

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2004, 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 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 9, 2004.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Odell 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
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IN ATTENDANCE:	R. E. Abolt, County Manager R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk
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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Hair introduced the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Jonathan Helmken, a Senior at St. Andrew's School, and Tiyanna Hurst, a Junior at Johnson High School.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADVANCE INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION.

Chairman Hair recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Dr. Hair, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen. This is a pretty important day in the lives of three people sitting before you. It comes about because of the increased emphasis we made over the last several years and the priority placed by this Board on quality inspections. As you know, for a number of years Mr. Anderson, the Director of the department, has been recognized by the Governor and other State officials as to his competency and knowledge on building codes. Mr. Anderson will now introduce to you three very important people on his staff. County Manager Abolt recognized Mr. Gregori Anderson.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, thank you, Mr. Abolt. Dr. Hair and Members of the Commission, I thank you for the opportunity this morning to come before you and to celebrate the accomplishments of some of our brightest and our best. This morning we have three inspectors who have accomplished a higher level of certification that's required from this organization as well as the State of Georgia. They have shown the will, the desire to expand themselves professionally and have acquired the certifications which are significant not only here, but statewide and nationally. Their accomplishments significantly reinforce our opportunity to provide what we call multiple inspections or combined —, combination inspections in our departments whereby one inspector who is certified and trained can go to a site and conduct multiple inspections. That gives us the opportunity to increase our effectiveness, our efficiency, as well as our professionalism on the job. Statewide these individuals have acquired above and beyond the minimum requirements for the State of Georgia to be classified as Certified Inspectors. They have accomplishments that far exceed those State requirements. Nationally this gives an opportunity that the —, the certification that they've obtained is recognized nationally with the exception of the International Codes that were adopted in the State of Georgia approximately three years ago. These certifications are recognized and even sponsored by the International Code Congress, which gives these certifications applicability nationwide. So we're very proud this morning to present to you Kim Cobb, Alphanette Waters-Hutchinson and Thomas Tim Blanchard, and Ms. Cobb has been with the department for five years. She has acquired the certification of a Certified Commercial Building Inspector. Ms. Alphanette Waters [sic] has been with the organization for about eight years. She has acquired the level of Certified —, number two Certified Fire Inspector and Mr. Tim Blanchard, who's been with the organization for approximately three years, has acquired the level of certification as a Certified Commercial Building Inspector, and I would encourage you to applaud with me their accomplishments not only as significant for their own professional development, but also significant in this environment to be recognized by not only their peers but me as their Director.

Chairman Hair said, congratulations. Mr. Anderson said, thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, and we appreciate very much y'all being here. Keep up the great work.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Hair said, there's been two minor changes to the agenda. We moved the election of the Chairman Pro Tem to the regular calendar. It was on the Action Calendar, and we eliminated Commissioners' Item number three. We dealt with Commissioner McMasters' item on the voting status of the chairman in the pre-meeting, so we will take that off.

[NOTE: Item X-3 was moved and was heard as the Item VI-1.]

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

Chairman Hair said, the law says the Vice Chairman is elected every four years along with the Chairman, but the Chairman Pro Tem has to be elected each year. Currently, Commissioner Murray serves in that position and has my entire seven years I've been Chairman, and either we need to renominate Commissioner Murray as Chairman Pro Tem or we need to nominate someone else.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to nominate Frank Murray as Chairman Pro Tem. Chairman Hair asked, do I have a second on that? Commissioner McMasters said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Any further discussion? Commissioner Odell said, I agree totally with that. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of electing Commissioner Murray as Chairman Pro Tem vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hair said, and it is unanimous.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to nominate Frank Murray as Chairman Pro Tem. Commissioners McMasters and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. G-8 FUNDING.

Chairman Hair said, I will tell you what prompted me putting this on the agenda. I was in Florida last week on business and I'm sitting there at breakfast and I'm reading the newspaper and they had an article about G-8 funding, and I'm sitting there and I'm going to actually read quotes out of this paper that sort of prompted me to take some action. It quoted Mr. Tennenblat [phonetic], who is the State Coordinator for G-8, and it said, first, that the money is not going to come down to Georgia ahead of time. It sits in an account and there will be paperwork that will be filled out, and the second quote that bothered me was, although he could not name a specific date, Tennenblat said reimbursements will be sent out sometimes in 2004 after the G-8 has concluded. We're in the process —, we will be spending millions of dollars in preparation for G-8, and I do not believe that the local taxpayers should have to fund one dime of that. This is a state and federal meeting, and we're glad to have it, but we shouldn't have to pay for it. And since that time, we have had some meetings to make sure that this Mr. Tennenblat talked about has been adjusted. We've already had a meeting with Mike Sherberger, the GEMA Director, and he's already now agreed that we have to have our money in advance. I've also had a discussion with Mayor Johnson, and Mayor Johnson is in total agreement with this that we have to have a process in place, and so we're in the process in the next few weeks to make sure that whatever monies we expend will be reimbursed in a timely manner and not wait until some time in September or October. I mean, I have several concerns about this. Number one is that every dollar be reimbursed. I don't think we should subsidize it at all. Secondly, what scares me when you talk about paperwork has to be filled out, you send a request up there for two million dollars and they say, well, we only owe you a million four. Well, that's not going to happen either. And then, lastly, that, you know, we've got a situation where the money will first come to the State, this twenty-five million dollars, and I want to make sure that, you know, the GBI and the State Patrol and all that is not funded off the top and we give the counties what's left. So I just put this on here to raise this on the radar screen and to let you know that we are actively engaged with the State along with the City of Savannah to make sure that we change the State's position on this that we cannot fund millions dollars in advance.

Chairman Hair said, I had a discussion with the Sheriff yesterday and the Sheriff said —, and he's in the back of the room —, he said his cost, estimated cost, and it probably might go higher, but it's over \$600,000. I think it's \$660,000, wasn't it, Sheriff? Sheriff St. Lawrence said, \$675,000. Chairman Hair said, \$675,000 as a minimum. Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's projected overtime as well. Chairman Hair said, and the, of course, the Chief's here, Chief Flynn, he's there and, I mean, his is in the millions of dollars. And so we've just got to make sure —, we're glad the G-8 is here, but we've got to make sure that the State and Feds pay for this as they should and that's why I put it on the agenda to let you know some things we're doing and there will also be a meeting next week with the Mayor again and also another meeting in Atlanta next week to make sure that we make sure the State policy protects the local taxpayer. So that's why —. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, thank you for your efforts on the G-8 funding issue. It was something I was concerned about as well, and I attended the CVB board meeting yesterday and it was the consensus that they needed to know more, too, because there's a lot a rumors going around the business community as to what is going to happen and what won't happen at the G-8, and I think it would reassure them, and I brought this idea up and they liked it, that perhaps after you've had those meetings that Phillip Webber and perhaps Chief Flynn could join the CVB and speak with them just at an informal meeting. They understand that they can't know the specifics of what the security measures are to be taken, but I think that they could defuse a lot of the rumors that the shopkeepers are hearing.

Chairman Hair said, well, I think the costs are going to go far beyond the Police costs. They're going to go into Public Works and they're going to go into a whole lot of areas of government and we just need to make sure, number one, we protect the community and, number two, that we get paid back and that's —, on a —, in a timely manner and not at the end of 2004, which is what the original plan was. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, would you think it would be appropriate to possibly pass a resolution asking the State and federal governments to give us a definite timetable to reimburse the counties as well as the cities that are involved? Chairman Hair said, if we want to do that, we can. We're moving in that direction with both GEMA and with the City of Savannah, but I think it would be fine to approve it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I at this time make a motion to pass a resolution asking the State and federal government to give a definite timetable to reimburse the counties as well as the cities. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Murray said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion of that motion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I have an amendment. Chairman Hair said, okay, an amendment, okay. Commissioner Gellatly said, I agree totally with that, but I listened very carefully to what you had to say, Billy [Hair], and let's not them

—, let's not let them determine what the amount of the reimbursement's going to be. In our resolution it should be what we determine that it's going to be and not them or we're going to end up with a million less. Chairman Hair said, I agree with that. Will you accept that amendment? Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes. Chairman Hair asked, and the second? Commissioner Murray said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Chairman Hair said, I totally agree with you, Chief [Gellatly], because that was one of my three concerns is that, as I said, you submit the paperwork and they'll [inaudible] said that's not a reimbursable item. I think we need to know in advance what's reimbursable before we —, before we spend the money. Commissioner Gellatly said, I've been there, done that. Chairman Hair said, but I —, I've had numerous discussions with the U. S. Attorney, with the Chief and the Sheriff and, of course, a lot of the money has to be spent up front. You have to buy equipment, you have to train officers. I mean, we can't —, I mean, a lot of this money needs to be spent next week and we can't even wait until, you know, months before the G-8, and that —, we've got to go ahead and spend the money knowing that we're going to be reimbursed for it in a very timely manner.

Chairman Hair said, so all those in favor of the amended motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Board approve a resolution asking the State and federal governments to give a definite timetable to reimburse the counties as well as the cities involved in activities surrounding the G-8 Summit and that the amount reimbursed is the amount we determine should be reimbursed. Commissioners Murray and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.]

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MLK BREAKFAST

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner McMasters has just passed me this. This doesn't really require —, I just want a consensus on it. This is to —, we have the MLK Breakfast coming up and I will be there. [Inaudible] from the County asked that we buy a table of 10 and does anybody object to us buying a table for the MLK Breakfast? Okay, we'll just do that by consensus. Thank you.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. CON-ED (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I placed this on the agenda because Rev. Bennie Mitchell had a concern about moving forward with this project, which is located on MLK Boulevard and it is my understanding that at one point the City of Savannah was supposed to advance the funds so that they could move forward in completing this project. At this point that has not happened and he has come —, he would like to come before us this morning to give his views on that, and I would like to call on Rev. Mitchell at this time —. Chairman Hair said, Rev. Mitchell. Commissioner Thomas said, — to come before us and explain the situation and then perhaps can move forward on that. What he's asking for is an advance from the SPLOST funds.

Rev. Bennie Mitchell said, Chairman Hair, Sister Thomas, and all of the Commissioners, happy new year to everybody. As you know, you all put us in SPLOST and I think if you drive by Gwinnett and MLK you will see where we have, I must say, where Con-Ed/Connor's Temple have done a tremendous job. It used to be a sore eye there and what you're looking at that's already up there is two and a half million dollars. Now in order to complete the plans, which we have in the SPLOST fund, we would like to have an advance so that the next two floors can be completed so that we can put programs together that is needed in the community right away. We've been working on this project for 20 years and I'm just asking now if y'all can advance it and we can get —, and be about serving the people.

Chairman Hair said, Rev. Mitchell, I personally support this. I talked to you last week and I rode by the building, and if every building in Savannah looked as good as that building, we'd be in really good shape. I think you've done a magnificent job there and I would support it. Commissioner Odell, Commissioner Gellatly and then Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Odell said, that's right at the entrance for those people coming off of the interstate —. Rev. Mitchell said, 16. Commissioner Odell said, — and I've had an opportunity to talk to Rev. Mitchell's chairperson, Dr. Culbreth, and some of the things that they are doing are absolutely necessary and historic, and I really think that we need to complete it. Did we set aside the funds to come from the City or from the County's side? Rev. Mitchell said, we got in from the County. Now that's all I know. We wouldn't have been included if it hadn't been for the County. The County did it. Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to approve the advance. We've done it before. I think this is a worthwhile program. In addition to that, I think it really cleans up that entrance when you come into the City, and I'll recommend approval. I would further add that if it's from the City, that if it's to come from the City's side, that we confer with Mayor Johnson and —, to ensure that this is done.

Chairman Hair said, okay, let's go ahead and get —, have a second. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Gellatly, Commissioner Kicklighter and anybody else that wants to —. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, the first thing that I need to do is point out that I've been a director of this program from its very inception. Obviously, I support it. I think we're not —, we're not just talking about completing the building, we're talking about real programs that are going to help real people in our community, and I would hope that my fellow Commissioners would support this request. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, and also, just for the record, before we vote on the motion, Commissioner Gellatly by his serving on the board will need to be recused, and if he'll ask for recusal before we vote on it so he —. Commissioner Gellatly said, yeah, under advice of the Chairman. Chairman Hair said, so he will recuse himself, but we'll take that before we take a full vote. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Rev. Mitchell, what's the exact amount that you're requesting in advance? Rev. Mitchell said, I thank you all for that. I'm requesting all of it because we have where it's going to cost us \$500,000, right at \$500,000 to finish the next two floors, and we have those figures through our architect, Murray Barnard. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I support this also, but I definitely want to point out to the taxpayers that this was approved in the last SPLOST referendum so —.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Rivers and then Commissioner Murray and Commissioner McMasters. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, Russ [Abolt], and I spoke with Pat [Monahan], I'm almost sure that we didn't set a priority, but this was included on the County side. Am I correct on that? Chairman Hair said, yes, that is correct. Commissioner Rivers said, okay. With that I'll call the question.

Chairman Hair said, call the question then. We —, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Commissioner Murray said, I'm going to vote, but I just had some questions that I wanted to ask before I voted, but —. Chairman Hair said, well, let's go ahead and vote and then we can allow your questions, we can let you make your comments. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rayno was not present when this vote was taken; Commissioner Gellatly was recused from voting on this motion.] Chairman Hair said, all right, the motion passes. Commissioner Murray said, [inaudible] after the vote's been taken. Chairman Hair said, okay, all right. Well, call for the question, that's the way the rules work, call for the question cuts off debate.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve an advance from SPLOST to Con-Ed in the amount of \$500,000. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rayno was not present when this vote was taken; Commissioner Gellatly was recused from voting on this motion.]

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2. SAVANNAH LACROSSE TEAM (COMMISSIONER RAYNO).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno. Well, he's not in the meeting. We'll skip that and come back. Oh, there he is. Commissioner Rayno, Savannah Lacrosse Team first.

Commissioner Rayno said, yeah, I received a call from a Mrs. Miller concerning the sport of lacrosse and she was concerned about wanting to use the County's soccer fields for the sport of lacrosse, and I didn't know, since I believe the soccer fields were built with the SPLOST II funds, whether or not we could use them for that purpose. I hope that we could to let them potentially use them from January through March or April, and in the time that I put this onto the agenda and got the information from her, the City has already graciously started working with her about allowing her to use those fields, but I was still wondering if she needed a fall-back position if she could use the soccer fields for the sport of lacrosse and let her develop it. She's not asking for any County funds, just the use of the fields itself. What would be your position on that, Mr. Hart?

County Attorney Hart said, I don't think there's a problem with it. County Manager Abolt said, the only thing, we'd work something out, I know there is a down time because of the high use of the fields where we have to fertilize and allow

some turf to come back. Commissioner Rayno said, in the summertime, yes. County Manager Abolt said, so that's —.

Chairman Hair said, I think on an availability basis there would be no problem, and it would be something I believe the County Manager could do. I don't even think he needs our approval. County Manager Abolt said, no sir, you don't, no sir, but we'll keep you posted. I'll get a hold of Mr. Lipsey and we'll work it out. Chairman Hair said, okay.

Commissioner Rayno said, thank you very much. Chairman Hair said, thank you, Commissioner Rayno.

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3. ~~CLARIFICATION ON MPC CHAIRMAN'S VOTING STATUS (COMMISSIONER MCMASTERS).~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

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4. BI-STATE MOBILITY PLAN (COMMISSIONER RAYNO).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, yes. Although this was advanced through the CAT agenda, there are some things within the plan that I felt very concerned about, which I'd like to express today. It does involve four different counties, this plan, but the fact that the revised compact even still talks about the counties having the power of eminent domain over other people's properties, I don't think we've actively discussed to what capacity the County Commission would be involved in eminent domain acquisitions for this particular Bi-State Mobility Plan. I think also the fact that the compact still is looking for a one cent sales tax either through the unified consent of the four counties or through referendum, that it jeopardizes our future SPLOST taxes because the public is only going to accept so many taxes, one cent sales taxes, to be added onto their purchases. I know that the School Board wants to have a one cent sales tax. If we were to go forward with the compact it would have a definite affect on the School Board's ability to have that passed if the public knew in the future there might be yet another one cent sales tax passed on them. I know the GMA for the cities is actively involved at the statewide legislature level to pass a MOST tax, which is Municipal Option Sales Tax, which would be solely and specifically for the City of Savannah and other cities around the State. That would jeopardize their ability to get a one cent sales tax should they try to get that through. So, while it looks very simple, this compact that the CAT Board is trying to pass through, it has a lot of long-reaching implications that I don't think a lot of people have thought about or taken the chance to look at the big picture, [inaudible] in fact the overall tax pie in Chatham County. And the third thing, we've never discussed the process of which Commissioners from this particular body would go to the Bi-State Commission, if it was formed, or how that process would be developed or how the State would go about determining who was going to be appointed to the bi-state mobility group either. There's more questions than there are answers, and I think all these things have long-range implications on the County, on our tax structure and how we look to the future and how we appropriate our expenditures, how we prioritize, what's so important to this community. It seems to me, I went to a forum last night on mental health. We've got people in the street that need help and we don't consider that a priority rather than the Bi-State Mobility Plan. We've got to get our priorities in order.

Commissioner Rayno said, I'd like to pass a resolution against the Bi-State Mobility Plan and I ask that my fellow Commissioners would support that. Chairman Hair said, all right, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Commissioner McMasters said, second. Chairman Hair said, okay, I'll reserve most of my remarks to —. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, what was his motion? Can he repeat it, I'm sorry. Chairman Hair said, repeat your motion, Commissioner Rayno. Commissioner Rayno said, my motion was to take a vote against the Bi-State Mobility Plan.

Chairman Hair said, the vote is for the County Commission to oppose it and that has a second. I'll reserve most of my remarks to the CAT Board when we have the CAT members there who actually will make the official vote of whether to do it or not. I'll just make a couple of quick comments about it though. You know, it amazes me that this authority has received the blessing of Beaufort County, Jasper County, Effingham County, the City of Savannah. It's been —, it's passed the muster of County Attorneys, City Attorneys, County Commissions, City Councils, and yet the Chatham County Commission is the only body out of five and there's nothing in this Bi-State that can be done without the approval of local government. So I just —, I would oppose this motion. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no.

Commissioner Odell said, I've just got a question. Jon [Hart], this is a decision that the CAT Board will make —. County Attorney Hart said, correct. Commissioner Odell said, — and not —, not the Commission, and my question is whether or not this vote preempts the underlying authority of the CAT Board. County Attorney Hart said, this is more in the form of a resolution. I don't think this —, this is binding on anyone. I mean, technically you could —. Chairman Hair said, it's not binding. County Attorney Hart said, — you could vote one way on this one and vote the other way at the next board meeting. Chairman Hair said, I think even Commissioner Rayno realizes it's not binding. County

Attorney Hart said, you know, it would just be a statement —. Chairman Hair said, it's just a statement that want to make a statement that the Commission opposes it.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed no. Commissioners Rayno, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Rivers voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved that the Board adopt a resolution in opposition to the Bi-State Mobility Plan. Commissioner McMasters seconded the motion. Commissioners Rayno, McMasters, Murray, Odell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioner Rivers voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to two. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present when this vote was taken.]

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 9:55 a.m., and reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

The Chatham Area Transit Authority was adjourned and the Board reconvened as the Chatham County Commission at 12:48 p.m.

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VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

<p>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 (*).</p>

- 1. SAVANNAH AREA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE (COMMISSIONER MURRAY). SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM FROM STAFF. *Tabled at December 19, 2003 meeting to January 23, 2004 meeting.***

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item will be placed before the Commissioners for action at the meeting on January 23, 2004.

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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. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND M&O TO REFLECT A WRITE OFF OF A \$329,940 RECEIVABLE FROM THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE MUSEUM; SALES TAX IV FUND TO RECOGNIZE \$16,244,320 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM BOND PROCEEDS, APPROPRIATE \$244,320 FOR DEBT RETIREMENT AND DESIGNATE \$5,440,591 AS A TRANSFER TO HENDERSON GOLF COURSE FOR REFUNDING DEBT; HENDERSON GOLF COURSE FUND TO REFLECT A**

\$5,440,591 TRANSFER FROM SALES TAX IV FOR DEBT SERVICE AND BOND REDEMPTION EXPENSE; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND TO REFLECT A TRANSFER OF \$13,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND M&O FOR BOAT RAMP REPAIRS. APPROVAL OF A \$15,103 TRANSFER FROM SALES TAX I CONTINGENCY TO THE JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY/I-95 INTERCHANGE PROJECT IS ALSO REQUESTED.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the following budget amendments: General Fund M&O to reflect a write-off of a \$329,940 receivable from the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum; Sales Tax IV Fund to recognize \$16,244,320 in additional revenue from bond proceeds, appropriate \$244,320 for debt retirement and designate \$5,440,591 as a transfer to Henderson Golf Course for refunding debt; Henderson Golf Course Fund to reflect a \$5,440,591 transfer from Sales Tax IV for debt service and bond redemption expense; and Capital Improvement Program Fund to reflect a transfer of \$13,000 from the General Fund M&O for boat ramp repairs; and approval of a \$15,103 transfer from Sales Tax I Contingency to the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/I-95 Interchange Project. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

[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 THE PRE-MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2004, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes for the pre-meeting and regular meeting of December 19, 2004, as mailed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 11 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period December 11, 2003, through December 31, 2003 in the amount of \$5,199,926. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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3. ~~REQUEST BOARD ELECT A CHAIRMAN PRO TEM FOR 2004.~~

This item was moved from the Action Calendar and heard as Item VI-1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM MEETING DATES FOR 2004 TENTATIVELY SET ON DECEMBER 19, 2003. See item no. 6 under "Facts and Findings" of revised staff report. (Cancelling meeting of June 11th due to G-8 Summit.)

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to confirm the meeting dates and time for 2004 as follows: Set meeting time for 9:30 a.m., and set meeting dates for the second and fourth Fridays in January through October (except April and June), third and fifth Fridays in April, fourth Friday in June, and first and third Fridays in November and December. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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5. BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE JAIL SERVICES FEE AGREEMENT TO CLARIFY MINIMUM TIME OF "INMATE DAY" (Results in increased revenue).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the Jail Services Fee Agreement to clarify minimum time of "Inmate Day" by including a \$20 rate for inmates who are booked and processed but who bond out prior to the next day's count at midnight. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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6. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2004. PETITIONER: DAVID D. OSBORNE, D/B/A OZZY'S GRILL, LOCATED AT 7403 SKIDAWAY ROAD. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of David S. Osborne, d/b/a Ozzy's Grill, located at 7403 Skidaway Road, for a new beer and wine pouring license for 2004. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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7. 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. Bomb Response Vehicle/ Command Center vehicle	Police	Farber Specialty Vehicles (GSA contract)	\$129,457	Multiple Grant Fund - Homeland Security
B. Change Order No. 2 to the contract to provide various uniform and uniform accessories to recognize manufacturer imposed price increases on selected items	•Sheriff •Detention Center •Police	•Frank's Uniforms •West Chatham Warning Devices •Southeastern Public Safety •Uniforms 911	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center •SSD - Police

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
C. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for pest control services to add the Department of Motor Vehicle office	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Ideal Pest Control	\$420	Land Bank Authority
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for specialized landscaping and lawn care services to add to the scope twice weekly litter collection services at the ANG building	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Coastal Center for Developmental Services, Inc.	\$1,920	•General Fund/M&O - Board of Equalization •SSD - Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services •Land Bank Authority
E. Semi-annual groundwater and surface water monitoring	Solid Waste	Advanced Environmental Management, Inc.	\$18,135	Solid Waste Fund

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 7-A through 7-E. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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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. AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION ON A REZONING APPLICATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Kicklighter said, move to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to require notification on a rezoning application similar to that of the City of Savannah. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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- 2. PETITIONER, STUART G. ABEL, III, OWNER IS REQUESTING REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GATEWAY BOULEVARD, 0.1 MILES SOUTH OF CANEBRAKE ROAD, FROM A P-B-C (PLANNED COMMUNITY-BUSINESS) AND R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO A R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-031030-60589-1
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Commissioner Odell said, motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, may I ask —? Chairman Hair said, certainly. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, any residents in the area expressing —. Ms. Charlotte Moore said, I have not heard anything. This is part of the Gateway Village Subdivision. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Ms. Moore said, they just want to rezone it so they can develop it single family eventually. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Stuart G. Abel, III, Owner, requesting to rezone property located on the east side of Gateway Boulevard, 0.1 miles south of Canebrake Road, from a P-B-C (Planned Community-Business) and R-A (Residential-Agriculture) to a R-1 (One-Family Residential) zoning classification. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Rivers was not present when this vote was taken.]

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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:

A written report was received as information.

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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: _____

DATE: January 9, 2004

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Undercarriage rollers for Caterpillar bulldozer	Fleet Operations	Industrial Tractor Company, Inc.	\$3,587.02	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Inventory
One (1) line printer	Purchasing	Disys Corporation	\$5,845.70	•General Fund/M & O - Purchasing (\$922.85) •General Fund/M & O - I.C.S. (\$2,922.85) •SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Expenditures (\$2,000)
Archinfo floating license software	Assessor	ESRI (sole source)	\$7,146.88	General Fund/M & O - Assessor
7,500 printed file folders	District Attorney	Bidlo Associates	\$3,450	General Fund/M & O - District Attorney
12 calcium batteries	CNT	Savannah Communications	\$4,937.16	General Fund/M & O - CNT
Purchase and installation of a 42" projection screen	Sheriff	Remote Technology, Inc.	\$3,210	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
One (1) laptop computer	Mosquito Control	Dell Marketing (state contract)	\$2,785.05	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
One (1) forklift	Mosquito Control	Thompson Tractor Company	\$6,791	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Provide traffic counts at 2 intersections and analyze levels of service at these intersections	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	Not to exceed \$8,900	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Intersection Improvements
Evaluation of drainage improvement recommendations	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	Not to exceed \$9,795	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Halycon Bluff
Additional archaeological digs at the wetland mitigation bank	SPLOST	Brockington and Associates	Not to exceed \$5,800	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Install security ate at Basin Road borrow pit area	SPLOST	TIC - The Industrial Company	\$7,388	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
24ft wide fence gate for Pipemakers Canal at GPA	SPLOST	Ralph Moore	\$2,700	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal
Complete nationwide permitting for Rasperry Canal	SPLOST	Sligh Environmental Consultants	Not to exceed \$2,900	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Rasperry Canal

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
One (1) used 2002 Ford Focus for Superior Court Administrator	SPLOST	Fairway Lincoln-Mercury	\$7,400	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
Deliver and install Knapheide tool body on County cab and chassis	SPLOST	Coastal Trailer Company, Inc.	\$3,520	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Murray , seconded by Commissioner Odell and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 12:50 p.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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APPOINTMENTS

- AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
CHATHAM-SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS
CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
CHATHAM COUNTY TREE COMMISSION**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to make the following appointments: Appoint Charles Gilchrist to the Aging Services Advisory Council to a term which will expire June 30, 2007, to replace Dr. Grace Rohland; reappoint Dr. Catharine Powell to the Chatham County Board of Health to a term which will expire December 31, 2009; appoint Kelly E. Miller to the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless to a term which will expire October 9, 2006, to replace Russ

Billings; appoint Charles McMillan, Sr., to the Chatham County Hospital Authority to a term which will expire October 24, 2008, to replace Terry Tolbert; appoint Melissa Jess to the Metropolitan Planning Commission to a term beginning April 1, 2004, through December 31, 2006, to replace Jane A. Feiler; and appoint John McCleskey to the Chatham County Tree Commission as the representative of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce to a term which will expire April 1, 2008. Commissioner McMasters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PROPERTY ON JASMINE AVENUE (COMMISSIONER RAYNO)

Commissioner Rayno said, I was approached by Jessie Petrea concerning the Jasmine Avenue facility. It's a 15-bed facility for Aging Services and is currently covered by Gateway. They told them that they want to get out of doing that because they don't feel it's profitable for them, but he found out that they were not doing things efficiently and he showed them how to save \$50,000. What he wants to do, and I'm not just talking about Jessie [Petrea] here, but he's interested in buying that facility because I believe the rent on the facility is around \$4,000 and he feels he will be able to afford that, but he could surely afford a mortgage, which will be a lot less money, and he is a leading provider of Aging Services in the State of Georgia, and I think we might even take the same approach with SABHC concerning that one building where they want us to just give them the building. What if we sold them the building and we found a way for them to get some kind of a long-term loan and they would have reasonable payments since they committed to be a long-term provider for services and we could unload both of these properties.

Chairman Hair asked, well, you're not proposing anything today, just —? Commissioner Rayno said, I'm asking for everybody's opinion.

County Manager Abolt asked, Jasmine and what other one? Commissioner Rayno said, the other one would be the SABHC property.

Mr. Pat Monahan said, let me give you some additional information. The Minis Avenue property is tied to a bond issue, so we absolutely couldn't sell that one. The Jasmine Avenue property could be sold though you would have to follow the State law of public notice and competition. We just can't —, we can't enter into a negotiated agreement —. Chairman Hair said, it would have to be a bid. Mr. Monahan said, — so it would have to be a bid. Chairman Hair said, somebody could out bid them though. Mr. Monahan said, now if we bid, and I do happen to know because I've had two private inquiries about that building within the past couple of weeks and I told that information to both of them that, one, I'm not going to do anything until I find out what Gateway's going to do and in respect with what interest SABHC might have in that building, but if they don't have any interest in the building, then we would probably proceed to sell it because the Commission said once it becomes surplus, we could be selling the property, and that was my intent, but I didn't communicate that to the Board because I'm not so sure what the status of that building is going to be over the next 60 days. Commissioner Rayno said, well, if you decide to go to bid with that building, I would just ask that you contact Jessie Petrea and give him —. Mr. Monahan said, I talked with Mr. Petrea —, I've already talked to him and I took down his name and address because when we do receive an inquiry from an individual, we put them on a mailing list so they don't need to see the advertising in the paper, we send them a direct notice.

Commissioner Murray asked, do you have any rough idea of what the value of that property is? Mr. Monahan said, I think the County paid —, I bought that building for the County from Parent and Child Development Services, I believe we paid about \$300,000 and we put maybe \$50,000 worth of improvements, but it's a nice parcel of property. It's approximately three acres in size. It's the old Florence Critendon Home, you know, which was a home for girls. So the building's in pretty good shape. We just put new windows and we've done some other things to it, so it's —.

Chairman Hair asked, Jeff [Rayno], are you satisfied with the process? Commissioner Rayno said, yes.

Commissioner Murray asked, so we're talking maybe \$400,000 range plus? Commissioner Rayno said, 450. Mr. Monahan said, yeah, I'd say \$400,000.

County Attorney Hart said, the only thing you folks need to keep in mind is you need to figure out whether you want to keep that property for some type of public service, and I'm not talking about that group or any other group that may want it, but if you put it on an auction block, you're going to have some public people who are not necessarily service oriented buy that. Commissioner Rayno said, and it's right next to the German Country Club.

Mr. Monahan said, it's a little difficult. In fact, the end of the road goes right into Savannah State, but it's 15 bedrooms and that's not your typical sale. I don't know what you do with a 15 bedroom house. Commissioner Rayno said, it's the property. Mr. Monahan said, I haven't checked the zoning, but I think the zoning is residential zoning and that's the other issue. It's probably a non-conforming use because the County owns it, but once the County sold it, I don't know that we could sell it for a group home to a private individual because the zoning wouldn't pass. Chairman Hair said, that's true. They'd have to apply for [inaudible]. That's a good point.

Commissioner Murray asked, is that actually in the corporate limits of Thunderbolt? Mr. Monahan said, no sir, that is in the unincorporated area. Commissioner Murray asked, it's pretty close to the line though, isn't it? Mr. Monahan said, right.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Any other questions?

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Received as information.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m..

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK