said, now we're going to backtrack a little bit and we're going to come back to the Commissioners' Items since Commissioner Rayno is here. Commissioner Rayno said, I appreciate that. Thank you.

[NOTE: At this time, Item VII was heard.]

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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.)

[NOTE: Item X-1 was read into the record and voted on apart from the Action Calendar.]

County Manager Abolt said, Dr. Thomas, this is your calendar so you can move the whole calendar, if you wish. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, I don't have any items I wish to pull. Commissioner Rayno said, I had one thing and it's consistent with the past when I asked to be excused from a vote, and that would be M. It's for servicing the Savannah Ogeechee Canal. Members of the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Society anticipate future business with that particular organization, and I'd like to be excused. Commissioner Rivers said, okay. I move that we recuse Commissioner Rayno. Commissioner Murray asked, on which one? Commissioner Rivers said, M. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, which one is that? Commissioner Rayno said, M. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, M? Commissioner Odell said, I move that we pull that and vote on that separately. Commissioner Rayno said, yes. Commissioner Murray said, I second. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, anything else?

Commissioner Rayno said, I make a motion we approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor please vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 1 and 8-M. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; 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 DECEMBER 21, 2002, AS MAILED.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Murray said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor please vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion's carried.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 2002, as mailed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 13, 2001, THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2002.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period December 13, 2001, through January 2, 2002, in the amount of \$6,020,053. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM ACTION TAKEN AT DECEMBER 21, 2001, MEETING TO SET MEETING DATES FOR 2002.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to confirm action taken at the December 21, 2001, meeting to set meeting dates for 2002 as follows: Second and fourth Fridays in January through November and first and third Fridays in December. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO RELOCATE CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER LINES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673,163 FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE 4. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve an agreement with the City of Savannah to relocate certain water and sewer lines in the amount of \$673,163 for Truman Parkway, Phase 4. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A GEORGIA GREENSPACE WILDLIFE RECREATIONAL GRANT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve an application for a Georgia Greenspace Wildlife Recreational Grant. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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6. REQUEST FOR A NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE TO BE ADDED TO RENEWAL OF BEER AND WINE AND SUNDAY SALES FOR 2002. PETITIONER: MICHELINE M. FORTH, D/B/A MICHY'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 3A SKIDAWAY VILLAGE WALK. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve the petition of Micheline M. Forth, d/b/a Michy's Restaurant, located at 3A Skidaway Village Walk. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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7. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, CLERK OF THE COMMISSION AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENABLE CHATHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE RESURFACING PROGRAM (LARP) WITH GDOT FOR THE RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS. [ALL DISTRICTS.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of the Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Assistance Resurfacing Program (LARP) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the resurfacing of County roads. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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8. 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 model year 2002 Volvo roll-off dump truck	Solid Waste	Robert's Truck Center	\$87,766	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund
B. Two model year 2002 Ford Taurus mid-size sedans	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$31,864.20	SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
C. Two model year 2002 Dodge Dakota 4x4 pickup trucks	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Butler Dodge	\$31,330	SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services
D. One model year 2002 Dodge Ram 3/4 ton pickup truck	Public Works	Butler Dodge	\$19,608	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
E. One model year 2002 Ford Explorer	Police	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$22,718.80	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
F. Two model year 2002 Ford F350 cab and chassis	Public Works	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$53,247.10	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
G. First renewal to annual contract to provide disaster recovery/restoration	Finance (Risk Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Master (Primary) • Belfor (Secondary) • Munters (Secondary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 per hour • \$75 per hour • \$75 per hour 	Reserve for catastrophic claims
H. Terminate the annual contract with Uniforms Plus, Inc. for uniforms and uniform accessories and award to next low responsive bidders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff • Police • Detention Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms 911 • Smyrna Police Distributors 	Varies by Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund/M&O-Sheriff • General Fund/M&O-Detention Center • SSD- Police
I. Final renewal to annual contract to provide electrical maintenance and repair services	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMCO, Inc. (Primary) • Joyner Electric Company (Secondary) 	Same pricing, terms and conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund/M&O-Variou • SSD- Variou
J. Confirmation of Change Order No. 8 to the contract for engineering services for the Hardin Canal Drainage Project for additional right-of-way staking	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	\$12,500	SPLOST (1998-2003)- Drainage, Hardin Canal
K. Removal and Disposal of five pesticide storage tanks	Mosquito Control	Turecamo Environmental Services, Inc.	\$14,254	General Fund/M&O-Mosquito Control
L. Confirmation of Change Order No. 5 to the contract for Phase II Construction of the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements for scope of work changes related to water line placement	SPLOST	ARCO, Inc.	\$10,000	SPLOST (1998-2003)- Drainage, Placentia Canal
M. Change Order No. 2 to the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Corridor Master Plan to provide Design Services for Phase I and Phase II of the project.	SPLOST	Hinesley-Hickson Associates	\$164,475	SPLOST (1998-2003)- Tom Triplett Park-Ogeechee Canal
N. Annual Contract with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one year terms for the operation and management of the Weightlifting Center	Recreation	Team Savannah	\$45 per hour	General Fund/M&O-Weightlifting Center

As to Items 8-A through 8-N except 8-M:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-N, except Item 8-M. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

As to Item 8-M:

Change Order No. 2 to the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Corridor Master Plan to provide Design Services for Phase I and Phase II of the project.

Commissioner Rivers moved to recuse Commissioner Rayno from voting on Item 8-M. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; Commissioner Rayno was recused from voting; District Three was not represented.]

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, any discussion? All in favor. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; Commissioner Rayno was recused from voting; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Rayno moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-N, except Item 8-M. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]
2. Commissioner Rivers moved to recuse Commissioner Rayno from voting on Item 8-M. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; Commissioner Rayno was recused from voting; District Three was not represented.]
3. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 8-M. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; Commissioner Rayno was recused from voting; 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.

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **PETITIONER, EMC ENGINEERING, AGENT (FOR SWEETWATER, LLC, OWNER) IS REQUESTING THAT A 194 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GROVE POINT ROAD BE REZONED FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) AND PD-R-SM (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RECLAMATION-SURFACE MINING) CLASSIFICATIONS TO A PUD-M-6 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT. THE MPC RECOMMENDED THAT THE REQUEST BE APPROVED. MPC FILE NO. Z-011102-39622-1 [DISTRICT 6.]**

Commissioner Odell said, Madam Chair, I move that it be approved consistent with the recommendation from the MPC. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Vice Chairman Thomas asked, discussion? Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I could, I would like the motion to include approval of rezoning providing the current owners of the 194-acre parcel agree to sell the land for access road at market value to Bill Grainger or any other property owner that may hold title to the property currently owned by Mr. Grainger when EMC Engineering, Sweetwater, LLC, Owner, or any other owner of the 194-acre parcel located on the south side of Grove Point Road develops the property. I spoke with both property owners and they're both in agreement to provide the access as stated. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Commissioner Murray asked, that's an amendment? Commissioner Odell said, that's an amendment. Vice Chairman Thomas said, that's an amendment. Commissioner Murray said, I just want to hear from the legal standpoint to [inaudible] like that.

County Attorney Hart said, I don't want to delay this. If the property owners between themselves have worked something out, but I do want to caution both property that the enforceability of that issue under our Zoning Ordinance could be raised at some future date by some third party or a litigant, and the validity of whether we could make that as a requirement of rezoning, since it's not part of our ordinance, is in question, and I would leave that to the two parties' individual counsel to advise them concerning that, but I do want to caution the Commission that, you know, your condition may be subject to being questioned later.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Attorney, I believe that they both understand that this is just to really get it into the minutes as a good faith type contract in a sense where it could be presented in the future should there be any problems with denying access. County Attorney Hart said, I'm not trying to be an impediment to the thing, and I understand there are some contracts that, you know, that have some time frames in it and are very time sensitive, and both parties before the meeting seemed like they were in agreement to work something out between themselves, but if, you know, litigation broke out over it, you know, somebody could question the zoning and I just want to make sure that the parties that are here on the petition for zoning and the party that owns the property behind that is aware that, you know, where we stand on that. We're doing this for –.

Commissioner Murray said, well, they're all here. Can we get them so it goes in the record that they all agree with what is being said? County Attorney Hart said, that will probably help.

Commissioner Odell said, Jon [Hart], I would say basically the same thing Frank [Murray] said. I would like to have it put on the minutes by the parties to come to the podium, be identified, and consent or agree to the amendment as proposed by Mr. Kicklighter. County Attorney Hart said, that would be better –. Commissioner Murray said, that way we've got it in our records. Commissioner Odell said, yes.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, and I do want to give the young lady an opportunity to speak also. Would you please approach the mike please and state your name and your position?

Mr. Terry Brown said, Terry Brown. I'm the representative of the developer, Sweetwater. Mr. Bill Grainger said, and I'm Bill Grainger. I own some adjoining property to this zoning request. Mr. Brown said, and we want to buy his land and I just wrote a contract, and if he'll sign it with you gentlemen looking. Mr. Grainger said, this is more or less to [inaudible] a good faith effort to what you've already done, and we appreciate that. Mr. Brown said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you all. I'm glad we could come to a mutual understanding.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, please state your name.

Ms. Charlotte Moore said, my name is Charlotte Moore and I'm Senior Planner at the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Dr. Thomas pretty much presented the rezoning request. I do want to add that the PUD-M-6 classification would limit the property to six dwelling units were net acre, and in doing so would actually reduce the number of homes that could be built on that property under the current zoning, which is R-A and a Planned Development-Reclamation and right now approximately 1,100 homes could be built, and under the new zoning approximately 945. It is consistent with the Land Use Plan and MPC has recommended approval.

Commissioner Murray said, we already have a motion. Vice Chairman Thomas said, yes, we have a motion. all in favor. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Murray said, we've got a motion on the floor. Commissioner Rivers asked, aren't we going to vote on the amendment? Vice Chairman Thomas said, yes. All in favor of the amendment to the motion. The amendment to the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, that is approved. Now do we have another one? Commissioner Rivers said, yes. Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, now we go back to the original motion. Commissioner Murray said, the amended motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve the amended motion. Commissioner Rivers said, second. [NOTE: This motion is moot because a motion is already on the floor made by Commissioner Odell and seconded by Commissioner Rivers.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion passed and carried. Thank you.

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Mr. Robert Hodges asked, could we go back to Sweetwater? I was going to make a statement on Sweetwater. I am –, I'd like to state I'm Robert Hodges. I own adjoining properties adjacent to the Sweetwater Development. I own and operate Hodges Air Park, which is a 105-acre tract adjoining that, and I'd just like to say that I'm not opposed to that, but I wanted to go on record that we are there and we don't want to have any problems in the future. We've been there since 1974, and I just want to go on record with that. If any of you are not familiar with that, I have aerial pictures of the airport and the adjacent property.

Commissioner Murray asked, but you have adequate access and everything else so that would not create –? Mr. Hodges said, that will not create a problem for me. I just wanted to go on record that we are there and we welcome the new development, but we don't want it to be a problem in the future, but things can be worked out.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, sir. Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you very much for that.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of EMC Engineering, Agent (for Sweetwater, LLC, Owner), requesting that a 194-acre parcel located on the south side of Grove Point Road be rezoned from R-A (Residential-Agriculture) and PD-R-SM (Planned Development-Reclamation-Surface Mining) classifications to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multi-Family Residential) classification in order to establish single and multi-family development. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the motion by including approval of rezoning conditioned on the current owners of the 194-acre parcel agree to sell the land for access road at market value to Bill Grainger or any other property owner that may hold title to the property currently owned by Mr. Grainger when EMC Engineering, Sweetwater, LLC, Owner, or any other owner of the 194-acre parcel located on the south side of Grove Point Road develops the property. Commissioner Rivers seconded the amendment to the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

A vote was taken on the original motion, as amended. The motion as amended carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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- 2. PETITIONER, CHRISTOPHER A. REYNOLDS, AGENT (FOR VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 660, OWNER) IS REQUESTING REZONING 5115 OGEECHEE ROAD FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO AN A-T (AGRICULTURE-TOURIST) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO ESTABLISH A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER. THE MPC RECOMMENDED THAT THE REQUEST BE APPROVED. MPC FILE NO. Z-011019-34721-1 [DISTRICT 5.]**

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve. Commissioner Murray said, second. Commissioner Odell said, I have no objection.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked, any discussion? All in favor. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.] Vice Chairman Thomas said, the motion is carried.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Christopher A. Reynolds, Agent (for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 660, Owner), requesting the rezoning of 5115 Ogeechee Road from an R-A (Residential-Agriculture) to an A-T (Agriculture-Tourist) zoning classification to establish a wireless telecommunications tower. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; 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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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Commissioner Murray and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 9:58 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, land acquisition.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner 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: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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APPOINTMENTS

1. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to appoint Mr. Van Johnson to serve on the Chatham County Board of Family and Children Services to replace the appointment of Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr, who was not eligible to serve while serving as an elected officer, which term will expire June 30, 2005. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rayno made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioner Gellatly were not present; District Three was not represented.]

Vice Chairman Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK