

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2003, 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 9:32 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2003.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Hair gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

- PRESENT:
- Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
 - Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 - Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four
 - Jeffrey D. Rayno, District One
 - Joe Murray Rivers, District Two
 - John J. McMasters, District Three
 - 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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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 9:34 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 12:02 p.m.

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Chairman Hair asked, do y'all want go direct into the budget or go ahead and do the lunch break now? We will now adjourn until 12:30 —, or recess, excuse me, not adjourn, we'll recess until 12:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hair reopened the meeting at 12:07 p.m., to call for a motion to go into Executive Session during the lunch break. Upon motion being made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Commissioner Odell and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 12:08 p.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 12:38 p.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. **ADOPTION OF BUDGET IN CERTAIN SEQUENCE:**
 - A. **REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE FY2004 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY. (SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL FROM COUNTY MANAGER TO BALANCE M&O AND SSD BUDGETS. ALSO ENCLOSED IS ADDITIONAL MEMORANDUM OF THE 24TH OF JULY.)**

Note: At meeting of July 25, 2003, item 1-A was tabled to August 8, 2003, meeting.

Chairman Hair said, the first motion we need is to take the item off the table. So, I need a motion to take it off the table. 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 Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Mr. Abolt, I'll call on you first.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, thank you, Dr. Hair and Dr. Thomas and gentlemen. First of all, before you today is adopting the entire budget which includes many funds. It totals 232 million and change. The focus today, I would assume, has to be on both the M&O and SSD Level One budget, and reason being is that the time Level One was put together there were certain expectations on growth in the digest that did not materialize. I've taken it upon myself in concert with staff to come up with a way in which of reaching, if you will, that imbalance in both M&O and SSD. You have in front of you on the second piece of paper after the tab the way in which it was done. There was an \$858,610 shortfall in M&O because of digest —, coming under what was expected, and \$260,240 in SSD. You also during your deliberations did agree to add a position and —, recognize a position I should say, within the Coroner's office, so we had an adjusted deficit that was covered by my recommendation given the following. We went back and looked at the chief costs of money and the fact that what we had in the past budgeted for tax anticipation notes, we feel it would repeat from the standpoint of lower interest rates, and so that savings was applied both to M&O and SSD. We were also able to find enough money in SPLOST to pick up the Trade Center payment this year to Maritime Trade Center Builders, which relieves \$765,000, and then all position within M&O and SSD, as you might remember from reviewing my proposed budget, had been budgeted for a 12-month period. Now that we're looking at —, in fact the next month, the month of August we're into right now, I had staff go back and calculate what it amounts to, not a freeze but recognizing budgeting 12 months for these positions was an overstatement. So we came back to reality and then through all that you have some discretion. I took the liberty of making a recommendation to you for a COLA for all employees, non-law enforcement employees, as of the first of September, which would amount to three percent, and then we're able to look at a restricted contingency over and above the \$215,000 contingency that you have in M&O of \$434,260. In addition, you'll remember in my staff report to you I refer to us going through the CIP Program and, in effect, looking at programs, budgets —, projects I should say —, that have been ended. We were able to come up with \$217,380 of which my recommendation to you is to divert that to the jail. In both the cases of Mosquito Control and Detention Center, even with the restricted allocations I referenced, we fully understand based on the Level Two requirements, which is justified, that this would not meet the demands as requested by Sheriff St. Lawrence nor Dr. Lewandowski

for jail refitting and also for combating Triple E and West Nile Virus. That will allow you, if you choose to follow that, to in effect balance your budget and make a motion to adopt the budget in its totality.

Chairman Hair said, okay, as we agreed to in the pre-meeting, I'm going to call on Commissioner Rivers to entertain a motion. We're going to put a base budget on the floor and then we will amend it as necessary. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved that we put the budget as presented in Level One. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, second, okay. Now we will take any proposed amendment to the budget and the way —, for the benefit of the audience, the way this will work is we have a base motion and a second on the table. We will deal with amendments now. Anybody —, any Commissioners that wants to amend the budget in any way will make that motion. We will deal with the amendment, discuss it and vote on that amendment and then after all the amendments that are proposed are either voted up or down, we will take a final vote on a final budget this motion as amended. Okay? That's the process. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, Dr. Hair, as we talked about, an amendment can be amended. Chairman Hair said, well, it will just be a new amendment. It's the same thing. County Attorney Hart said, before we go down that —. Chairman Hair said, we need to vote on it and just vote it —. Yes?

County Attorney Hart said, before we go too far down that path, *Robert's Rules of Order* allows you to amend the main motion and then amend again the amendment, but you can't amend amendments. So you've got to two —. Chairman Hair said, that's my point. County Attorney Hart said, — two cycles down, but you can't go that third one. Chairman Hair said, the easiest thing to do is vote on the motion and then make a new motion. Same thing. County Attorney Hart said, yeah, it wipes it out and then it gets us back to the base. Chairman Hair said, you accomplish the same thing. County Attorney Hart said, yes.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, I'd like to offer an amendment, what's known as the Strategic Growth Plan and the changes in it start beginning with the budget reconciliation that Mr. Abolt had talked about, but the only change in that first part would be that the Restricted Contingency funds, which he had designated to various areas, would be used for the Sheriff for the Detention Center to make the necessary changes there. Also, within general government in the budget there would be a change from the Level One suggested level of \$537,370 to \$495,000. This would represent an increase of \$30,830 over last year's budget. The Youth Commission would be expanded from the Level One level of \$10,000 to \$15,000. This would be an increase of \$5,000 over last year's budget. The County Manager's budget would change from \$415,810 to a suggested level of \$400,000, which would be an increase of \$13,160 over last year's budget. The Elections Board would remain the same from last year. It will be a suggested budget of \$653,150. Finance would change from \$1,607,540 to \$1,400,000, which will be an increase of \$157,100 over last year's budget. Purchasing would change from Level One \$428,700 to \$400,000. That would still be \$102,580 increase over the last year's budget. Human Resources would change from \$813,070 to a suggested level of \$775,000, an increase of \$83,990 over last year's budget. Tax Assessor's budget would change from \$2,818,350 to \$2,898,350. The Board of Equalization would be the same as the last year, so it would change from the Level One funding of \$164,810 to \$107,390. Internal Audit would change from \$318,370 to \$310,000. That will be an increase of \$9,310 over the last year's budget. Administrative Services would change from \$538,150 to a suggested level of \$468,000, an increase of \$108,170. Organizational Development would be decreased from \$150,000 to a suggested level of zero. Also, the amount saved in this amendment would be a total of \$535,150. I would suggest that we put that towards the Causton Bridge in the unfunded CIP to repair that project, which is considered to be quite critical at this point in time. Additional changes would be in the Recreational Department, also known as 1006100, changing their Level One funding from \$1,774,390 to \$1,700,000, which would be a savings of \$74,390, as pointed out by the Finance Department. The Weightlifting Center would change from a Level One funding of \$201,500 to \$180,000, a savings of \$21,500. This would be a total savings of \$95,890, which would be transferred to the Catastrophic Funds. CIP money that came from reconciled projects and accounts in the amount of \$217,390 would be reallocated for the Emergency Warning System upgrade of \$65,500, roof repair at Memorial Stadium \$40,000, additional money for the correction of items at the Jail would be \$1,020, that brings up the full amount listed in the CIP Unfunded Projects, as requested by Al St. Lawrence, and the balance in the Contingency of \$110,870 would go there. Should it be needed for Mosquito Control, it could be allocated at a future date.

Chairman Hair asked, does that motion have a second? Commissioner McMasters said, second. Chairman Hair said, okay. Any discussion or questions about that? Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yeah, I have a problem with some of that and where I have a problem is we have criticized Finance for over a year now and we are taking \$207,000, almost \$208,000, out of Finance with this. Administrative Services has \$70,000 coming out of that. I do not believe at this time that we need to allocate \$535,000 to the Causton Bluff Bridge. I think we are working pretty well with the State and some other things and the County Manager has an alternative to deal with that, and I don't think it needs to be dealt with within the general budget. I would ask —, I would make an amendment to that that we put the funding back in of \$207,540 into Finance, that we add the \$70,150 back into Administrative Services, we delete the \$535,150 out of the Causton Bluff Bridge —. What? County Attorney Hart asked, where are you going to put it. Commissioner Murray said, I'm not through yet. I would move that we take \$107,460, if my figure's right and it may not be right, and move that to the Catastrophic Reserve Fund, which we depleted, I guess, two years ago when we took out about \$300,000 for the West Nile Virus and Mosquito Control, didn't we? Whatever that number was, at least this starts replenishing that fund, and that is my amendment. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Murray said, amendment to his amendment, I guess.

Chairman Hair said, you need to accept or reject that amendment or we can vote on it separately. You need to —, Commissioner Rayno, do you accept his amendments to your amendment? Commissioner Rayno said, well, based on the information Russ [Abolt] had given us about alternative funding for the Causton Bluff Bridge, I would accept that. Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner McMasters, will you, as second, accept his amendment? Commissioner McMasters asked, can I ask a question? Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner McMasters asked, what's the Catastrophic Fund balance that's transferred —. Commissioner Murray said, it's zero right now, isn't it. Commissioner McMasters said, I know, but at the end of this shift of money, what's it going to be? Commissioner Murray said, \$107,460. That's what I came up with. I don't know the exact number, it could be off a little bit one way or the other —. Commissioner McMasters said, give or take. Commissioner Murray said, I don't know whether it is or not. Commissioner McMasters said, okay. That's —. Commissioner Murray said, whatever that difference is. Commissioner McMasters said, it's close enough to the original transfer. Chairman Hair asked, do you accept that? Commissioner McMasters said, I'll accept it. Chairman Hair said, you accept it. Okay, so we have an amendment. Any other questions of this budget?

Commissioner Rivers said, I've got a question. I was going to —, want to know how these adjustments are going to affect these departments. I don't like micro-managing and I think that's getting into micro-managing here. Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt. County Manager Abolt said, with your permission, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, if you look at page number 10 of the evaluation we gave you two weeks ago on the proposal from Commissioner Rayno, that is a very concise explanation and response to Commissioner Rivers's question. You will in effect see by each, either department or cost centers, the effect of it. Bear with me for a moment without reading it to you, you'll see on page 10 on your budget, entitled County Commissioners, the effect on my office budget, the Elections Board you'll notice has a problem from the standpoint of a run-off possibility. Finance you've already, I think, taken care of. We do have problems in the Purchasing cost center, which is described in some detail on that page. Human Resources has problems in it and that's [inaudible] staff support the entire organization. And then you have, of course, the Tax Assessor's additional funding, the Board of Equalization, there's reference to those cuts and in effect what would happen is hearings would go on. They cannot reduce that. We'd have to find out some way during the year to deal with that. Mr. White in his capacity as the soon-to-be-back Internal Auditor head says that cut can be taken. Admin Services, you've already directed that, I believe. I believe —, is Organizational Development still in or not? I'm not sure. Commissioner McMasters said, no, it's not. County Manager Abolt asked, it's not in? That was your number one priority. Recreation, Weightlifting Center and other cuts are described as found on page 11.

Chairman Hair said, okay, I'm going to make a quick comment and then I'll call on Commissioner Murray. Personally I think that we should defeat this motion and stick with the original budget, and I'll tell you why. You know, on several occasions Commissioner Rayno has made the statement of bait and switch. That's exactly what this Strategic Growth Initiative is. It's a bait and switch. If this motion passes today, and I want the record to reflect this, Madam Clerk, because we're going to be right back up here a number of times during the next 12 months making additions to the budget for things that were cut out, and at the end of the year we're going to be right back where we were. And I think it's —, we just need to make sure that the public understands that all of these things that are being cut are going to have to be added back and then we're going to use excuses like, "well, we didn't know that at the time we cut them," and I'm telling you right now you're going to know it because they're going to have to be cut. I think the County Manager has listened to this —, the whole reason we have a goals session is to give the County Manager direction on putting a budget together. The County Manager's budget addresses every one of the goals that we gave him and now we give him the goals and he puts the budget together to accomplish the goals, and now we want to come back and slash everything that he put in there that even reflected the goals we gave him. He did exactly what we told him to do and now, you know, there's certain members of this Commission that's been extremely critical of the County Manager, and if you look at this Strategic Growth Initiative, what it does is it cuts the County Manager's budgets, it adds money to budgets that certain Commissioners believe are their pet projects and yet it doesn't deal with the County —, with the elected officials at all. I just think it's not fair, it's not balanced and I would hope the votes are going to be there to defeat it, but if not we'll be right back up here during the year and amending it back upwards again.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, one thing that I didn't say and I know that the County Manager is not recommending this and some of the Commissioners don't recommend it, but we have fought for a long time trying to get more law enforcement people in the unincorporated area. We don't know whether or not the merger's going to work or not work. There's still discussions going on and hopefully the differences can be worked out and it will work, but we don't know that, and I am concerned that we don't have enough law enforcement people in the unincorporated area to cover the ground that we have to cover, and that is the only reason that I would support taking money out of the fund balance to fund that, the five new officers, and I think that is important. It's important to those people that live in the unincorporated area. I know we have some that disagree with that and that's fine. That's what we're up here for. But I would push to have that in there regardless of the rest of it and I just feel like that the Finance Department has to have the funding. We just hired a new Finance Director, they're getting ready to hire an Assistant Finance Director and some other personnel in that department to get the job done that we said needs to be done, and I don't think we can cut it. Administrative Services is the same way, and I think some of the others could go that way, but at the same time on Mosquito Control I believe that we have to agree that if in fact Mosquito Control comes back to justify some more funding, we have to be able to give them more funding. We have —, just this week in the national news the West Nile Virus has increased, I think they said tripled in three weeks nationwide. We've been fortunate so far and it's because of what we've been able to do, and I think because of the funding that we gave to that department out of the Catastrophic Fund several years ago. With all the rain that we have had and the rain that we're still receiving during this time of year we're going to have a lot of mosquitos back out, and whether or not they're going to be infectious mosquitos we don't know yet but chances are some will be. So I think we've got to keep that in mind also. As far as the Elections Board, and I did not get a chance to talk to everybody. I talked with them when we recessed a few minutes ago. The \$1,720 would not make any difference one way or the other because if they have the run-off in the presidential campaign next year, presidential elections, they're going to have to come back for more than that anyway.

So the \$1,700 is no big deal one way or the other, I don't think, and they said that they could live with that because they're probably going to have to come back if there is a run-off, and they do that every year —, every time we have an election with a run-off they have to put more into and they've come back to us and we've granted that. So I think it's —, I think it's workable.

Chairman Hair said, okay, we're ready to vote on the amendment. So —. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'd like to make a comment, and I concur with what has been said by our Chairman and Commissioner Murray and Commissioner Rivers. We need to be more prudent in terms of our overall decisions and I cannot foresee us cutting any of these departments because in my opinion all of them are essential. All of them. And we just need to be concerned about that in terms at this point.

Chairman Hair asked, any other questions before we vote? We agreed that we would have read the statement back as to what we're voting on. Commissioner Kicklighter said, hold just one minute. Chairman Hair said, Mr. Kicklighter and then, Ms. Tillman, be prepared to read the motion back we're going to vote on in just a moment, as amended.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to make it clear to the people watching, the people in the audience that cutting probably is not the right description, that each department will be receiving an increase over last year. What they're talking about cutting is reducing some of the numbers that Mr. Abolt proposed in his Level One, so there will be no cuts. There will be additions to what they actually received last year. I just want to make that clear for the public watching.

Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Kicklighter. Madam Clerk, if you'll read the amendment back as amended by Commissioner Murray, then we'll take a vote on that amendment. Commissioner Rayno said, if I could just enter for the record, the Strategic Growth Plan is already in the agenda book, if you'll refer to that, and then you could just repeat what Frank [Murray] said, I guess, on his amendment. It would save you some sanity. Chairman Hair said, Ms. Tillman, basically as Commissioner Rayno said, it's just the Strategic Growth as amended by Commissioner Murray with the changes he made. Probably the easiest way to do it is just to read the changes that Commissioner Murray made and then we'll be ready to vote. Do you want him to read them? The Clerk said, yes. Chairman Hair said, okay, we'll have Commissioner Murray read them and then —. Hey, you answered too quickly there. She's normally not that decisive, but we didn't have to ask her twice. Okay, now remember this is the Strategic Growth Initiative as prepared by Commissioner Rayno and Commissioner McMasters minus or plus the changes that Commissioner Murray is about to read into the record and then we're ready to take a vote.

Commissioner Murray said, the first change, Sybil [Tillman], is restoring the \$207,540 into Finance. The second change is restoring in Administrative Services \$70,150. The third change was deleting \$535,150 for the Causton Bluff Bridge, Unfunded CIP. The third [sic] was to add, and this number we would have to get adjustments once it's all totaled up again, \$107,460 moving that into the Catastrophic Reserve Fund and also with the understanding that the Elections Board and Mosquito Control, we will have to address those when the time comes.

Chairman Hair said, okay. First, make a motion to agree with that. I want to make sure everybody understands it. Commissioner McMasters said, this is M&O. Commissioner Murray said, budget on that. Chairman Hair said, it's still —, this is —. Commissioner McMasters said, okay. Chairman Hair said, yeah. Everything else —, we're all right. Everybody? Commissioner Murray asked, is that what you have Sybil [Tillman]. Ms. Tillman said, yes. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the amendment as amended will vote yes, opposed will vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The amendment carried by a vote of seven to two. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, okay, now we're ready to vote on the original motion as amended. I'll take a motion to approve the M&O budget as amended. We've already got a motion and a second. All those in favor of that motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The original motion as amended carried by a vote of seven to two. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, now the other is the SSD. I'll entertain a motion to approve the SSD budget. Anybody have a motion. Commissioner Rayno asked, and then we're going to put amendments on top of that right? Chairman Hair said, do it the same way as we did, and I think that's —. Commissioner Rayno said, I make a motion —. Chairman Hair said, that worked very well the way we just did it, I think.

Commissioner Rayno said, I make a motion to approve the SSD budget. Chairman Hair asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Hair said, second, okay. That's as proposed by the Manager. Okay, now, Commissioner Rayno I'll call on you to make amendment. Commissioner Rayno said, the only additional amendment that I propose to the SSD is —, was a correction by staff, which I'm going to refer to in my original proposal, which was the cost of putting officers on the street would be the salaries and benefits being \$167,325, the equipment and weapons cost, five weapons at \$3,000 apiece, for \$15,000, vehicles, five times \$27,310 for a total of \$136,550, for a grand total of \$318,875. And as in my original proposal, takes the capital outlay for this out of the Contingency Fund, which right now is close to \$4,000,000 and I realize that the issue of recurring revenue would be something to look at in the future years, but I think it's very important to the people that live in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County to get more officers on the street. Time and time again when I've gone into these community meetings, they've demanded to have more officers on the street, and they don't care how it happens, they want it to happen, and I believe that whether the merger of the Police Department goes through or not with SPLOST, that we

can find a way to pay back some of that money for the outlay for the vehicles through SPLOST. Chairman Hair asked, does that motion have a second? Commissioner Murray said, I'll second it for discussion. Chairman Hair said, okay.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, you know, we are —, I guess a good way off the next budget cycle, but here again monies to ensure that we have recurring revenue —, here we go back again making some of the same mistakes that we made in the past, and I think we just need to sit down and look and if that is a priority in the SSD, then we go and sit that as a priority when the Manager comes in his next budget cycle and when there's revenue there and says, hey, this is a priority, this money has to be put towards Police Department and —. Commissioner Rayno asked, may I respond to that. Chairman Hair said, stay in order please. I'll get to you. Commissioner Murray is next. Commissioner Rivers said, — and, you know, other than that if —. What would it take, Russ [Abolt], in a millage increase to do that? If that is necessary and if, providing what Commissioner Rayno has said, the people say they don't care how it's funded, if that's such a priority with the people and they're going to sanction anything that we do, then let's go ahead and get a millage increase and then do a rollback next year when you have it in the budget when the money shows up.

Chairman Hair said, okay, Commissioner Murray and then Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Murray said, if I understand that motion correctly, it's the Manager proposed Level One budget with the exception of adding the five police officers. Is that correct? Commissioner Rayno said, it's the Level One budget and adding the five police officers —. Commissioner Murray said, that's what I said. Commissioner Rayno said, pulling the money from the fund balance, which is right now close to \$3,000,000 this year. And, you know, we've been —, we've been tracking through the reports —. Commissioner Murray said, well, I'm not —. Commissioner Rayno said, — and when we get the CAFR —. Commissioner Murray said, I think I've still got the floor. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. Commissioner Murray said, I'm not sure, but I think I have. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. Sorry, Frank [Murray]. Commissioner Murray said, you know, I will support it and the reason I'll support it, as I said earlier, and I think we've got to add more officers, I know that we set a policy and I certainly understand where Commissioner Rivers is coming from with this, and I agree with him, but I feel like this \$318,000, or whatever that total's going to come up to be close to that, is well spent and I'm willing to take a chance with that. I'm not willing to take a chance with everything coming out of the fund balance, but I am with this and I feel like it's necessary and we need to move it forward. We need more officers on the street and right now that's the only way we seem to get them and, you know, I want to refer also to the article, maybe it was an editorial or maybe it was an article that the newspaper wrote, saying that had we agreed to the merger we would already have those officers on the street, and that is absolutely not true. We probably wouldn't have them on the street for another couple of years, and I'm not willing to wait another couple of years. So I will support it.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, I apologize to Frank [Murray] for trying to take your time on the floor. Commissioner Murray said, an apology is not necessary. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. I agree with your comments about the newspaper being completely wrong in the editorial about getting more officers on the street because the problem with the editorial staff is they read their own paper and then they make their opinions. They never talk to the people that they're writing about, which doesn't make any sense to me. So part of me agrees with that guy that was in the CAT thing who says the paper sucks sometimes. So —, it's still funny the second time, isn't it? Commissioner Odell said, it is. Commissioner Rivers said, love is better the second time around. Commissioner Rayno said, but —, this is not a repeat of the mistakes of the past. When the fund balance was dipped into before, and we're talking about millions of dollars. We're only talking about \$318,000 to ensure the safety of people who live in the unincorporated area and not one mile from my house a couple of neighbor kids walked across the street and brutally raped and murdered a mother and a child in her house. Now just because we have more police on the street doesn't mean that won't happen again, but the visibility of them makes those kids think twice that maybe we shouldn't do that and people get protected. Or maybe things won't be stolen out of your yard, which happens all the time out there. Or you won't have a peeping Tom running through your neighborhood, which happened in my neighborhood. \$318,000 and we've been tracking —, we've been looking at the financial reports every single quarter, something Commissioners never ever did before. They're big bulky documents, they're no fun to look at. We've been tracking quite well this year. When the CAFR comes out in December, I'll bet you that fund balance is going to go up even higher. Both in SSD and M&O. The fiscal condition of the County will be better and when we go out to take TAN notes, the interest rates will be lower. We'll have more money in both funds. I think it's justifiable.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Rivers and then Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Rivers said, thank you. Frank [Murray], it's hard for me to go along with something that I'm advocating. I'll support your motion only if when that fund balance comes up next year that if it isn't there where it should be, and it takes about three-tenths of a mill to replace that, would you be willing to do that in order to replenish that fund, or that we make that a priority that that money be taken out of the growth in SSD first, initially, and put into that fund, with I don't care whatever else is happening within that budget or whatever is needed, that that money goes back to where it's supposed to be. Commissioner Murray said, I don't have a problem with that. It's worth that to me to have those officers hired.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, I'll just divide my comments. I'd like to know, County Manager, the five new officers, I'd like to have your thoughts on that and then I'll finish my comments. County Manager Abolt said, my thoughts were contained in the report two weeks ago. I didn't want you revisiting the errors of the past. There's no question that financially you can reach it, but this was the same argument given repeatedly though the dollars might have been

different, in some cases larger. I'll give you an example. When we funded CNT with no increase in taxes, but that aside, what you're doing now is you're revisiting the problems of the past. Now can we do it in the year? Sure we can, but you have to look at the rest of the SSD budget, which has been managed extremely tight over the years, and what will occur is, which is the intent, that that first bit of new growth that you get there will go for this, and that's fine, but then you have to expect other demands on the SSD budget in the next 12-month period. Where traditionally we have been driven by, well, live off of the growth of the digest, you are spending your future. You in effect are spending this, the full current 12 months, and that is the exact same argument that your predecessors have made. At different levels, I guess, of cost, but it's still the same argument and the problem we have is will we realize it? This amount of money we probably will, but like Commissioner Rivers said, a year from now you're going to have other needs and how are you going to address it because it'll be an accomplished fact that you have five officers in SSD. That's a given. But you have funded those officers from what will happen in 12 months, and you're spending your future. Commissioner Odell said, yeah, I think we need additional officers, not just to increase visibility in patrol, but to give the officers on the street an opportunity to spend more time in their investigation and actually policing. We're going to miss a very great chief, not just good. This guy was good, he's —. I'm just teasing. But my concerns are that, you know, I'm really torn between we need the officers, but we don't have a stream of income to cover the overage. So —, and this is \$318,000. So, I agree, Russ [Abolt], that we are —, our children are becoming indebted by what we do today, but I look at the options and if there is a minute millage increase to correlate with this, then we have that stream of money so that —, we try to live off of new growth and not re-eval and then we roll back and then we have to do the simile of a tax increase which is not a tax increase, we're just using —. This is so painful that what we expect an organization to do is something that no other organization is capable of —. I know of no other County that lives on new growth only, and we are at the same level or below what we were in 1995. We need the new officers —. Sir? Commissioner Rivers said, we've got Houdini. Commissioner Odell asked, we've got Houdini? I don't know what he said, but I enjoyed it. I enjoyed it. But we need to make a decision. I've been trying to get us to have a, for lack of a better word, a separate budget to handle the court system, Sheriff, the jail and all of that because I think people will support if we have to have a substantial increase because crime is up. I mean, crime is up and to you boys that live out in the district, what we've been deceived with, you all are going to start getting that some, too. I mean, especially on the Westside with all that growth, you're going to start getting it and we need to have the people in place. And I think this is a good amendment, Jeff [Rayno], but also if we can work it out so that we don't make it a Houdini act, and earmark this whatever —, if this is a tenth of a mill when we get to that point, that we say we increased it for this, the new officers, because I don't think my constituents would oppose. My constituents are more concerned about waste. They don't want to pay taxes period, but they don't want us to waste the money. No one believes that we have more law enforcement than what we need. I think everyone will agree that we could use more, and I just don't want to put Russ [Abolt] —, I want to do this and I'm going to support the motion, but I agree and understand Commissioner Rivers' point that we need a steady stream of income to pay for it, and new growth is not that steady increase that we should rely upon.

Chairman Hair said, all right, we've got to vote on the amendment, which is the base SSD —. Commissioner Murray for a comment.

Commissioner Murray said, I know the \$318,000 is for a 12-month period. The \$15,000 for equipment and weapons and the five vehicles certainly would stay the same. The \$167,325 estimated for salaries would not stay the same for this year because we're already into the year and it's probably going to be several months before any of these would even be hired anyway. So that figure would be a little less than that. I feel like by next year when we start with our budget again that this money will be there and it will be continuous. So, anyway —.

Chairman Hair said, all right, we have a motion and a second for the amendment for SSD plus the additional five officers. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The amendment to the motion carried by a vote of eight to one. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, now we'll vote on the original motion as amended, which is SSD as amended by adding five police officers. I need a motion and second. Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The original motion as amended carried by a vote of eight to one. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said that completes our agenda. County Manager Abolt said, I'm sorry. You've got SSD and M&O taken care of. Now you must entertain a motion for the Board to adopt the FY04 budget and budget resolutions with the addition of Multiple Grant Fund Resolutions and amendments to General Purpose CIP and Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, including health insurance.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair asked, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Rivers moved to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]
2. Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the Level One M&O budget. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

3. Commissioner Rayno moved to amend the Level One M&O budget as follows: The changes start beginning with the budget reconciliation in that the Restricted Contingency funds, which were designated to various areas, would be used for the Sheriff for the Detention Center to make the necessary changes there; within general government the County Commissioners would change from \$537,370 to \$495,000; the Youth Commission would be expanded from \$10,000 to \$15,000; the County Manager's budget would change from \$415,810 to \$400,000; the Elections Board would remain the same as last year, \$653,150; Purchasing would change from \$428,700 to \$400,000; Human Resources would change from \$813,070 to \$775,000; the Tax Assessor's budget would change from \$2,818,350 to \$2,898,350; the Board of Equalization would be the same as the last year, \$107,390; Internal Audit would change from \$318,370 to \$310,000; Organizational Development would be decreased from \$150,000 to zero; additional changes would be in the Recreation Department from \$1,774,390 to \$1,700,000, and the Weightlifting Center from \$201,500 to \$180,000; and the savings of \$203,350 would be transferred to the Catastrophic Fund; CIP money that came from reconciled projects and accounts in the amount of \$217,390 would be reallocated for (1) the Emergency Warning System upgrade of \$65,500, (2) roof repair at Memorial Stadium \$40,000, (3) additional money for the correction of items at the Jail \$1,020, and (4) the balance in the CIP Contingency of \$110,870; and it is understood that the Elections Board and Mosquito Control will be addressed when the time comes. Commissioner McMasters seconded the motion. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The amendment to the motion carried by a vote of seven to two.
4. A vote was taken on the original motion to approve the M&O budget as amended. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The original motion as amended carried by a vote of seven to two.
5. Commissioner Rayno moved to adopt the SSD budget as presented by staff. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion.
6. Commissioner Rayno moved to amend the SSD budget as presented by adding five police officers at a total cost of \$318,875 with the additional funds to be deducted from fund balance. Commissioner Murray seconded the amendment. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The amendment to the motion carried by a vote of eight to one.
7. A vote was taken on the original motion to approve the SSD budget as amended. Commissioners Rayno, Rivers, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Odell voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one.
8. Commissioner Rivers moved to adopt the FY2004 budget and budget resolutions, with the addition of the Multiple Grant Fund Resolution, and the amendments to the General Purpose Capital Improvement Fund, the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funds, and the Group Health Insurance Fund. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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 APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE CONFISCATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,790 FOR THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM AND \$15,300 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second. Commissioner McMasters said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to appropriate Confiscated Funds in the amount of \$33,790 for the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) to purchase of equipment for the investigation of drug cases involving the manufacturing of methamphetamines and \$15,300 for the Police Department to replace surveillance equipment (\$10,292) and to replace an old video playback/recording system (\$4,995). Commissioner McMasters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM CITY OF HINESVILLE TO USE PORTABLE BAND SHELL ON AUGUST 10, 2003, FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE SERVICE TO HONOR TROOPS.

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner McMasters, do you want to make a special request there? Commissioner McMasters said, no. Chairman Hair said, okay. I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, motion. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Rayno said, second with discussion. Chairman Hair said, okay, discussion, Commissioner Rayno. Commissioner Rayno said, just a brief comment. Chairman Hair said, okay, certainly.

Commissioner Rayno said, normally our policy would be not to do this, but the troops who went overseas to serve for us benefit not only us, but Hinesville and the whole entire nation, and the sacrifices that they made and their families made warrant a celebration of their return, so I applaud this.

Chairman Hair said, I certainly appreciate that, Commissioner Rayno. Thank you. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Plus I think this will go a long way to also further intergovernmental relations between our neighbors to the southwest. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve the request from the City of Hinesville to use the portable band shell on August 10 2003 for a community wide service to honor troops. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.]

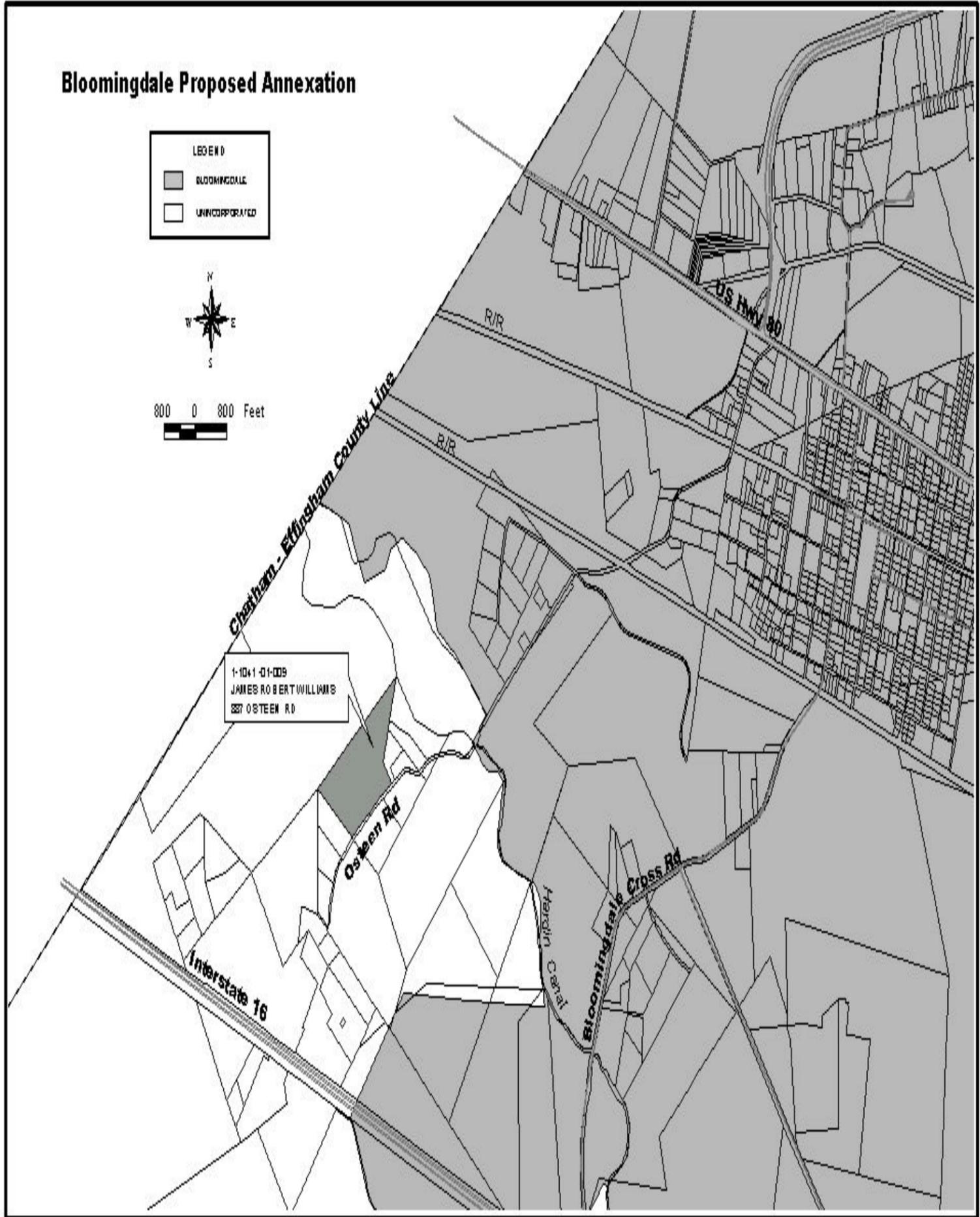
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3. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE TO ANNEX PROPERTY NOT CONTIGUOUS TO BLOOMINGDALE CITY LIMITS.

Chairman Hair asked, Commissioner Kicklighter, you want to table? Commissioner Kicklighter said, please, sir, and I'll ask staff to notify the City that it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Chairman Hair said okay. Does that motion to table have a second? Commissioners McMasters and Gellatly said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to table to the next meeting the request from City of Bloomingdale to annex property not contiguous to Bloomingdale city limits. Commissioners McMasters and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.]



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4. INTEREST OF CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM TO HOUSE WHGM 1400 RADIO STATION.

Commissioner Murray said, so moved. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Rayno said, second. Chairman Hair asked, discussion? Commissioner Rayno said, one comment. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, this particular organization, the Civil Rights Museum, has never asked for operating funds and they should be applauded for that and this initiative that they've taken is going to be good to further that.

Chairman Hair said, all favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Ms. Helen Johnson is in the audience, now she can go home. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved to approve the request of the Civil Rights Museum to sublease space on the third floor of the museum to WHGM 1400 radio station. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair asked, does anybody want to take anything off the Action Calendar? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to make an amendment to number six. Chairman Hair said, number six is to change Jimmy DeLoach Parkway to Highway 30? Commissioner Kicklighter said, Extension, yes sir. Chairman Hair said, all right. In that case, we're not going to take anything off. I'll take a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I so move. 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: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety except Item 4 which was removed from the agenda. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

[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 FOR TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JULY 15, 2003, AND THE PRE-MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2003, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the minutes for two public hearings on July 15, 2003, and the pre-meeting and regular meeting of July 25, 2003, as mailed. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 16 THROUGH JULY 29, 2003.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period July 16, 2003, through July 29, 2003, in the amount of \$3,286,608. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR ALBERT LUFBURROW, DEVELOPER, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR SOUTH HARBOR, PHASE G, ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, AND INITIATE THE 12-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the request from Thomas and Hutton, engineer for Albert Lufburrow, developer, to record the subdivision plat for South Harbor, Phase G, accept the maintenance agreement and financial guarantee, and initiate the 12-month warranty period. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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- ~~4. **REQUEST FROM EMC, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, BILLY HERRIN, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR BRYAN WOODS PROFESSIONAL CENTER, PHASE 1, AND ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 4.]**~~

This item was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of EMC Engineering.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM MR. JOSEPH F. DILLON, III, MR. PETER M. WRIGHT, ET AL, AND MS. ANNA HABERSHAM WRIGHT FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE PORTIONS OF LANG STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTIES ON WILMINGTON ISLAND AS SURPLUS AND TO QUIT CLAIM PORTIONS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the request for the County to declare 30 feet of the 60-foot wide Lang Street right-of-way between Wilmington Island Road and the Wilmington River as surplus and quitclaim the property to adjacent properties as follows: the northern 15 feet of right-of-way to Mr. Joseph F. Dillon, III (PIN 1-0098A-09-005), the southern 15 feet separately to Mr. Peter M. Wright, et al (PIN 1-0098A-08-008) and Ms. Anna Habersham Wright (PIN 1-0098A-08-007, upon the petitioners paying the County the fair market value for the right-of-way to be determined by a professional appraisal, and providing the necessary appraisals, deeds and plats at their expense. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE EARLY ACQUISITION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY MR. AND MRS. MELVIN LAMAR BENTON AT 161 PLEASANT DRIVE, PORT WENTWORTH, FOR ~~JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY~~ HIGHWAY 30 EXTENSION TO NEAR HOULIHAN BRIDGE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the request to approve early acquisition for property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lamar Benton at 161 Pleasant Drive, Port Wentworth, for Highway 30 Extension near Houlihan Bridge. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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7. **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2003. PETITIONER: BILL HAMMONTREE, D/B/A PIGGLY WIGGLY #49, INC., LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD.**

[DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the petition of Bill Hammontree, d/b/a Piggly Wiggly #49 Inc., located at 7360 Skidaway Road, for transfer of a beer and wine retail license for 2003. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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- 8. REQUEST FOR NEW WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2003. PETITIONER: CHRISTI L. AND KEVIN W. SMITH, D/B/A SAVANNAH SOMMELIER, LOCATED AT 15 LAKE STREET, SUITE 150. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the petition of Christi L. and Kevin W. Smith, d/b/a Savannah Sommelier, located at 15 Lake Street, Suite 150, for a new wine and liquor retail license for 2003. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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- 9. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2003. PETITIONER: DON LEE, D/B/A HEIWA'S, LOCATED AT 7401 SKIDAWAY ROAD, SUITE B. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the petition of Don Lee, d/b/a Heiwa's located at 7401 Skidaway Road, Suite B, for a new beer and wine pouring license for 2003. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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- 10. 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. Change Order No. 3 to the contract for master planning drainage improvement for the Ogeechee Farms area (this adds additional area and analysis)	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$14,374	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Ogeechee Farms Drainage
B. Technical surveillance equipment	Police	Tactical Technologies, Inc., (sole source)	\$10,291.50	Confiscated Funds - Police (pending Board approval of contingency transfer)
C. Technical surveillance equipment	CNT	Safeware Emergency Management	\$33,783.90	Confiscated Funds - CNT (pending Board approval of contingency transfer)
D. One (1) server and related services	Live Oak Public Library	SIRSI (sole source)	\$44,911	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
E. Change Order No. 17 to engineering contract for the Port Industrial Drainage improvements for additional work	SPLOST	EMC Engineering	\$20,622	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemaker's Project Drainage

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
F. Document imaging and records management software	Administrative Services	Access Science Express (sole source)	\$30,300	CIP - Administrative Services

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve Items 10-A through 10-F. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. None for this agenda.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

No report was submitted for this agenda.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A written report was received as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

DATE: August 8, 2003

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Yearly alarm service for the Tag Office on Eisenhower Drive	Tax Commissioner	ADT Security Services (sole source)	\$3,390.77	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
Yearly maintenance on four (4) Xerox printers	I.C.S.	Xerox Corporation (sole source)	\$4,033.18	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
Miscellaneous replacement mower blades	Public Works	Springfield Tractor	\$6,270	SSD - Public Works
300 tons of graded aggregate stone for various road repairs	Public Works	Carroll & Carroll, Inc.	\$3,900	SSD - Public Works
Year's rental on enclosed tractor trailer van for Wilmington Island Drop Off Center paper recycling program	Solid Waste	Ryder Transportation Services, Inc.	\$4,000	Solid Waste
25 flight hours for instrument training	Mosquito Control	Tomlinson Aviation, Inc.	\$5,625	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Fixed wing maintenance	Mosquito Control	Statesboro Aircraft	\$3,112.64	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Categorical exclusion for Skidaway Road	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	Not to exceed \$4,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Skidaway-Ferguson
Categorical exclusion for Whitefield Avenue	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	Not to exceed \$4,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Whitefield Avenue Widening
Preparation of updated right of way plats and construction plans for phase 2 of Ogeechee Farm drainage	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services	Not to exceed \$9,950	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Ogeechee Farms Drainage

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3. INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2003 YOUTH COMMISSION "BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY" ON AUGUST 16, 2003.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A written report was received as information.

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4. INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT LIGHTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF I-16 AND I-95.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A written report was received as information.

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5. SPLOST PERIODIC REPORT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A written report was received as information.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF ROBERT CARTER (JONATHAN HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve settlement of the claim of Robert Carter involving a vehicle accident with a Mosquito Control employee on June 20, 2003, in the amount of \$7,098.49 and payment of a rental car for no more than four weeks at the rate of \$26.99 per day. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF INEZ LOWE (JONATHAN HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve settlement of the claim of Inez Lowe involving a vehicle accident with Cpl. P. M. Rivers on December 19, 2001, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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 Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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 1:18 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK