

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 28, 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

Vice Chairman Priscilla Thomas said, I cannot be here during the entire meeting today. I'm not feeling well at all, but I am here to give support to my children, the Youth Commission, and I'm going to ask the Chairman Pro Tem, my colleague, Frank Murray, to preside this morning.

Chairman Pro Tem Frank Murray called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 28, 2004.

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II. INVOCATION

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

ABSENT: Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
John J. McMasters, District Three

IN ATTENDANCE: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
Barbara B. Wright, Acting County Clerk

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Pro Tem Murray welcomed the following Youth Commissioners in attendance: Jameel Syed, a Junior at Windsor Forest High School; Ashley Washington, a Sophomore at Jenkins High School; and Crawford White, a Junior at St. Andrews High School.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. 2004 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION GRADUATION.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have proclamations today, and the first one I know is Dr. Thomas' pride is the 2004 Chatham County Youth Commission graduation. I only see certificates, I don't see a proclamation.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Dr. Thomas and gentlemen, two nights ago this country had the opportunity to select the individual that would serve as the American Idol. This individual had endured numerous challenges and displayed perseverance, persistence and stick-to-it-ness [sic] that enabled her to reach her intermediate goal en route to an outstanding career. Likewise, we celebrate the accomplishments of Chatham County's idols, the 2003-2004 Chatham County Youth Commission. This group was like none other in the 12-year history of the Chatham County Youth Commission. They have endured numerous challenges and displayed perseverance, persistence and stick-to-it-ness that allowed these 14 students to reach their immediate goal of a high school diploma en route to a college degree and outstanding careers. A quick look at the handouts in front of you details the outstanding achievements of this outstanding group of young people in just the last nine months. In addition to a Back to School Rally, they sponsored a Mayoral Debate, a Reunion and Holiday Social at the Beach Institute, a Hope Scholarship Town Hall Meeting with Senator Regina Thomas, an Easter Day Egg Hunt, KIDS Day with the Savannah Panthers, their Seventh Annual Youth Rally with over a thousand young people there, a Book Drive to benefit the Sheriff's Department that you'll hear about a little bit later, and their first "Rock the Vote" Day, and you will hear about that a little bit later. They have been to Atlanta, to Washington, DC, to New York City, they've raised money for local nonprofits, all in just the last nine months. None of this would be possible without the vision of Dr. Priscilla Thomas, your constant support and encouragement, certainly your funding, the support of Mr. Abolt, Mr. Kaigler, County department heads and staff, administrators and teachers from the various schools, my wonderful team, of advisors: Mrs. Debra Allen, Mr. Pete Nichols, who's away today, Mrs. Connie Roberts, Ms. Sandra Smalls, who all volunteer their time towards the success of this program. And last, but definitely not least, we thank the parents and guardians, those who entrust their children to our mentoring and care.

Mr. Johnson said, it gives me great pleasure to present to you this morning the 2003-2004 —, excuse me, the Class of 2004 for the Chatham County Youth Commission. And as Dr. Thomas comes down, all of the parents and guardians and loved ones of our graduates today, would you please stand. Let's give them a big round of applause.

Mr. Johnson said, we're going to ask as each graduate to come to us as they're presented with their awards, would the parents of our graduates come up as well so that you can receive the proper recognition for all of the hard work, all of the long nights, all of the yelling and screaming that you endured to get to this day.

Ms. Rebecca Childs, Chairperson, Savannah Country Day. She's a third term Youth Commissioner. She will be going to the University of Southern California, where it never rains.

Ms. Shrinidhi Subramaniam, Jenkins High School. She's a third year Youth Commissioner and a second generation Youth Commissioner, and she will be attending Tulane University in Louisiana. And her mama's so excited to get her out the door, she's trying to leave.

Ms. Taqwaa Saleem, Jenkins High School. This is her second year. She's an honor graduate. She earned a diploma with distinction and she will be staying right here and attending Savannah State University.

Ms. Otani Cheley, Savannah Arts Academy. This is her second year. She was an honor graduate and she will be attending Georgia State University.

Mr. Patrick Callahan, Windsor Forest High School. This is his third year on the Commission. He is an honors student and he told me to tell you he is the coolest kid that ever walked the earth, and he will be going to Furman University.

Ms. Leah DiNatale, Savannah Christian, her second year. She's an honor graduate and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She will be attending the University of Georgia.

Ms. Whitney Gusby, Jenkins High School. This is her second on the Youth Commission, and she will be attending Hampton University in Virginia.

Ms. Tamala Baker, Savannah Arts Academy. Her first year and she will be attending Armstrong Atlantic State University. We're keeping her talent here.

Mr. Kyle Garrison, Groves High School. His second year and he will be attending the University of Georgia.

Ms. Alecia Green, Savannah Arts Academy. This is her third year and she will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Mr. John Hawkins, Savannah Christian. This is his second year and he will be attending Mercer University.

Mr. Jonathan Helmken. He is not with us today, but I believe his parents might be. He graduated from St. Andrews and he will be attending Skidmore College.

Ms. Brittney Kohler. She graduated from Calvary Baptist. She is their Salutatorian with high honors, and she will be attending Agnes Scott College.

Ms. Crystal Tyson, Johnson High School. Her third year, and she will be attending Georgia Southern University.

Mr. Johnson said, now during the American Idol competition I saw people screaming and standing and clapping their hands. Let's give them a standing —, a big round of applause for our Chatham County's idols, the 2004 Class of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

Mr. Johnson said, I am pleased to present to you, as they have their seats, the quarterback, as we call her, of the 2003-2004 Chatham County Youth Commission, officially known as Madame Chair, Rebecca Childs.

Ms. Rebecca Childs said, good morning. Amazing, phenomenal, outstanding, extraordinary, sensational, powerful. None of these words alone adequately describe the Chatham County Youth Commission and the impact it's had not only on our community of Chatham County, but it's impact on the nation. When I became a member of this organization nearly three years ago, I had no idea of how drastically it would change my life. I expected that it would help give me the opportunity to have a greater impact on my community and push for positive change, but I had no idea it had the capability of pushing for that same change within me personally. From building my confidence and self-esteem to improving my leadership skills, from teaching me how to perform in impromptu situations to just being a fostering and nurturing environment. This group is so much more than anything I could have dreamed and I owe a large portion of the success I have had and will continue to have from the Chatham County Youth Commission. To the County Commissioners, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, this year in particular. I cannot truly express how good you made us feel every time you stopped in to say hello during one of our meetings or came by to show support for one of our events. We are all grateful for your taking interest in the things we do. I know this interest is lasting, and I speak for the other Youth Commissioners when I say we look forward to your continued presence in the future. To the parents, we would all like to thank you for your commitment and dedication this past year. I know at times it was not always convenient for you to stop what you were doing and take us to one place or another, and sometimes we made it seem as though the Youth Commission was the only important thing in the world. Your love and support has not gone without notice as nothing we do is possible without you. To our amazing founder, Dr. Thomas, our advisor, nothing I could say will do you justice as you have sacrificed so much to ensure our success, not only as an organized body, but also as individuals. To Dr. Thomas, thank you for your vision and for your example of someone who has not forgotten about the youth in our community. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson. What can truly be said about Mr. Johnson? You've taught me so much. Even though at times I didn't want to listen, you have truly been instrumental in my development as a leader, and your sacrifice and dedication not only to me, but to each and every Youth Commissioner, past and present, is unparalleled. To Ms. Allen, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Smalls and Mr. Nichols, each of you has been an irreplaceable component to our success and your efforts will never be forgotten. And last, but certainly not least, to my brothers and sisters, my fellow Youth Commissioners, I don't really know how I'm going to cope next year without Wednesday meetings. You've all meant so much to my life, especially this year. I know at times I may have seemed excessive or tough on you guys, but I can see how each of you has grown and matured because of all the pushing, and I must say that I'm proud. We have been through a lot this year, some things we've never dealt with as a Youth Commission, but we worked together as a family, comforting and supporting one another and we are all stronger because of these trails. Next year, though I may be across the country, I'm only one call away and I will always be there when you need me. For those returning Youth Commissioners, keep raising the bar of excellence and pushing the limits of possibility. Never let anyone tell you something can't be done without challenging that assumption and always remember our slogan, "Why not?" I know you will continue to reach heights which to others are inconceivable. Stay united, stay positive and stay active. Remember that success favors a prepared mind and always know that you are not simply the leaders of tomorrow, but you are indeed the leaders of today. Much love and best wishes always.

Ms. Childs said, we can never forget the extraordinary contribution of our very own Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas. We love you and on behalf of the Class of 2004, we ask you to accept this token of love from us and always remember us that you loved before you ever personally knew us. Thank you. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Ms. Shrinidhi Subramaniam said, in my three years as a Youth Commissioner I along with all of my peers have grown to love our advisor and mentor, Mr. Johnson. We would be remiss if we did not thank him for all he has done for us. Even with his mounting schedule he has always been there for each and every one of us all year long. We love you, Alderman Johnson. And your favorite class, the Class of 2004, would like to present you with a token of our appreciation.

Ms. Taqwaa Saleem said, and certainly we would not be as great as we are without our advisors, and we have a senior advisor who's been Mr. Johnson's right-hand woman, always there doing whatever she had to do for all of us. And so the Class of 2004 thanks Ms. Debra Allen.

Ms. Saleem said, during our service on the Youth Commission it became obvious to us that there is one thing that makes us equal with the President of the United States, the Governor of Georgia, the Chairman of the Chatham County Commission or the Mayor of Savannah and that is the right to vote. In the 2000 Presidential election nearly 18,000,000 young adults age 18 to 30 voted representing nearly 16% of the total actual voters. So we asked about doing a voter registration drive. Why not? So with the assistance of Ms. Sandra Williams and the Voter Registration Office and Ben and Jerry's, we sponsored the Rock the Vote Campaign on May 7, 2004, in 14 public and private high schools in Chatham County. We went to our friends and classmates and asked if they were 17 and a half or older and told them that they had a responsibility to vote. On behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, it is our pleasure to present to Ms. Williams and the Voter Registration Office, 283 completed voter registration forms.

Ms. Williams said, on behalf of the Board of Registrars I would like to thank the Youth Commissioners for helping us get our young citizens registered to vote.

Ms. Shrinidhi Subramaniam said, during our annual visit to the Chatham County Detention Center, we were told that it is a challenge for them to maintain books for the inmates there. We wondered if we could help. Why not? So during the last couple of months we vigorously conducted a book drive to benefit the Chatham County Sheriff's Department collecting books from our respective schools and private donations. It is our pleasure to present to Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and Colonel McArthur Holmes 479 books that were collected by Youth Commissioners during our 2004 Book Drive.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you very much and it's probably coming at the right time. Our occupancy rate is always high in the County Jail. It's a possibility, hopefully not, it will be much higher next week so I'm sure they will come in real handy. We thank y'all very much for what you did.

Mr. Johnson said, we're almost finished, but we certainly wanted to remember the significance of this day. The Beverly M. Whitehead Award is named after the former Chatham County Human Resources Director that passed away in 1998. Beverly [Whitehead] assisted Dr. Thomas in implementing the Youth Commission and was an active supporter of this program. When she left us in 1998, we wanted to make sure that she was immortalized in the history of the Youth Commission so that we could never forget her and so that future generations would know the significance of Beverly Murrell Whitehead to the Chatham County Youth Commission. So each year Youth Commissioners select individuals and/or businesses that have made a significant contribution to empowering youth through the Chatham County Youth Commission. Past winners have included Dr. Priscilla Thomas, Dr. Billy Hair, Mr. Russ Abolt, Pete Nichols, Rody's Music, Jacquelyn Byers of the National Association of Counties, just to name a few. We are pleased to have with us this morning Monica Whitehead, Beverly's youngest daughter, who is currently a freshman at Georgia Southern University.

Ms. Monica Whitehead said, Good morning. First of all, I would like to say that I am truly —, it's truly a pleasure to be here to present this award this year, and my mother adored the youth of Savannah. She loved the work she did with each of them and I know that all of you have made her proud, and it's very wonderful and very comforting to see that her vision and all the dreams that she had for them are being carried out through all of you because you have that same drive and passion for the Youth Commission, and it's wonderful. And I am very honored to present this award today.

Ms. Leah DiNatale said, our first recipient of the Beverly M. Whitehead Award is short in stature but has a big heart. She has been very helpful in assisting the Youth Commission with our last minute requests and with helping us to be imaginative and creative. Her company is a friend of the Chatham County Youth Commission and they are just next door. It gives me pleasure to present the 2004 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Charlain Vertocnik of Savannah Blueprint. George Martin of Savannah Blueprint will accept on behalf of Ms. Vertocnik and the fine people of Savannah Blueprint.

Mr. George Martin said, thank you very much. I'm just amazed at what this youth group has accomplished this year. I want to thank you for this award, thank you Mr. Johnson and I thank the youth too. This is the second time this year, and for only five months in this year, that I've been awarded by Chatham County, and this one is near and dear. The other one was given to me by the Savannah-Chatham County Patrolmen. That one I put away quickly. I'm going to present this to Charlain [Vertocnik]. We thank you.

Ms. Crystal Tyson said, good morning. Our next recipient of the Beverly M. Whitehead award have been friends of the Youth Commission for years. In addition of the many wonderful things they have done for us, they are always there when we need them and even when we don't. It gives me great pleasure to present the 2004 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Barkley's Florist. Ms. Glenda Harper said, thank you.

Ms. Whitney Gusby said, our next recipient of the Beverly M. Whitehead Award is someone that I know very well. She wakes us up early every weekday morning. Whenever the Youth Commission is sponsoring an event, she will make sure to get us on TV to promote it, even if it's 5:30 in the morning. It is my pleasure to present the 2004 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to my mother, WSAV's Kim Gusby.

Ms. Kim Gusby said, on behalf of WSAV I'd like to thank you for presenting us with this award. As a journalist usually I'm not at a loss of words, but I am today. So thank you and I encourage you to continue to do what you do with the youth of Chatham County.

Mr. John Hawkins said, our next recipient of the Beverly M. Whitehead Award is someone that we all know and love. We love him because we know he loves us. He's always talking about us to anyone and everyone that will listen. When we go tot he NACo Conference, he introduces us to everyone from the President of the National Association of Counties to the President of the Georgia Municipal Association. We were so sorry to hear that he will not be with us next year, but we know wherever he is, he'll be talking about the Youth Commission. It is my pleasure to present the 2004 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, wow! I'm almost at a loss for words this morning. Thank you. You know, you all make me very proud each time that you come to the NACo Conference. I'm amazed at your knowledge, your participation, your intensity. You're really great young people. Keep on keeping on and you'll make the world better and one day somebody can sit where I'm sitting and possibly even higher. So, keep on doing what you're doing. I'm going to be here for you. I'll use my influence wherever I am. I've still got a lot of friends across the country. So wherever you are, if you have any problems across the country, just holler.

Mr. Johnson said, and finally insomuch as we are charged to teach our youth about living and dealing with life, sometimes we have to teach them how to deal with death. Such was the case in late January when one of our former Youth Commissioners, Brandon Brown, was killed. This was an enormous shock to all of us, especially since Brandon [Brown] was a frequent visitor to Youth Commission events and he was loved dearly by all of us. While we could not change what happened, we allowed our youth to work through their grief. They sponsored a city-wide tribute to Brandon [Brown], they tended to the needs of Brandon's mother and her family. Mrs. Brown accompanied us on our 2004 trip to Washington, DC, and New York, but the youth still wanted to do more. The Brandon Brown Award will be awarded annually to the Youth Commissioner who demonstrates leadership, attendance, and outstanding citizenship. This recipient is selected by his or her peers. To present the inaugural Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year Award is Brandon's mother, Mrs. Sadie Brown.

Mrs. Sadie Brown said, good morning. You know, as a retired teacher you fuss even though you don't teach anymore, and I have earned some 60-some children from this Youth Commission since the passing of Brandon [Brown]. He told me last night don't look ugly, so I'm not going to cry for you all, I'm not going to cry in front of you. But before I present this I would like to say to you all I am so very proud of you all. So very proud. I followed you all the way, even though you didn't know it, I followed you before Brandon's passing, and I've followed you more because I see so much of you in Brandon and I see so much of Brandon in you. To the parents, you all are to be commended and highly honored to have children such as this. You know, the Youth Commission helped to mold Brandon's life. He did the things that he did because of the people that he came in contact with and today, as I stand here, I see this and it's an honor to present this award to a young lady who has given undying services, all of her all, and I'm sure she's like Brandon was every time the Youth Commission came up he said, "I've got to go." And she has. I'd like to present this award to Tamala Baker. Mala [Baker], I'd like to present to you the first annual Brandon Brown Award, presented to you for your outstanding services to the Youth Commission.

Mrs. Brown said, and on behalf of Brandon [Brown] I'd like to do something else. You know, also Brandon had said to me that Mr. Johnson has been a great influence in his life to the point that he's worried Mr. Johnson continuously, and he's still worrying Mr. Johnson even though Mr. Johnson doesn't tell me this. But, Mr. Johnson, I'd like for you to come forward. On behalf of Brandon [Brown] I would like for the Youth Commissioners to stand. These children are going to make me cry. In memory of Brandon [Brown], I'd like to present to Van Johnson and the Youth Commission in appreciation for your hard work with your Commission and your community, I would like to present this plaque on his behalf.

Mr. Johnson said, they're going to mess around and make me cry. But finally we would like to introduce the young people that will lead the Youth Commission next year. They voted two weeks ago and we decided to keep them on ice until this morning. And the officers are: Chairperson - Ashley Jackson; Vice Chairperson - Lissy Isaacson; Secretary - Catherine Cornelius; Parliamentarian - Alex Salter; and Executive Members - Jhamia Allen, Chantel Flowers and Jameel Syed. Again, thank you so much for your support of this organization. We realize we took a little bit of time, but we totally thought that it was important. We certainly highlight the things the youth are doing bad in this community and we certainly wanted to take the time, I'm sure you understand, to highlight the things the youth are doing right in this community. Again, thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, and finally I'd like to say congratulations to the graduating class and to the incoming executive members and officers of the Chatham County Youth Commission. First of all, let me thank the parents as well as the schools who were represented here this past year. You certainly have been an outstanding supporter of the Youth Commission, and we appreciate that. I also want to thank this Commission, the Chatham County Commission, with whom we have been associated for a number of years now. You have been so supportive of these young people, and I want you to know that I'm asking for your continued support because these young people are not only leaders for tomorrow, they are leading today and they will lead even more if we continue to give them the support that they need. I'm just so happy that God has spared my life to be with them today because I didn't think that I would be able to be here, but I am and I'm very grateful and it was because of the urging of the Youth Commissioners asking me to try very hard to be here with them today. And, lastly, I would like to thank Alderman Johnson, Van Johnson, for being so being so supportive. He's always there in everything and today —, I'm sorry. Mr. Johnson, when we were looking for someone to be the Director of the Youth Commission, I knew when you said yes that you would make a great one. You've done that and more. This Commission this year has certainly raised the bar and it's going to be a challenge for the incoming and continuing Commissioners for next year, and I just ask all of you, not only the Commissioners, but the parents and to this community if I never have the opportunity of speaking to you again, I just want you to always remember that our youth are the most important and cherished possession that we have and they, too, will be our leaders, not only today but in the future. Thank you so much and God bless you.

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2. RECOGNITION OF THE SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN BOY'S GOLF TEAM.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray read the following proclamation into the record:

RECOGNITION OF SCPS GOLF TEAM AS STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the Savannah Christian Preparatory School Golf Team (Boys) through stellar play won the 2004 State Championship in the AAA classification of the Georgia High School Association; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable season represents the school's 6th state championship during the last seven years--a feat that can only be attributed to a tradition of competitive excellence handed down from class to class, the lessons of how to sustain a competitive spirit by the team's coach and a commitment by players to compete at the highest level year-after-year; and

WHEREAS, with its winning tradition, the SCPS Golf Team has not only brought recognition to the school but also recognition to our community as a place where youth golf can rise to such prominence.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby join in acknowledging the Savannah Christian Preparatory School Golf Team (Boys) as the 2004 Georgia AAA High School State Golf Champions and does also recognize the support of the school, the dedication of its players and the pride that the team has brought to its school and community.

FURTHERMORE, the Board authorizes that a *Certificate of Achievement* be provided to team members **Ryan Wilson, Ryan Rogers, Brian Harman, Justin Smith, Chase MacFarland, Wills Smith, Jason Groover and Tyler Ziegler**, and to the Team's coach, **Doyle Kelley**, in remembrance of their special achievement.

ADOPTED: THIS 28th DAY OF MAY, 2004.

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman

Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro-Tem

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, you know, we've recognized our Youth Commission and we've just recognized our championship golf team, and there are many others throughout our community of youth that are doing good things for this community, and I think it's time that we recognize these people as these accomplishments take place because it's already been said we have so many things that take place that are negative with a small percentage of the youth, but the larger percentage is doing these type things throughout the community and we need to let them know that we stand behind them. So, Coach —.

Mr. Doyle Kelley said, on behalf of Savannah Christian Prep School and Savannah Christian's Golf Team, we thank you and, Commissioners, if y'all are ever in a golf scramble and you need three guys, any of these three behind and you're going to be in the chips. Thank you. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you, sir, we appreciate it.

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3. PRESENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL REPORT. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JOHN FINNEY, WILL BE PRESENT.

Mr. John Finney said, I think that most of you should have a copy of our annual report. This particular report is for the Chairperson, who I see is not here this morning, but once again we would like to reiterate the fact that 39 years ago it was the Chatham County Commission along with the City of Savannah and the Board of Public Education that created a new authority in Savannah, and that authority of course is Economic Opportunity Authority. So, in essence, gentlemen, we are not just a human service nonprofit agency, but we are an authority created by both the City and the County and the Board of Public Education. I think the report is self-explanatory. Unfortunately, ladies and gentlemen, we do not receive any funding from the Chatham County Commissioners. We are in desperate need of funds because we're in the process of raising about two million dollars to construct a state of the art childcare/administration building. We have identified the land, we have identified about five or maybe eight hundred thousand dollars so —, we have not received the money, but we are still short of almost a million and a half dollars. So we'd like to see your assistance in any way possible if you know of any funds that might exist. But our primary purpose this morning is to let you know that while we do not receive any funds from the County anymore, that as a private nonprofit agency we really need to make a report to you every year and let you know how the public's tax dollars are spent. Our budget is roughly about ten, almost eleven million dollars and we employ about 240 people. The services in this report are self-explanatory and there are numerous programmatic areas that I could mention. The one that impresses me the most is the fact that since 1998 in our home buyer's education class we have graduated over 1,500 people and they have received a total of about fifteen million plus dollars, and we're talking about an investment that usually cannot be made by any other entity. We're also talking about people who came into our program with bad credit and today over 200 people own their own homes. We think that that's commendable. I don't know where you can get an investment on the dollar of that type. Nonprofit agency serving over 1,500 people and securing over fifteen, almost sixteen million dollars in loans. Our childcare program served over 800 kids in Savannah, Chatham County, and you may be interested in knowing that more recently we did two housing repair projects. One was for a resident of the City, who is 112 years old. She should be 113 some times within the next two months. But we also prepped and completely renovated the house of a County residence on Little Neck Road, and we'll get that information to you. But in the absence of the Chair, we'd like to officially submit this report to you. We look forward to working with you, but we also look forward to greater support coming from the Chatham County Commission.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you. We appreciate you being here and appreciate your report. Mr. Finney said, by the way, this is Mr. Fletcher Woodward, our Fiscal Officer with the agency. If you have any questions about the audit report which is submitted for your perusal, you may call Mr. Woodward or you may call McCorkle & Davis, the accounting firm. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I'll bring my report to Sunday School on Sunday and we'll discuss it, okay. Thank you.

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4. PROCLAMATION FOR REV. BENNIE R. MITCHELL, JR., CELEBRATING HIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AT CONNOR'S TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have another proclamation —, Rev. Mitchell. The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, spiritual leaders play an important role in the success, livability and stability of our community and today we recognize such a leader, Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was called to his first pastorate in 1971 by the Rockhill Baptist Church in Saluda, South Carolina, and in 1974 he was called by the Connor's Temple Baptist Church, where he presently serves as the Undershepherd; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell is the third leader of this Christ-filled establishment, now in its seventy-seventh year of existence, and assumes great responsibility for bringing the congregation to the forefront of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, he is affiliated with numerous Christian organizations, received many awards and has several albums credited to his ministry, including a new release in production.

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

REVEREND BENNIE R. MITCHELL, JR.

for his continued spiritual leadership and guidance in Chatham County and salute him as he celebrates his 30th Anniversary as Pastor of the Connor's Temple Baptist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 28th day of May, 2004.

Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman

ATTEST:

Harris Odell, Jr., Commissioner
District 5

Rev. Mitchell said, much don't get by me at the church, but this kind of got by me. I called Russ [Abolt], and I think I talked to Russ and Russ said, "You're going to be down here anyway, aren't you?" I said, "Yeah, yeah," and we talked to Pat [Monahan] and Pat said, "You've got to be down here, you're getting a resolution tomorrow." So then my secretary came in and told me what was happening, so I do appreciate it. I appreciate them for thinking of me to do that and I appreciate you all for taking the time to honor our 30 years and may God bless and may God continue to keep Chatham County, Savannah, Georgia. Thank you.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chair, while we have the Right Honorable Mitchell here, is it appropriate if I may, because I know that Rev. Mitchell has an item, which is #6, if I were to make a motion to move that item up. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, certainly. County Manager Abolt said, the item is on the Action Calendar, Item X-6.

[NOTE: Item X-6 was taken out of order and was heard at this point on the agenda.]

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, Commissioner Odell has to go to court in just a minute, so —, and that only leaves us with five Commissioners, which is a quorum. So I would hope that if somebody needs to be excused for a minute, we'll just call a short recess.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. HELICOPTER REPAIRS (SEE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT) (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, y'all should have received a staff report on that. As you know, our Mosquito Control helicopter has been grounded and the only way we can get it back in the air is to allocate \$37,452.97. I would think that we need to go ahead and do that so we can get it back in the air as soon as possible, especially this time of the year so I would entertain a motion.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion. Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, that's passed unanimous. County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, how soon before we have it back in the air? County Manager Abolt said, it will be back in the air probably about the 9th of June, 9th of June. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, if we add a couple of thousand more to it can we get it quicker? County Manager Abolt said, we're very fortunate with this bit of a drought, we really are. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it doesn't sound like it's going to last much longer though.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve a \$37,452.97 purchase to repair the Mosquito Control's MD 500E helicopter engine. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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VIII. TABLED/POSTPONED ITEMS

in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).

- * **1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A PLAN AND RELATED AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE S&O CANAL SOCIETY TO USE DESIGNATED 1% SPLOST FROM 1998-2003 FOR AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER. Tabled at meeting of April 16, 2004, for more information. (To allow more time for the audit to be completed, recommend this be kept on the table). Audit report attached 5/28/2004.**

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, do we have a motion to take that off the table? Commissioner Rayno said, motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, all right. It passes.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray read the item into the record. Go ahead.

Commissioner Rayno said, I think there's two issues here that define this particular request. Number one is what was the original intent of the SPLOST vote taken back to this project and then, number two, the accountability of the funds, and the first one I'd like to address is the actual intent of the project from the beginning. I have a copy of the original agreement between the County and the S&O Society and nowhere in the four-page document does it talk about an interpretive center. As a matter of fact, there was a description of the projected budget in what is known as Exhibit A. In Attachment A, I've given you all a copy, in front of you should look just like this on the front, and if you look at that under Project Description, the second paragraph down, and I'll read this paragraph into the record:

The scope of work for this project will include design and construction of the following: a one-half mile bicycle trail from the lake trail to the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal; one and three-quarter miles of unpaved

hiking trails with signage interpreting the park's natural setting, and linking the area's historic canal era, railroad era and Civil War era. The Central Georgia Railway lies along the park's northern boundary, the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal lies along its southern boundary, and evidence of Civil War encampments remain undisturbed within the park. In addition, site amenities will include: safety and directional signage, benches, picnic facilities, bike racks, drinking fountains, and a self-composting restroom building. A new primitive camping area and multi-purpose field will be constructed. Currently, the park contains no site amenities.

Commissioner Rayno said, and at the very bottom of that page it talks about how we actually are leasing the corridor through the City of Savannah and one of the canal easement agreements that we made with the City was that we would develop a historic trail for recreational use. Clearly, if we don't continue with this, it's kind of a violation of our agreement with the City of Savannah to develop this corridor by diverting the funds from our original intent to build an interpretive building somewhere down the road. And the other Attachment A comes from the Department of Transportation, which has a Project Description —, that would be page two of the document I gave to you —, and I'm going to read this into the record: "Phase I of the SOCC from Dean Forest Road west to I-16, approximately 4 miles. This phase will consist of four sections." And for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society section they said they will design and construct trails for biking, walking and horseback riding (approximately 2-1/2 miles); design and construct a wooden bridge to connect the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal to the Tom Triplett Park; design and construct boardwalks, where needed; design and construct site furnishings: signage, benches, tables, bike racks, trash receptacles; design and stabilization of Lock 3. To date, here in 2004, we haven't even started these things. We've not even started and you go to Lock 3 right now and it's overgrown and not done. The other thing that's the intent of this particular project is listed in the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor Master Plan. That would be page three of the document I gave my fellow Commissioners. Phase I, Section Two, Section Four, none of these in there does it talk about an interpretive center for this group building anything like that. This is a whole new idea that these people came up with, which was not with the original intent of the SPLOST vote. I also have, which I'm going to give for the record to the Clerk taking notes today, well over seven e-mails representing various groups around Chatham County asking that we do not appropriate money for an interpretive center. They're very upset that we would even consider that, considering what the voters voted on was a linkage between the Ogeechee Canal and Tom Triplett Center. Nothing's happened yet, but they want to build a new building. It doesn't make sense to put a cart before a horse. An interpretive center for what? The weeds that are growing on the canal? This is what we do in Chatham County. We duplicate services that never make sense. They want to duplicate what they're already doing out on Oatland Island. They want to duplicate what they're already doing at Skidaway Island State Park. They want to duplicate what they're doing out at the Tybee Island Marine Center. Where are they going to get the kids from because the money is dried up on field trips in schools? I know because that's my business. What I got ten years ago from field trips I don't get now, and then when they opened up the Wild Kingdom Center in Brunswick, forget about anybody wanting to go to a small time operation like that in the Ogeechee Canal Society. They're going to go down to Brunswick and see a world-class facility down there that they built with multi-millions of dollars investment. So, this is just a recipe for disaster, and I'd like to make a motion today that we go with alternative number three as identified by staff, which is to continue to use the funds for the trail work and let them move forward on that. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just briefly. I just want to state that I think the S&O Canal Society has done a good job, but I agree with the Commissioner down there that we need to keep with the original intent and provide the trails. That's it.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any other discussion? Commissioner Rivers asked, is anybody here from [inaudible]? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, yes sir. If you would please state your name for the record, sir.

Mr. Graham Daniel said, good morning. My name is Graham Daniel. I am the current canal master and [inaudible] chairman of the board of directors for our organization. I have with me Heather Gordon, who is our executive director. Are we going to questions or do you —? Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, no. I thought you wanted to make some comments, unless somebody up here —. Mr. Daniel said, well, our board of directors decided a good while back on this approach. Now what Mr. Rayno says is a little bit not what we're thinking. We're not trying to compete with the organizations and the facilities that you mentioned. The canal is totally and completely different from anything you mentioned. It is unique, it's one of a kind and we have been building bridges, trails, with no County money for about ten years now, and we have a lot of them, and we will continue to do that. But to compare the value of an interpretive center that will tell everybody that comes and visits us the history of cotton in Chatham County, the history of bricks in Chatham County, the history of indigo in Chatham County, the history of timber in Chatham County, the history of fertilizer in Chatham County, all relating to the canal, is far more beneficial to the County than a few more trails in our judgment.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, anything else?

Ms. Heather Gordon said, oh, a few of the comments were made in relation to the County's master plan that was prepared and we wished to emphasize that we do feel that the interpretive center is in line with that as the master plan does call for us to serve as a trail head and for the County to work with the canal society in providing further interpretation and providing resources to community as they're on those trails, as designated in the County —, in the master plan. We do certainly support all of the actions on this master plan and feel that this is an important element of that and look forward to using also the County's transportation [inaudible] funding was provided previously for the work on the locks and trails.

Commissioner Rayno asked, isn't it true that even if you got the funding today you would not have enough money to build the facility? Ms. Gordon said, the funding that is requested through the SPLOST funds is a major portion of

getting that project started. No, we don't feel it would complete the project. We do feel it is an instrumental part of allowing us to seek grants, which we have already begun with the assumption that this would be —, would be available to us. It also gives us a place to go to the community and get that further support that we need. And we are beginning those processes now. Commissioner Rayno asked, well, how would you complete the trail project you haven't even started? Ms. Gordon said, the trail projects in large part come under the County's master plan and I think there's some confusion on wherein lies the canal society's ability to assist the County in that, and we certainly are going to help in any way because our concern is helping to [inaudible] the canal as a whole, but there is —, there has to be some delineation between what the County is doing and what we're doing and there has to be some cooperation there. At this point we have not had access to any funds for anything, so it has been held up. I would also point out that in the phases that you spoke of that call for lock restorations for [inaudible] and the trails with those, the master plan does also state that there should have been plenty of funding within the Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding for that project to be completed. I mean, that is not a project that falls under us. My understanding is that falls under the Parks and Rec. I'm not sure.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, do we have —?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd just like to add that you —, before when you were up here trying to gain access through actually cut people's right-of-way off to get into their own homes and all on Bush Road, when you cut a proposal out there for a few bridges going over where people would have to buy their neighbor's front yard to get to their house and all, I think this Commission overrode that, but you had all of the bicycle people out there behind you pushing to get this thing done. Group after group, they were actually the most vocal group supporting the entire project. Y'all had them fighting for you, and once I guess you got or didn't get exactly what you wanted, you've turned on the very friends that were the ones fighting for you. And, you know, it —, I would just try to remember as a society whose been your friend in the past and I still think us sitting up here voting to give money for something you originally requested anyway, that's not a bad thing. I mean, you know, I would appreciate it if I was this group. If not, you know, I wouldn't vote to do a thing if it wasn't for all the bicycle, you know, people. They want to ride the trails. But, you know, I would just remember who my friends are and not turn on them after they've tried to help you in the past. So, I call for the question. Oh, I'm sorry, Joe [Rivers], go ahead. I'll withdraw that.

Commissioner Rivers said, that's all right. I was trying to kind of delay this thing. It seems to me there's a lot of misunderstanding here on what the money was originally for, where'd they want to go. Do we have a big picture of what we want the canal to be? Commissioner Rayno said, it's called the master plan. Commissioner Rivers said, early on I kind of followed it and it got kind of out of the way with me after we went through that big fiasco, but somewhere along the line I think we need to coordinate our efforts to work closer with the people who have volunteered to try to do something to improve the canal from its inception, and it's mostly been done with volunteers. Hopefully somewhere along the line we can get together. I would wish that we would delay just dedicating the money. I don't think it will hurt anything, but let's see can we get together —. Why don't you get together with your Commissioner of that area, sit down with him, y'all go over the master plan and get with Mr. Rayno and try to come to some understanding of what you're trying to do and where you want to go. I like the interpretation thing that you're talking about. I think that —, that's sort of vital, but that's only me. But I think when you talk about indigo and you talk about the various things, the timber and all of the things that the canal meant to this community, I think there's a lot of things that we need to know about it and education is the key. So I would ask my fellow Commissioners to sort of delay to allow y'all to sit down and discuss it.

Mr. Daniel said, Mr. Rivers, we would be happy to comply with your suggestion. Commissioner Rivers said, okay.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, there's several other options out there, I believe, and I certainly can't speak for the next Commission because there are only two people up here now that are truly going to be back for the next Commission. The others of us don't know yet, but you could go ahead and utilize this funding for what it was originally designated for and then when we hold another SPLOST referendum add that money on there. There's no guarantee that this will pass and there's no guarantee that it would be approved to go on there, but it's another option to look at to build this center, and then you would have the full amount of money if it's approved to do that center without the rest of it, and that's going to be taken care of probably in the next four and a half years when we have another referendum.

Mr. Pat Monahan said, if I may, I just —. Part of the difficulty in understanding this project, it actually represents three different projects that comprehensively represent the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal. The County, subsequent to the 1998 referendum, the County received \$800,000 in State and Federal grants in matching funds for this project. Most of that's gone for the master plan and the design, but there's still approximately \$350,000 that's been designated specifically for lock reconstruction and the trail. So just because the S&O Canal Society doesn't get this money doesn't mean that those projects are going away. We're still making progress on those. Unfortunately, the same master planner that did the master plan for the Ogeechee Canal is also doing Tom Triplett, and the Commission's emphasis over the past few months has been let's get the trailhead completed at the Tom Triplett before we look at the other end of the canal. So work is continuing to progress. If you take a look at this project, it's approximately \$1.6 million in total available funds of which \$800,000 is the money that the —, that's in the 1998 SPLOST and the balance into the Transportation Enhancement grants. But regardless of this request, I don't want anyone to think that the trail and the lock construction is not going to continue. Those will continue.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, basically the entire project is out in my district and I think what you suggested is absolutely wonderful. This —, doing what you said keeps with what the voters voted on originally with completing that trail and in the future because, you know, I don't —, I didn't agree with my fellow Commissioner down there. I don't think you're competing with all the others, and I appreciate everything, you know, and he appreciates everything you do also, but, you know, I would support that in the future SPLOST to do that, but, you know, when we tell voters out there we're going to do something

and we let them vote on it, it's just bad policy in my thinking to go ahead and manipulate the money into areas, you know, it's not good for future SPLOST referendums. So with that said, I call for the question.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a call for the question. Vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion is passed.

Commissioner Rivers said, one other thing on this. I would concur in that you get with the Commissioner of the Seventh, get with the Commissioner of the First, and sit down and try to get them to help to see your focus, your vision of what you've got there. Mr. Daniel said, we certainly will.

Commissioner Rayno said, Mr. Chairman, I still have the second issue that I wanted to deal with as to how the money was spent that's already been spent. That was part of our internal audit that we had done. And I had received a letter from Nancy Read, as the former Canal Master, and I'd just like to read this into the record. I'll give it to the Clerk afterwards:

JERRY AND I MET TODAY WHILE WE WERE CHECKING ON THE PROGRESS AT LOCK 3 LOCATED IN TRIPLETT PARK, WHEN JERRY SHARED THE SO-CALLED AUDIT, IT APPEARED TO BE MORE OF A LEDGER, AND THERE ARE SO MANY PAYMENTS FOR SIGNAGE AND ADMINISTRATION THAT IT BOGGLES THE MIND. I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT ISSUE CHECKS WITH SO LITTLE, AND SUCH VAGUE EXPLANATION TO SUPPORT IT. BASICALLY THE BULK OF \$'S SPENT TOWARDS PHASE I & II OF THE CANAL (ITEM #2267), MEANS NOTHING TO US.

Commissioner Rayno said, and the total of that is \$99,195.12 and the listing comes under Survey, Signs and Administration. I will remind everyone there was really no money set aside for administration in the original agreements that were Attachment A.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I GAVE TO JERRY WILLIAMSON AN EMAIL LOG OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTY, JO HIXSON, AND THE CANAL SOCIETY. JO HIXSON CLAIMS IN AGENDA ITEM VIII-1 OF 4/30/04 THAT SHE EMAILED ME THE TEXT OF INTERPRETIVE SIGNS FOR THEIR REVIEW. IF YOU CHECK MY EMAIL LOG THE DATE SHE SENT THEM TO ME AND ENTITLED IT FINAL INTERPRETIVE TEXT SIGN WAS ON FRIDAY NOV. 22, 2002. I RESPONDED WITH MANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE INACCURACY OF THE TEXT SHE HAD SUBMITTED; AND AFTER I MET WITH THE S/O BOARD OFFERED EVEN MORE COMMENTARY REGARDING THE VERACITY OF THE TEXT SHE HAD SUBMITTED. NO ANSWER WAS RECEIVED FROM JO HIXSON. THE CANAL SOCIETY HAS NEVER SEEN THE FINAL REVISIONS OF THE TEXT FOR THESE 16 MARKERS. I CHECKED WITH OUR CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM HEATHER GORDON, AND SHE RELAYED TO ME THAT SHE HAD CHECKED ON THE SIGNS AND CONTENTS OF SAME RECENTLY, AND WAS TOLD THE SIGNS ARE DONE, JUST NOT INSTALLED.

Commissioner Rayno said, also:

The following is an excerpt from the Pooler City Council minutes of March 1, 2004: Resolution to adopt the Coastal Georgia Greenway Through-Corridor Route

Mayor Carter presented this resolution, stating that this item and the following two (2) resolutions all pertain to each other. Councilman Seay made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lamb, to approve. Discussion followed wherein Ms. Jo Hickson, consultant on this project, presented information on this corridor which lies within the City of Pooler along the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal, stating that it will provide an economic benefit for all communities involved. Ms. Hickson requested the Council to adopt this resolution and also to create a regional development authority to oversee the implementation of this project to be funded by special tags. **Mayor Carter questioned if the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society was in agreement with this request, which Ms. Hickson replied that they were. I was taken aback by this statement, as never in my tenure as Canalmaster or Past Canalmaster had the S/O Canal Society ever discussed this, much less given Ms. Hixson our support.** As my tenure ended in Feb. 2004, I quickly verified with Heather Gordon, Director of S/O Canal Museum, if by the remotest chance this had been discussed at the Feb. 24, 2004 board meeting. She assured me that it had NOT been discussed; nor had Jo Hixson even requested the society's backing and support for this resolution.

So far all I can see regarding the development of the S/O Master Plan, is mounds of design paperwork, NO DEVELOPMENT OR INSTALLATION, of a project which was to have been completed June 2003. I also see a lot of money sent for administrative and signage items which are clearly not delineated. Both Jerry and I agree that what we received is a ledger, not an authentic audit with thorough explanation, item by item.

Commissioner Rayno said, I happen to agree with that. One of the issues I have is, and I've provided this to staff, is some of these documents that were put up as presentations had inaccurate information on them. For instance, this one here showing Lock #6, the brick check dam doesn't even exist and it's on the document. We're hanging it up proudly here in the hallways of Chatham County. Also, the wood miter [inaudible] on Lock 5 doesn't exist. We're still hanging it up on the wall even though it's historically inaccurate, and I pointed it out to staff. Lock 3, the towpath and the hill path are completely reversed on the document and we're hanging it on the walls here. Grey's Lock, Lock #2, is not really Grey's Lock. It's [Inaudible] Stiles Lock. That's inaccurate information. We paid our consultant to be

accurate. We paid her close to half a million dollars to be accurate and we've five here that are not and they're hanging on the wall right now. Where's the signs? We spent lots of money on signs. Mr. Daniel asked, are you referring to the 16 signs that [inaudible]? Commissioner Rayno said, yes. Ms. Gordon said, that is not a Canal Society project, per se. I understand that County funds were used for that and partially from the SPLOST funding. My only reference there is to your consultant, Jo Hickson, who I spoke with and she said the signs exist. No signs are hanging down there and she was notified by the Society, it's my understanding, before they were finalized that they were inaccurate. But that is not a project associated directly with us at this point in time. We do support your work out there, but that is County money and County work that's being done.

Commissioner Rayno asked, Russ [Abolt], why are the signs hanging if they're inaccurate? County Manager Abolt asked, are the signs you're referring on the trail, sir? Commissioner Rayno said, the ones I just talked about here. County Manager Abolt said, the items down on the —, you'll recall that was presented to the Board many weeks ago by Ms. Hickson and staff with the idea, obviously, that staff not being the experts, but they were [inaudible], that they were in fact historically correct so we just mounted them down on the wall. Commissioner Rayno said, like two and three weeks ago I told you they were inaccurate. Are they still hanging there? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, I believe they are. Mr. Daniel said, Mr. Rayno, several weeks ago —, several months ago my predecessor, Mr. Levy, had a meeting at which Ms. Hickson was present and she informed him that she had no responsibility to coordinate anything with our canal. Now, why she thinks like that I don't know. Commissioner Rayno asked, why would we pay someone half a million dollars if she would have that kind of an attitude with the people she's supposed to be working with? Mr. Daniel said, that's certainly our question as well. Commissioner Rayno asked, Mr. Monahan, can you answer that question? Mr. Monahan said, I cannot answer that specific question. We have discussed with the consultants some of our issues with her coordination with the Canal Society and have encouraged her to do so. I think I became involved in this project to serve as an intermediary between the Canal Society and the consultant to make sure that coordination went on. Now as far as the factual corrections of those drawings, we are addressing that with the consultant now. As I said, because of other issues involving both the Triplett Park and the Runaway Point, which this Board has made a higher priority than the other issue, the Canal, she has just been delayed in getting those corrections made. Commissioner Rayno asked, so why are the signs still hanging on the wall if they're inaccurate? Mr. Monahan said, as you pointed out, there are four or five inaccuracies, but in general they're correct and she will get those corrected and the new ones will go up with the corrections. Commissioner Rayno asked, where are these signs that she says are made that —? Mr. Monahan said, oh, excuse me. I thought you meant the displays down at the —. Commissioner Rayno said, oh, I did mean the displays. I'm moving on. Mr. Monahan said, it's hard to keep up sometimes.

Commissioner Rayno asked, where are the signs that she's made that she's charged us \$60,000 for? Mr. Monahan said, I have not been to the Canal in some time. I'm not the Project Administrator for it, but we will verify where those signs are. I believe they're probably in production still. I don't —, I don't think they're done and have been erected. Commissioner Rayno said, she's informed staff that they're done, didn't she? Mr. Monahan asked, which staff? Now unless she informed —. Commissioner Rayno said, the two people standing right next to you [indicating Mr. Daniel and Ms. Gordon]. Mr. Monahan said, that's not staff for the County. That's —, the Project Administrator would be Robert Drewry, which he has assigned to Al Lipsey. Commissioner Rayno said, but she has told these two people standing next to you that these signs are done. Now, I want to know where they are. Mr. Monahan said, well, that's my question. I think they probably are in production, but I can't tell you where they've been installed. I'll find that out. Commissioner Rayno asked, well, why would she say they're done, and just not installed? She's billed us for them already. Mr. Monahan said, they're —, well, that's not unusual though. She subcontracts that out with a sign company. I'm sure the sign company wants the payment up front before it spends that kind of money developing signs. Commissioner Rayno asked, can I see the signs on Tuesday? Mr. Monahan said, I can tell you where —, I can tell you where they are. She is out of town so unfortunately she couldn't be here. County Manager Abolt said, we wanted to afford her the opportunity to be at this meeting and she could not be here. Commissioner Rayno asked, so I'd be able to see the signs on Tuesday? Mr. Monahan said, I can tell you where they are on Tuesday. Commissioner Rayno said, okay, and then I can go see them. Mr. Monahan said, if they're in production, then if you want to go —.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, if you want to make a recommendation that maybe we hold off on this until the next meeting so she can be here and then we can ask her the questions direction, and then in the meantime maybe Pat [Monahan] can get some of that information back to you. Mr. Monahan said, and that's what I plan to do. We will try to contact her first thing Tuesday morning when she's expected to return to Savannah and find out the information and get it into your package for you. County Manager Abolt said, I strongly encourage that. The accountability is obvious here. Rather than staff trying to interpret what we think happened or whatever, I think the consultant has the responsibility —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, can we have her at our next meeting then? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, if you wish. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, is that acceptable? Commissioner Rayno said, yeah, that's fine, but I do plan on trying to see the signs or where the production is on Tuesday since we've already paid for them. Mr. Monahan said, okay. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay.

Commissioner Rivers said, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt asked, sir? Commissioner Rivers said, I have a big problem with all the things that's coming back in reference to Jo Hickson and Associates. I mean, the bungling of Runaway Point, the inefficiency —. Who tracks her projects? Who is supposed to make sure she's accountable for all of the things? That she's on time with whatever she's supposed to be doing? You know, I —. County Manager Abolt said, there was, as you know, the shift when we consolidated departments and, in effect, we gave to Mr. Drewry and Mr. Lipsey that responsibility. Mr. Bungard has also been actively involved in measuring the quality of her work. Not to be other than specific, you'll recall that she was one of the proposers on Tom Triplett, the next phase, and she did not receive that proposal. Taking into consideration many of the things you've already alluded to that staff is most aware of, the problems we've had already in the first phase of Triplett Park and others. It was obviously our professional evaluation that she did not measure standards of the selected contractor. Commissioner Rivers said, well, I would hope that we would bring her to task —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, — for whatever she has in this County —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, — as quick as

she possibly can and, hey, I'm very dismayed on some things that she has done. County Manager Abolt said, staff does agree with you. At the last meeting I happened to see Ms. Hickson in the hallway and she was visibly upset and wanted an opportunity to express her concerns. That opportunity was afforded today. She could not be here. I feel it's only appropriate for you to afford her that time.

Commissioner Rayno said, my other question is in the internal audit there was \$7,000 that was out of that particular account they said that shouldn't have come out of that account. Can anybody tell me where that \$7,000 went to that was inappropriate? That's not a question for you two, it's for our staff. County Manager Abolt said, we have Mr. White available.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, do we have any more questions for these folks [indicating Mr. Daniel and Ms. Gordon]? Commissioner Rayno said, no. Thank you so much. Mr. Daniel said, thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. White is available. Mr. Monahan said, he is probably walking into the room as we speak. He's in another room watching the proceedings on television, but he can answer that question. I've got a feeling it was probably —, there's, as you know, the S&O Canal project and the Tom Triplett project are so closely aligned, it was a probably as a result of that, but I think he can address it.

Mr. Reese White asked, the question again please? Commissioner Rayno said, it was where the \$7,000 you said was not appropriated properly out of that account. Mr. White said, it was simply recorded against the wrong project. We think it should have been —, it looks like a greenway project, and it was simply recorded, as I said, against the wrong project ledger, and we've informed Finance and they're going to journal this out. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. So they're not using a standardized method of accounting when she's billing the County? Is that why part of that came about? I mean, how would she appropriate it wrong? Wouldn't there be separate books? Mr. Monahan said, there would be separate accounts. But, as I said, in addition to the complexity of the relationship between the S&O Canal and Triplett, there's also the complexity of the greenway trail. So I think what Mr. White was saying is that was probably charged to the greenway account, which is also mixed in with the S&O Canal. Mr. White said, it should have been charged to greenway. Commissioner Rayno asked, is this greenway account any way associated with her husband, who's associated with the greenway? Mr. Monahan said, no, no, no. No, that's —. Mr. White said, I don't know anything about that. Commissioner Rayno asked, well, could you check and see. Mr. White said, sure. County Manager Abolt said, no, no. Mr. Monahan said, it's probably just a charge against the greenspace fund. County Manager Abolt said, yeah, the —. Mr., Monahan said, because the greenspace —. Mr. White said, all they did was record it on the wrong —. Mr. Monahan said, yeah. Mr. White said, — in the wrong account. Mr. Monahan said, yeah, because the greenspace funds provided the matching funds for the S&O Canal projects because those were done —, anyway. Commissioner Rayno asked, will you give me a hard copy? Mr. Monahan said, we'll verify that. Mr. White said, sure. Commissioner Rayno said, thanks. Okay, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Rayno moved to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]
2. Commissioner Rayno moved to continue with plans to use \$832,797 for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal for lock restoration or trail construction and take no action on a proposed plan for use of 1998-2003 SPLOST funds for an Interpretive Center. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]
3. Commissioner Rivers requested that Ms. Jo Hickson be brought to task regarding her actions on County projects. County Manager Abolt stated that she would be afforded the opportunity to appear at the next meeting to express her concerns.

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2. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY THROUGH-CORRIDOR ROUTE THAT LIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. [ALL DISTRICTS.] Tabled at meeting of April 16, 2004. (See memo of the 6th of May responding to additional questions on this matter). At meeting of May 14, 2004, item was tabled to the first meeting in July.**

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, Item 2 stays tabled.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled and placed before the Commissioners for consideration.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENTERPRISE FUND TO RECOGNIZE \$27,324 IN REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND APPROPRIATE \$27,324 FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT; AND A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$29,500 AS A CASH MATCH FOR A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Rayno said, motion for approval. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, that passes unanimous.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve the following: An amendment to the Child Support Enterprise Fund to recognize \$27,324 in revenue from the State of Georgia and appropriate \$27,324 for vehicle replacement; and a Special Service District contingency transfer of \$29,500 as a cash match for a grant application from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: May 28, 2004

DATE: May 21, 2004
TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of an amendment to the Child Support Enforcement Fund to recognize \$27,324 in revenue from the State of Georgia and appropriate \$27,324 for vehicle replacement; and a Special Service District contingency transfer of \$29,500 as a cash match for a grant application from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The Child Support Enforcement Director has received approval from the State of Georgia for a budget amendment in the amount of \$27,324 for vehicle replacement. An amendment to the Child Support Enforcement Fund is requested. Copies of correspondence are attached.
- 2) The Chief of Police has requested approval of a grant application that requires a cash match. A transfer of \$29,500 from Special Service District contingency is requested. A copy of a staff report is attached.

FUNDING:

The budget resolution creates the necessary funding in the Child Support Enforcement Fund. Funds are available in the Special Service District Special Revenue fund for the transfer.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the following:

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND

A budget amendment to recognize \$27,324 in revenue from the State of Georgia and appropriate \$27,324 for vehicle replacement.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A contingency transfer of \$29,500 as a cash match for a grant application from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

- 2) Amend or deny the requests.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE A PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM GRANTEE-SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR A GRANT OF \$674,475 TO ACQUIRE PROPERTIES FOR THE WESTLAKE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, APPROVE \$224,825 AS THE 25% LOCAL MATCHING SHARE, DESIGNATE THE COUNTY ENGINEER AS THE SUBGRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ENGINEER, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GRANT.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, this is one that I would hope that Commissioner Odell would be present. He obviously cannot be, he's in court. This is one he'd been most concerned about and has led the way, but it truly is an innovative way of looking at how you can solve drainage problems. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to authorize a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant of \$674,475 to acquire properties for the Westlake Drainage Improvement Project, approve \$224,825 as the 25% local matching share, designate the County Engineer as the Subgrantee's authorized representative, and authorize the Chairman, County Engineer, County Clerk and County Attorney to execute the required documents in the management of the grant. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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3. SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITIES FIRE PROTECTION, INC., PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAX EXEMPT FINANCING.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we would have to open this as a public hearing.

Ms. Melanie Marks said, good morning. Melanie Marks on behalf of Southside Fire Department —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, yes. Ms. Marks said, — and this is a TEFRA hearing. Southside is a volunteer fire department which qualifies for tax exempt status under the IRS Code and the only requirement is that we have a public hearing. This is not pledged by the County at all —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, yeah. Ms. Marks said, — just by revenues in Southside.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you, and this is open as a public hearing now. I don't see anyone wishing to speak other than yourself. Ms. Marks said, I'm here to answer questions. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay. We'll close the public hearing and then take a vote. County Attorney Hart said, the motion is to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, motion and a second. Any discussion? Vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it passes unanimous. Thank you.

Ms. Marks said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to adopt a resolution for tax exempt financing for Southside Communities Fire Protection, Inc. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

WHEREAS: The Southside Communities Fire Protection, Inc. ("SCFP") has previously determined to undertake a project for the Construction of a New Fire Station, and the Treasurer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

WHEREAS: A motion was made to adopt this resolution and properly seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The SCFP hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Bank and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated April 21, 2004. The amount financed shall not exceed \$850,000.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 3.53%, and the financing term shall not exceed fifteen (15) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the SCFP are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and a Deed of Trust and Projected Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.
3. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by the SCFP officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Treasurer shall approve, with the Treasurer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The SCFP shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which will cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The SCFP hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).
5. All prior actions of SCFP offers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
6. It is hereby agreed and unanimously approved by Southside Fire Department that the President, Thomas D. Andrews, Vice-President, Thomas R. White, and/or Chief Wesley Meadows, each of which may execute any and all documents pertaining to the financing of this transaction and shall have all legal authority to execute those documents on behalf of Southside Fire Department

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Clerk/Secretary

Chairman/President

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAVANNAH ULTIMATE NETWORK FOR A DISC GOLF COURSE AT TOM TRIPLETT PARK.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to approve. This is a great thing for all Chatham County and will bring a lot of business to the area as well as increase attendance in the park out there and we're well on our way to having a nice park thanks to this group —. Commissioner Rayno said, we've lot a quorum.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we've lot a quorum. We'll have to wait to vote until we get it back. Commissioner Kicklighter said, you'll get to speak in a second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, but you can go ahead and discuss it, if you like.

Mr. Ed Pulkinen said, I just wanted to give the Commissioners an update and let you know where we are on this project and what our plans for the project are. My name is Ed Pulkinen. That last name is spelled P-U-L-K-I-N-E-N. I've given each one of you a diagram showing the course. We do have Holes 1 through 5 completed in sequence. Hole 6 is

actually going to be Hole 7 and the area that is labeled "A" will have 6 coming through that and 15 coming back through, coming back the other way for the back loop, and we also have 16, 17 and 18 completed. We've done this all through volunteer effort. No funds whatsoever with the Commission. I do have two areas that are labeled there "A" and "B". In Area "A" that is some thick underbrush. As a matter of fact, I dehydrated myself out there a couple of weeks ago trying to do some work cause there's not enough water out there for us. We can't carry enough out to work in this heat. And right now there is a bank mower that is working on that area out there. I asked Mr. Drewry and Mr. Lipsey if he would consider just helping us out the initial part just mowing some of that brush that's right there in that —, it's about a 20 by 20 area and it's just —, it's backbreaking for our volunteers. If that's a possibility, that's great. It's not contractually agreed upon in anything that we have. Area "B", I'm just noting that because that is an area that Mr. Lipsey has recognized as a normal maintenance area and it's just kind like a meadow that's grown up. Other than that, I did want to let you know that we are going to be naming that disc course itself Triplett Disc Golf Course to keep in coordination with everything else that's name out there as far as the streets and the signage that goes on around the park so people can easily find it when we put information on the website. And we will be scheduling a ribbon cutting some time in June. We've got the designers, they're coming back down to finish up the last five holes that we're going to be putting in. Once they do that, we can sink the baskets and we'll have everything done. We're thinking in about 15 or days we'll have it all completed. I would like to come back and invite each of you and any of our recreation directors to be able to come out there for the ribbon cutting and maybe play a round with us. We'll set you up with someone that's a ringer.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, how to do you play disc golf? Mr. Pulkinen said, it's basically the same thing as ball golf except you're throwing a disc. You don't have any clubs. You're throwing a disc and if you go out to Tom Triplett you'll see —, the one that's most visible that you'll see is 18 and you'll see the basket when you turn down to go down the road that loops around the lake. Basically the basket as a chain basket and when the disc hits those chains, it falls down into the basket and you're in the hole. So as many strokes as it takes you to be able to do that from the tee pad. We also are working with the folks from at Innova [phonetic] Disc Golf, who have donated the baskets to our organization, to set up a special disc golf event in January or February of 2005. So that's just some of the updates about what's going on.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, Ed [Pulkinen], where can the public go to —, is it a special disc that you'll have to purchase, or where are those type things also? Mr. Pulkinen said, 412-DISC, that's my number. Actually, we'll have that information up there —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, put it on your website. Right? Mr. Pulkinen said, right, it will be on the website and also be —, a lot of the information up on some signage up there. We haven't put any of the designations where the tee pads are because we don't necessarily want the public going out there until we have it completely groomed and it's safe for them to be able to participate on it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Mr. Pulkinen said, then we'll have directions and maps out there so they can go out there and little score cards so they can keep their score, et cetera..

Chairman Pro Tem Murray recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, just for the benefit —, and while we wait for the fifth person to vote, but I want to let y'all know and those at home, Mr. Pulkinen and his group are a joy to work with. From the time that Commissioner Kicklighter introduced him to us and Mr. Lipsey and Mr. Drewry responded, it's been cooperation, and this has been the hallmark of County recreation now for a number of years, During the time of Mr. Golden, we always had some way of attracting those who wished to do unique things to keep us very contemporary, and Mr. Pulkinen and his staff are the latest generation of those people showing interest.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I want to thank —, I admire you for attempting his last name. I hope you don't mind me calling you Ed there. Mr. Pulkinen said, no, that's what most people call me. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I want to thank you. I mean, I talked with Ed [Pulkinen] probably three years ago at Savannah Christian. Our children went to school there together, and he told me what he wanted to do and all, and he's one of the —, it's kind of rare that people actually work as hard as he worked to make something like this happen, and I think —, I mean, I'm really impressed and I appreciate what you've done. Mr. Pulkinen said, well, this is a fine organization behind me. It's not just me. Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, we appreciate you very much.

Commissioner Rayno said, he cornered me at Savannah Christian too. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I remember that.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, well, since I don't have any in school anymore, he didn't corner me. Mr. Pulkinen said, I would have gotten around to it. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I'm sure. Did you have any other comments? Mr. Pulkinen said, that's it. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any questions?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, at this point I'll make a motion to approve. Commissioner Rayno said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay. Thank you. Mr. Pulkinen said, thank you, gentlemen.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an agreement with the Savannah Ultimate Network for a disc golf course at Tom Triplett Park.. Commissioner Rayno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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5. RUNAWAY POINT PARK ISSUES.

County Manager Abolt said, I believe you're going to table it, aren't you? Commissioner Kicklighter said, make a motion —. Commissioner Rayno said, well, Mr. Monahan said, we don't want to delay the ground breaking and if we —. County Manager Abolt said, yes. If you would imply in your tabling that you're not delaying the action later on in the Purchasing report nor the ground breaking, which I think will accomplish what you wish, we're okay with that. Commissioner Rayno said, as stated so moved. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, that is tabled.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to table this item with the understanding that it will neither delay the action on Item X-14-H on this agenda nor will it delay the ground breaking of Runaway Point Park. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOOMINGDALE REGARDING ANNEXATION. (NOTE: Awaiting correspondence from Bloomingdale's attorney.)

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to note that the intergovernmental agreement is not in our packet. I don't think that any of us actually have an intergovernmental agreement in their packet. At this point I want to go ahead and pass our version to, I guess, safeguard Bloomingdale if they choose to annex this road and this bridge. The resolution or the intergovernmental agreement that I'm asking you to pass should state that we would give Bloomingdale up to \$3,000 to fix the bridge on Osteen Road provided that Bloomingdale would annex the entire road on Osteen and —, let's see here —, providing also there needs to be something in the intergovernmental agreement providing that the bridge would not —, the cost would not exceed the \$40,000, but I don't want this to be a dead end for Bloomingdale also, so there needs to be something in the intergovernmental agreement that says if the price exceeds they could request assistance. County Attorney Hart said, I don't necessarily think the agreement has to have that in it. I mean, if they want to bring a matter before the Commission, the Commission has the discretion whether they want to hear it. The way the agreement's written now is it's just got a not to exceed figure in there —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. County Attorney Hart said, — you know, if you want to document the record that —, leave the door open that —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, in —, somehow in my motion I want it to be known that should the price come back when they get an estimate of a hundred thousand dollars, they can come back and talk because that's not —, that wouldn't be fair to them at that point, so that it's not a dead-end deal that here's \$40,000 no matter what the cost is. So, you know —.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, if I'm not mistaken though, the letter that we got a copy of that the County Attorney sent to their attorney stated that it would not exceed the \$40,000, and that's what we need to move forward on. Now, to put what you've got in there, and I guess it would have to rely on the County Attorney, we would have to change the whole proposal. Well, we don't even have a proposal in here today is what I'm saying. County Manager Abolt said, may I suggest that you draw the line. Obviously, and this Commission has never denied anybody the opportunity to attend —, what I'm fearful of trying to put in words what you're explaining might create further problems to the extent they feel they've got a blank check. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. County Manager Abolt said, I'd much rather say it's no more than \$40,000 period and then obviously if there's a problem, they have the right to come before you. Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right, that's good.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, so is that a motion? Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, yeah, I'll amend my motion to —. County Attorney Hart said, to adopt the intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — just basically on the intergovernmental agreement for the price not to exceed \$40,000 to fix the bridge. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, it passed unanimous.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bloomingdale regarding annexation of Osteen Road and the provision that the amount to fix the bridge will not exceed \$40,000. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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7. TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 THIRD QUARTER REPORT DATED MARCH 31, 2004, REFLECTING THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS COUNTY FUNDS.

County Manager Abolt said, this is for information, gentlemen. It obviously was used as the basis for the draft proposal you have as far as the budget spending plan for next fiscal year. Ms. Cramer is available to answer any specific questions that might be still there.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, does anyone have any questions for Ms. Cramer? You got off easy today. Did you want to make some comments?

Ms. Linda Cramer said, I did want to make a couple of comments. A lot of what you see in the third quarter report we've been communicating with you individually in the budget session, so some of the trends that we see you've already heard about. I think the real wild card we have right now, of course, is going to be G-8 and how that will impact us here at year end. So we're working hard on that and trying to determine how we're going to wrap that up and maybe come back at the end of June with more information on it.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was received as information and no action was required.

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8. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO GIVE STAFF DIRECTION CONCERNING REQUIRED PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS AND HEARINGS RELATED TO MILLAGE ADOPTION IN THE EVENT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD NOT ROLL BACK MILLAGE AND/OR INCREASE TAXES.

County Manager Abolt said, gentlemen, this is a tad unusual because we're working around one meeting in the month of June. Ms. Cramer did attach to her staff report a calendar of key events to set newspaper ads in place for these ads. We're asking you to take a leap of faith that you're generally in sync with the idea of once the rollback millage is determined, not to roll it back and at least set the hearings to put yourself in a position to take action, and we would suggest you follow this somewhat nontraditional course. What that would mean, by a week from today we would review with the Chairman, you know, the information we would have, but you would be allowing him then to give staff direction on your behest to begin advertising in the paper that you would have those three hearings. It doesn't commit you to anything other than because we will only have one meeting in June, we want to keep you in sync with your plan to adopt the budget, adopt the millage fund the 9th of July.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, motion and second. Any other discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, approved unanimous.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to give staff direction concerning required public advertisements and hearings related to millage adoption in the event the Commission considers alternatives that would not roll back millage and/or increase taxes. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

Time line for public hearings and meetings

June 11	Ad sent to newspaper for budget adoption
June 14	Ad sent to newspaper for 1 st and 2 nd public hearings on millage adoption
June 17	Ad for budget adoption appears in newspaper Ad for 2004 Tax Digest and Five year History sent to newspaper
June 22	Ad for 1 st and 2 nd public hearings on millage adoption
June 24	Ad to newspaper for 3 rd public hearing on millage adoption Ad for 2004 Tax Digest and Five year History appears in newspaper
June 25	Public hearing on budget at regular commission meeting 2004 Tax Digest and Five year History presented to Board as information
June 29	1 st and 2 nd public hearings on millage adoption at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
July 1	Ad for 3 rd public hearings on millage adoption appears in newspaper
July 9	3 rd public hearing on millage, adoption of millage, adoption of FY2005 budget at regular commission meeting

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE TWO NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS FUNDED BY SALARY REINVESTMENT RELATED TO THE POLICE MERGER.

Commissioner Rayno said, motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, so the merger seems to be working well. County Manager Abolt said, working well. In fact —, and in fact Mr. Hart had asked me the question yesterday in preparation of today's meeting, there are actually four officers reclaimed. There was a reclass —, reclassifications downward. So the answer is yes, the merger is working and the net result of this action alone is you have four officers on the street that you did not have before.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers said, I'm glad he clarified that. So we gained three. Lost one, gained three. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, he just said four didn't he? Commissioner Rivers said, four on the street. County Manager Abolt said, four, four. Four on the street, four on the street. You took a higher classed position and a Major retired.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve two (2) new police officer positions funded by salary reinvestment related to the police merger. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A PLAN TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC MONITORING CAMERA AT KING GEORGE BOULEVARD AND ABERCORN STREET FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM VIOLATIONS INTO A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT FOR THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Rayno said, motion to approve. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Do we have a second on the motion? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think we were —, I think we ought to possibly looking at other locations throughout the County to see if that's the best spot for it. County Manager Abolt said, well, this —, it's certainly your call. We're asking for conceptual approval. This is somewhat of a complex issue. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we do have a second, but we still have discussion.

Commissioner Gellatly asked, well, why can't we have one or two, three, different locations? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think we ought to put them out in Rayno's district. Commissioner Rayno said, yeah. Go ahead, Chief.

County Manager Abolt said, we anticipated possibly a concern. We had, as you know from reading the correspondence we've sent you off agenda, I'd asked for the recommendation of the Chief of Police and the County Engineer and the intersection that they recommend obviously has some appeal to us, though if there's a desire to look at other intersections, we can certainly do that. At this point, we're just approving conceptually, you know, the idea, because this is pretty ambitious.

Commissioner Gellatly said, but if they approved —, if this was their number one, they had to have a number two and an a number three location. Mr. Monahan said, the number two had half as many incidents and that was at U.S.80 and that was combined between two intersections in Commissioner Murray's district at U.S.80 East, and those are actually two intersections, and even taking that into consideration, the King George/Abercorn had twice as many accidents during that period. Commissioner Rayno said, we're basically saving lives by putting them in there as people retain to —. Commissioner Gellatly asked, when you say approved conceptually, when will this actually take place? County Manager Abolt said, we have to work out agreements with SEDA, City of Savannah and all that. Mr. Monahan said, and also DOT to get approval since Abercorn is a State highway. County Manager Abolt said, this has such moment to it we did not want to just spring on you an agreement, you know, several weeks down the road. Commissioner Gellatly said, I would feel much better about it if we —, for instance, the Georgetown Association or some of these associations out there would back and support the concept so —, and I have no reason to believe that they wouldn't do that. County Manager Abolt said, we would hope that they would. Commissioner Gellatly said, — rather than just spring it on them too. Mr. Monahan said, we've got plenty of time to work on that. County Manager Abolt asked, well, if you give us your direction and we'll follow it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, meet with the Georgetown neighborhood —. Commissioner Gellatly said, meet with any associa—. There's at least two or three associations out there. If you just meet with them and I have every confidence and all things being considered that they will support that, but I'd like us to move ahead with their support and when we're talking to them about it, let's point out the number of accidents that we've had there and how this can actually be very beneficial to everybody. I would —, I think it's a good idea, but I think if we just go ahead and spring it on them and they see cameras coming up and nobody had any input in it, why that's a bad thing. County Manager Abolt said, I'll have the police department take the lead on it, yes sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, to be just up front and honest, I think it's controversial just because half the people —, and I don't know how I see it actually —, half sees this as a safety measure, which I see how it's a safety measure, but half the people see it as a money-making opportunity for governments and that's just the reality, I mean, of this. So, you know, I would like to see that the public sees it as a better safety feature rather than money-making

opportunity. County Manager Abolt said, I agree with you because it is a safety issue —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I —. County Manager Abolt said, — you talk about running lights and all that, this is not a California-style for a —, you know, at an isolated stop sign. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. County Manager Abolt said, these are areas where people can actually get killed as a result of that neglect. Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's why I think the meetings that Commissioner Gellatly suggested with these folks would definitely —. County Manager Abolt said, help. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — definitely benefit everyone.

Commissioner Rayno said, in deference to Commissioner Gellatly's request I will withdraw my motion. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I think the motion is [inaudible] so they can go ahead and start the process, but they can still meet with them, is that right? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would —. Commissioner Gellatly said, no, I —, what difference does a couple of weeks make? Mr. Monahan said, well, we will have to come back. The Board will have to formally approve the agreements with SEDA and the City of Savannah so that this matter —. If you give us our conceptual approval, because once we have conceptual approval, then I can send the intersection design off to this camera company, they can take a look at the intersection and start designing it, but then the County —, the staff would still have to come back for you to approve the agreements with Savannah Economic Development Authority and the City of Savannah. And if the Commission did not want to pursue it at that point, then they could vote down those agreements.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, would it really hurt anything for us to table it —? Mr. Monahan said, not really. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, — until we talk to the neighborhoods? Mr. Monahan said, no, it's just that I didn't want to —, I didn't want to send any formal communications off with this company through SEDA until after the Board gave approval.

Commissioner Gellatly said, it makes a lot more sense to me that we table it now and, I mean, how can you say we want your input and then as a matter of record we've already started moving forward with it today no matter what you say. County Manager Abolt said, I guess the base question here is the statistics, the analysis of the problem. I'm very supportive of input, but would you vision yourself making a decision based on other than the facts of the problem versus the emotion of the issue. Commissioner Gellatly said, I think, Russ [Abolt], that if —, I have every confidence that we're very careful with our analysis and why we're doing and what have you. I just wanted to share that with the citizens that are going to be impacted. County Manager Abolt said, sure. Commissioner Gellatly said, and I think —, I have every confidence that when you do that and we do it properly, that we're going to have their support and then we can move forward. County Manager Abolt said, that's very instructive. Namely, you're not saying it's out there and somehow take a vote. We're talking about an issue —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, just public relations. Commissioner Gellatly said, just public relations. County Manager Abolt said, — you're not talking about the public decide where they have to come back and say, well, 51% want it here. Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, we don't want a vote, just public relations. Commissioner Gellatly said, no, we're not asking for a vote. We just want you —, to tell you what we're looking at and why we're looking at it and then, you know, and the most appropriate, accurate, dramatic way to present that, hey, you've got a real problem out there and I think most people that live in that area are very familiar with the problems with that intersections and they'll probably support it.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, would you go ahead and make a motion for whatever you want to do then so we can move on? Commissioner Gellatly said, well, that's my motion, just what I —, to table it until the —. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, you withdrew your motion? Commissioner Rayno said, I did. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, all right, and you've made a motion to table. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we've got a motion to second and a table. Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, it passes.

Commissioner Rayno asked, are you going to have meetings before the next meeting? Commissioner Kicklighter said, we're asking the staff to contact the neighborhood associations —. Commissioner Gellatly said, the staff should do that. County Manager Abolt said, we will do our very best, realizing what we've got in another week or so, but we will do our best. Commissioner Gellatly said, okay. County Manager Abolt said, I don't want to be held to the 25th because of other commitments. Commissioner Gellatly said, I understand.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to table this item to enable staff to schedule meeting with neighborhood associations to obtain their input regarding a plan to install a traffic monitoring camera at King George Boulevard and Abercorn Street for purposes of public safety. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, 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.)

County Manager Abolt said, we've already addressed Item 6 on the Action Calendar. Do we have a motion—, does anybody want to pull anything off of that calendar? If not, do we have a motion to approve?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion for approval. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any other discussions? The Clerk asked, who seconded it? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I made a motion to approve. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, Commissioner Gellatly. Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, the Action Calendar is passed.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Item 6. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE PRE-MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 14, 2004, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes for the pre-meeting and regular meeting of May 14, 2004, as mailed. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 19, 2004.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period May 6, 2004, through May 19, 2004, in the amount of \$4,440,965. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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**3. REQUEST FROM KERN-COLEMAN & CO., ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, SOUTHERN WOODS DEVELOPERS, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR RICE MILL, PHASE 6F-1, ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, INITIATE THE 12-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND CREATE A NEW STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request from Kern-Coleman & Co., engineer for the developer, Southern Woods Developers, to record the subdivision plat for Rice Mill, Phase 6F-1, accept the maintenance agreement and financial guarantee, initiate the 12-month warranty period and create a new streetlight assessment district. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION AND CHATHAM COUNTY FOR AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, AND TO APPROVE A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE 3.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a Revocable License Agreement between the State Properties Commission and Chatham County for an easement to construct and maintain drainage improvements, and to approve a Right-of-Entry Agreement between the County and the City of Savannah for an easement to construct and maintain

drainage improvements for Truman Parkway, Phase 3. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FOR COUNTY CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PAVE FOUNTAIN ROAD AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY ENGINEER AND COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN THE FORMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE GDOT FORM 532, A UTILITY AGREEMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT (LGPA) AND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) CERTIFICATION. [DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a request for a County Contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to pave Fountain Road and authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, County Engineer and County Clerk to sign the forms necessary to implement the project which include the GDOT Form 532, a Utility Agreement, a Local Government Project Agreement (LGPA) and the Right-of-Way (ROW) Certification. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR 2003-2008 SPLOST DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES. NOTE: ONCE MUNICIPALITIES APPROVE, THEIR CHECKS WILL BE SENT.**

Commissioner Odell said, I move that —. County Manager Abolt said, the item is on the Action Calendar, X, Item 6, and you would add to the approval of the contracts with the municipalities for SPLOST distribution, the Connor's Temple proposal. Commissioner Odell said, I so move. Commissioner Rivers said, second.

Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, we have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion? All in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, okay, that passed unanimous.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Mr. Chairman, before you let him out of here, let me make a comment. Reverend, when I came to Savannah in 1980, as the brand new police chief, why, Rev. Mitchell was kind enough to serve as one of the first Savannah Police Chaplains and I deeply appreciate that. You've over the years given me personal guidance and I appreciate that. You've supported the police even when it wasn't popular to do so, and I deeply appreciate that. Thank you.

Rev. Mitchell said, thank you, Chief. One thing I want to say about the police, Romans 13, if you read that verse, all elected officials and especially those who help keep the law are servants and we are ministers of the people and that's how come we support you. God supports government and we must put God back into government, so we want to thank you for your leadership for so many years and all of you what you're doing. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreements for the distribution of special purpose sales tax proceeds from the 2003-2008 SPLOST to the Cities of Pooler, Bloomingdale, Garden City, Port Wentworth and Tybee Island and the Towns of Thunderbolt and Vernonburg for capital outlay projects and road, street and bridge purposes, and a contract for SPLOST distribution for the Con Ed project. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters and Thomas were not present.]

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- 7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM COASTAL GEORGIA WATER COMPANY FOR AN 18,000 GALLON ALLOCATION FROM THE CHATHAM COUNTY WATER BANK FOR THE OGEECHEE FARMS SUBDIVISION. [DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a request from Coastal Georgia Water Company for an 18,000 gallon allocation from the Chatham County Water Bank for the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision contingent upon Coastal Georgia Water Company meeting remaining criteria within twelve (12) months that includes providing "as-built" plans for the water system. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FEE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE *RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE* FOR MR. PAT FARRELL ON GLADE STREET.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a request to waive the fee and bonding requirements established in the Right-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance for Mr. Pat Farrell on Glade Street for the planting of shrubbery and endorse the idea of allowing Public Works to provide mulch for the project. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR A HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT OF AGGRESSIVE TRAFFIC (H.E.A.T.) GRANT, AND TO COMMIT \$29,500 IN FUNDING FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CONTINGENCY FUND AS THE CASH MATCH REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Police Department to apply to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant, and to commit \$29,500 in funding from the Special Service District Contingency Fund as the cash match required by the grant. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 10. TO INFORM THE BOARD OF STAFF'S INTENTION TO BEGIN AN ACTIVE SEARCH FOR A USED MD 500E OR EQUIVALENT HELICOPTER.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the staff's intention to begin an active search for a used MD 500E or equivalent helicopter for Mosquito Control. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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- 11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "CHATHAM COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE G-8 SUMMIT."**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a resolution entitled "Chatham County Workers' Compensation Coverage for Qualified Law Enforcement Volunteers Providing Services in Conjunction with the G-8 Summit." Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

**CHATHAM COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COVERAGE FOR QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING
SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE G-8 SUMMIT**

Whereas, provided in O.C.G.A. 34-9-1(2) Chatham County has identified eligible volunteer law enforcement personnel as any person who is a volunteer member or worker of an emergency management or civil defense organization, emergency medical service, or rescue organization, whether governmental or not, of any county or municipality;

Whereas, the Georgia Code further states the governing authority of a county or municipality may extend Workers' Compensation to qualified volunteer law enforcement personnel by adopting an appropriate resolution;

Whereas, in anticipation of the events surrounding the G-8 Summit beginning June 1 and continuing until and including June 15, 2004, the Chatham County Sheriff, at his discretion, may request the services of all or some of the Reserve Unit depending upon need.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby extends Workers' Compensation to those volunteers listed under the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Reserve Unit - 2004 Membership Roster that was presented to and accepted by the Board of Commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 2004.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2004.

Sybil Tillman, Clerk

Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

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2. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2004. PETITIONER: BELINDA F. FLANIGAN, D/B/A THE CRAB SHACK AT CHIMNEY CREEK, LOCATED AT 40-A ESTILL HAMMOCK ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Belinda F. Flanigan, d/b/a The Crab Shack at Chimney Creek, located at 40-A Estill Hammock Road, for renewal of a Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2004. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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13. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL PACKAGE SHOP LICENSE FOR 2004. PETITIONER: SANJAY RASHMIKANT PATEL, D/B/A SAM'S PACKAGE SHOP, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Sanjay Rashmikant Patel, d/b/a Sam's Package Shop, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, for a new beer, wine and liquor retail package shop license for 2004. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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14. 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. Relocation of an electrical distribution line on the County Wetland Mitigation Bank	SPLOST	Savannah Electric and Power	Not to exceed \$13,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Hardin Canal
B. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for Benton Boulevard - Phase II for alignment modification	Engineering	R. B. Baker Construction	\$7,500	No County funds are required. Funding will be provided by The Foxfield Company
C. Software Packages	Police	Software Spectrum	\$27,524.12	SSD - Police

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
D. Contract to provide "as needed" instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court in a community service work program which operates on Saturdays	Juvenile Court	Barbara Davis (MBE)	\$15 per hour	Supervision fees collected by Juvenile Court
E. Deductive Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract for Janitorial Services for various County agencies located in the "downtown" area, to discontinue daily janitorial services at the Montgomery Street Jail	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Basic's Cleaning Company (MBE)	(\$600/month)	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
F. Recognize a change of ownership of Bandy's Bait Shop and approval to enter into a new revenue generating property lease agreement to provide a concessionaire service at the Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp	Public Works and Park Services	Marion Bowens	\$3,000/year	Revenue Producing
G. Extend the County's banking services contract on a month to month basis to accommodate transition period	Finance	Wachovia	No cost to the County	No Funding Required
H. Two (2) pre-fab picnic shelters for Runaway Point Park	SPLOST	Hasley Recreation and Design, Inc.	\$67,610	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Runaway Point Park
I. Determine the need for insurance coverage for vehicles assigned to participate and respond to events that may arise as a result of the G-8 summit	Finance	Lloyds of London	Not to exceed \$84,600	General Fund/M&O - Insurance and Surety Bond Premiums

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 14-A through 14-I. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were 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.

- 1. THE PETITIONER, VINAY M. PATEL, OWNER, IS REQUESTING REZONING 5757 OGEECHEE ROAD FROM A B-C (COMMUNITY-BUSINESS) AND R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS TO A PUD-B-C (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS-COMMUNITY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO ZONE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY FROM B-C AND R-A CLASSIFICATIONS TO A PUD-B-C CLASSIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF REZONING A PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM B-C AND R-A CLASSIFICATIONS TO A PUD-B-C CLASSIFICATION. MPC FILE NO. Z-040331-62360-1 [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Pro Tem Murray read this item into the record as the first reading.

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1. "Chief of Police" means the Chief of the Savannah/Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.
2. "County" means the unincorporated area of Chatham County, Georgia.
3. "Parade" means any march, demonstration, procession or motorcade consisting of persons, animals, or vehicles or combination thereof upon the streets, parks or other public grounds within the County with an intent of attracting public attention that interferes with the normal flow or regulation of traffic upon the streets, parks or other public grounds.
4. "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
5. "Public assembly" means any meeting, demonstration, picket line, rally or gathering for a common purpose that interferes with the normal flow or regulation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic or occupies any public area or facilities open to the general public.
6. "Sidewalk" means any area or way set aside or open to the general public for purposes of pedestrian traffic, whether or not it is paved.
7. "Street" means any place or way set aside or open to the general public for purposes of vehicular traffic, including any berm or shoulder parkway, right-of-way, or median strip.
8. "Hearing Officer" means an impartial person with sufficient legal training to review application of this ordinance who has been appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners upon the filing of an appeal of a permit denial.
9. "County Manager" means the County Manager of Chatham County, Georgia.

§18-402 Permit Required.

It shall be unlawful to engage or conduct any parade or public assembly without first receiving a permit from the County Manager upon recommendation by the Chief of Police after application made according to the requirements set out hereinafter.

§18-403 Exceptions.

This ordinance shall not apply to the following:

1. Funeral procession;
2. Students going to and from school classes or participating in educational activities, provided that such conduct is under the immediate direction and supervision of the proper school authorities;
3. Chatham County sponsored events or events permitted by Public Works and Park Services;
4. Casual park use that does not normally attract a crowd of onlookers; and,
5. A governmental agency acting within the scope of its functions.

§18-404 Application.

The person or persons associated in fact, whether or not a legally recognized entity, who wish to conduct a parade or public assembly shall apply to the County Manager for a permit. Such application shall at a minimum include:

1. The name and address of the applicant. If the applicant is an association of persons in fact or in law, the application shall contain a description of the entity; the name of said entity, if named; the registered or recognized address of the entity; the name of the person making the application on behalf of the entity; such person's relationship to said entity; and some demonstration or recitation of the authority of the person making the application to act on behalf of the entity.
2. A plan that must include the following information about the parade or public assembly:
 - a. The anticipated number of persons participating;

- b. The date or dates;
 - c. The hours of each day the parade or public assembly will be conducted;
 - d. The exact location, or, if the parade or public assembly is processional or mobile, the route;
 - e. Whether sound amplification equipment will be employed and, if so, the hours it will be employed;
 - f. Whether artificial lighting will be employed;
 - g. Whether temporary static structures will be employed, and if so, a complete description (including measurements) of the structure;
 - h. Whether vehicles will be employed, and if so, a description of each vehicle that will be used and how it will be used;
 - i. A description of the anticipated need for safety, police, medical, sanitation, and other required personnel and equipment, with the anticipated needed numbers and posting by location and time of personnel needed;
 - j. A description of provisions necessary to the safety and welfare of the participants in the event and members of the public in the area where the event will be conducted and routes of access thereto and therefrom;
 - k. A description of measures that will be taken to ensure public health and sanitation;
 - l. Whether the event will require that the public spaces or facilities to be used or burdened, or the routes and means of access thereto and therefrom, be temporarily diverted from their dedicated or customary uses, or the public or private users thereof be diverted or excluded from, or limited in their use or enjoyment of, or their access to or through, said spaces or facilities, before, during or after the event.
3. A disclosure as to whether the applicant or entity for whom the application is being made has in the past conducted or participated in an event of a substantially similar nature to that which is the subject of the application, and, if so, where and when such prior event(s) took place, and whether as a result of such event(s) the applicant or entity became subject, whether or not then operating under the same name, as plaintiff or defendant, of any legal action, civil, criminal or administrative.
 4. A disclosure as to whether the applicant or entity for whom the application is made has defaulted upon or is in arrears as to any judgment, civil, criminal, or administrative rendered against applicant or entity, whether or not then operating under the same name, as a result of participation in any prior event(s) of a substantially similar nature to that which is the subject of the instant application, and if so, a description of said judgment or order and an explanation for non-compliance.
 5. An indemnification and hold harmless agreement in favor of Chatham County, Georgia, its elected officials, officers, agents, and employees, in a form satisfactory to the County Attorney.
 6. Where an event conducted on, over, or upon, or burdening public properties, or employing the facilities thereon, which is also to substantially involve or take place partly or wholly upon private property with the consent of the owner(s) thereof, such owner(s) or their authorized representatives must join as an applicant for any permit for such event.

§18-405 Review by the County Manager.

1. Within ten working days of receipt of an application, the County Manager shall review the application in light of all contents and goals, intentions, and presumptions as set out in this ordinance, and render a decision after receiving a recommendation from the Chief of Police and communicate same to Applicant, either permitting the event as planned or denying a permit for event. If the permit is denied, the County Manager shall provide the applicant in writing a statement of the reasons therefor.

2. Nothing in this process shall prevent the County Manager, at his/her sole option within the ten day period for approval or denial, to confer with Applicant with respect to modifications of Applicant's plan for the event, and amend the application to reflect such modifications if agreed to by Applicant. However, Applicant may neither supplement nor amend its application within the ten day period except at the invitation of the County Manager. Any attempt to do so *sua sponte* shall be deemed a separate and new application.
3. The County Manager may deny the application for permit upon any of the following reasons or combination of reasons:
 - a. The application does not contain all required information, or that information set out is so incomplete, vague, or ambiguous as to prevent full and proper review;
 - b. The application contains material omissions, falsehoods, or misrepresentations;
 - c. The applicant or entity represented by applicant is incompetent to contract, sue, or be sued;
 - d. The person applying lacks authority to present the entity for which the application is made;
 - e. The applicant or entity represented by applicant has on prior occasions damaged public property or has not paid in full for such damages, or is in arrears as to any judgment civil, criminal, or administrative rendered against the applicant or entity, or is in violation of any injunction or restraining order entered against the applicant or entity, whether under the same name(s) or another;
 - f. The applicant or entity has on prior occasions violated permitting ordinances in connection with events of a substantially similar nature;
 - g. The plan of the event as proposed would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of participants in the event or other members of the public (though not through the agency of any predicted reaction by onlookers or members of the public);
 - h. The plan of the event as proposed would unduly restrict and/or congest (vehicular or pedestrian) on any of the public roads, right of ways, sidewalks, or waterways in the immediate vicinity of such event;
 - i. The plan of the event as proposed would constitute an unreasonable disturbance of the peace, or would unreasonably burden lawful commerce in the area at the time of the proposed event, or would unreasonably intrude upon the privacy or property of citizens in the area of the proposed event;
 - j. The plan of the event as proposed includes activities which are prohibited by laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, or ordinances of Chatham County, the City of Savannah or activities which constitute nuisance or tortious conduct with respect to public or private property or persons.

§18-406 Appeal of Permit Denial.

1. Upon receipt of any decision by the County Manager to deny an application in whole or in part, the applicant may within five calendar days file an appeal of said denial with the County Manager which appeal shall be in writing and be sent to the County Manager by certified mail. Upon receipt of such appeal, the County Manager shall immediately forward the appeal to a Hearing Officer appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The Hearing Officer shall be the Recorder's Court Judge on duty as of the date that the appeal is forwarded by the County Manager.
2. The Hearing Officer shall set a hearing date not more than seven calendar days after notice of appeal by the County Manager. The Hearing Officer shall cause notice of the hearing to be served upon the applicant by certified U.S. mail. Such notice shall include the hearing date and time.
3. At the hearing, all parties shall be provided a fair and impartial hearing and shall be allowed to produce any and all evidence concerning the denial of the permit.

- 4. Within seven calendar days after conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall make a written decision on the appeal, which shall affirm, alter or reverse the denial of the application by the County Manager. The notice of the decision shall be sent to all parties by certified U.S. mail and shall set forth the reasons for the decision.
- 5. The decision of the Hearing Officer shall be binding on all parties, subject to the right of appeal as provided by O.C.G.A. 5-4-1, et seq.

§18-407 Intent.

It is the specific intent of the County in enacting this ordinance to regulate only the time, place and manner of events and not to regulate the content or message of any speech or expressive conduct.

§18-408 Revocation.

Notwithstanding the grant of any permit as provided herein, the County Manager shall have the authority to terminate a parade or public assembly at any time, or prevent its initiation, should traffic, weather, or other conditions develop which present an imminent and undue danger to those participating in the event pursuant to said permit, to the public at large, or should any consideration or combination of considerations enumerated herein as a ground for denial of a permit arise or first become apparent to law enforcement authorities after the grant of a permit. If in preparation of or after the start of a parade or public assembly for which a permit has been issued, participants in said event violate the terms of the permit or deviate in material fashion from the plan submitted in application for permit, the County Manager shall have the authority to terminate the event.

§18-409 Effective Date.

This ordinance will become effective upon adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

§18-410 Severability.

Should any section, provision, or clause of any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the County that this ordinance would have been adopted had any such invalid portion not been included herein."

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Sybil Tillman, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

[SEAL]

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2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE I, OF GENERAL OFFENSES ORDINANCE TO ADD §11-141, "INTERFERENCE OR INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMALS."

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Chairman Pro Tem Murray said, I have a motion to approve. Do we have a second? Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Pro Tem Murray asked, any discussion? Let's vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an amendment to Chapter 11, Article I, of General Offenses Ordinance to add § 11-141, "Interference or Injury to Law Enforcement Animals." Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

"GENERAL OFFENSES" ORDINANCE OF CHATHAM COUNTY

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE I, OF THE "GENERAL OFFENSES"
 ORDINANCE OF CHATHAM COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Chapter 11, Article I is amended to add §11-141, "Interference or Injury to Law Enforcement Animals" which shall read as follows:

"§11-141. Interference or Injury to Law Enforcement Animals.

A. It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided by law for any person to commit the following acts:

1. Knowingly or intentionally strike, kick, burn, hurl, or project, any objects or substances at a law enforcement animal with the intent to harm or interfere with a law enforcement animal while in the performance of its duties;
2. Place any object, or other substance which would likely produce an injury, in the path of or on the roadway to be used by the horses;
3. Intentionally interfere with a law enforcement animal by frightening, agitating, harassing, deliberately spooking or scaring the animal;
4. Attempt to unseat the officer rider or intentionally interfere with the rider's control of the horse by grabbing the reins or other equipment.

B. Definitions.

1. Law enforcement animal. An animal, including but not limited to a dog, horse, that is owned or leased by a law enforcement agency for the principal purpose of aiding in:
 - a. The detection of criminal activity;
 - b. The enforcement of the laws; or
 - c. The apprehension of offenders.
2. Interfere with. Any activity intended to distract the law enforcement animal from or hinder it in the performance of its duties, including but not limited to throwing objects at, chasing, waving objects, calling, blocking or any similar activity.
3. In the performance of its duties. A law enforcement animal under the control of a law enforcement officer who is:
 - a. On duty for his/her respective law enforcement agency;
 - b. In an off-duty capacity working at an approved off-duty/extra duty event for a contracted entity for law enforcement services; or
 - c. An approved non-pay volunteer event.

C. Defenses. It is a defense if the accused shows that he or she was engaged in a training activity or discipline and acted as an employee or agent of a law enforcement agency."

Chapter 11, Article I is amended to add §11-142 "Severability," which shall read as follows:

"§11-142 Severability.

Should any section, provision, or clause of any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances be declared invalid or

unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the County that this ordinance would have been adopted had any such invalid portion not been included herein."

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2004.

 Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

 Sybil Tillman, Clerk
 Chatham County Commission

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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: XIII-2
DATE: May 28, 2004

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>
Auto attendant for the Mitel telephone system	Tax Commissioner	Integrated Network Solutions, Inc.	\$3,894.32	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Three (3) computers with monitors	Sheriff	Dell Marketing (State contract)	\$6,231.51	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Maintenance and repair to security access system	Detention Center	Alstom Power Conversion	\$3,948	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual software maintenance agreement	Detention Center	Receptors	\$5,858	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
200 inmate mattresses with attached pillows	Detention Center	Bob Baker Co., Inc.	\$7,020	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Labor and material to repair two pumps for chillers	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,972.31	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) server and related hardware items	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State contract)	\$7,646.56	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
15 Licenses for document imaging system	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc.	\$8,700	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
40 Windows software upgrades	I.C.S.	Software Spectrum	\$5,044	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Annual maintenance on document imaging software	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc.	\$5,104	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
Extended warranty for trash compactor	Fleet Operations	Freightliner of Savannah, Inc.	\$2,575	CIP - Vehicle Replacement
Two (2) digital copiers	Court Administrator	Automated Business Resources, Inc.	\$2,775	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Annual rental of a color copy machine	Police	Coyle Business Products	\$2,580	SSD - Police
Painting and various repairs at the DMV building	Facilities Maintenance	Painting By Lynn	\$4,200	Land Bank Authority
Annual maintenance agreement on parking garage equipment	Facilities Maintenance	Carolina Time Equipment, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$4,490	Parking Garage Expenses
Repair parts for score board	Aquatic Center	Colorado Time Systems, Inc.	\$2,940	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Rebuild sunstrand pump and motor	Mosquito Control	Allen Hydraulics Co.	\$6,253.82	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Demolition of miscellaneous items on Middleground Road	SPLOST	Ace's One Construction (MBE)	\$5,375	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Middleground Road
Additional design services required for construction of interim improvements of Pipemakers Canal at SR21	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$7,200	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal
Prepare an analysis comparing the flood plain impacts caused by a 40' bottom width channel versus a 30' bottom width channel	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	\$8,900	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Install a 14 zone irrigation system	SPLOST	Turf Services Unlimited	Not to exceed \$9,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Soccer Field Concord Road
4" wells and pump with controllers	SPLOST	Aqua-Wells, Inc.	Not to exceed \$4,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Soccer Field Concord Road
Savannah-Chatham County Metro Police Department decals for 13 marked units	SPLOST	Grafix	\$5,005	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Police Merger

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written reports were received as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
DATE: May 28, 2004

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: The schedules for construction are dictated by the GDOT, the allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and balancing of the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The CUTS TIP is the process of being updated for approval by the CUTS Policy Committee in June. The construction dates in the table reflect the dates being proposed. Key milestone events are summarized in the attached table.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway.
 - a. Phase 3. The main line from DeRenne Avenue to Eisenhower was opened to traffic March 19. GDOT still does not have a new schedule with the contractor to complete Phase 3 from Eisenhower to Montgomery Cross Road. Staff projects completion about October 2004.
 - b. Phase 4. Construction continues on the bridge at Montgomery Cross Road and on the roadway to Whitfield Avenue. GDOT is working on a new contract completion date.
 - c. Phase 5. The Local Government Project Agreement (LGPA) was approved by the GDOT on September 11, 2001. Design is underway. Based on an analysis of alternatives for terminating Phase 5 at Abercorn, the Concept Report was revised to tie into Abercorn with an at-grade intersection instead of a bridge over Abercorn. The concept team meeting was held on September 24, 2003, in Atlanta. In the meantime, the FHWA required that GDOT conduct a Value Engineering Study (VE) because the project cost will be over \$25M. GDOT staff is review comments and finalizing report to FHWA. Staff has asked for a projected time line. In accordance with the Plan Development Process, an approved Concept Report is a prerequisite to finalizing the Preliminary Design and Right of Way plans.
2. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). The Final EA with a Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) was forwarded to the GDOT on November 10, 2003, and is pending FHWA for approval. This project will likely be re-programmed to 2007 in the TIP update.
3. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204: Under construction The scheduled completion date is September 30, 2004.
4. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. GDOT opened bids for a construction contract on May 21. The low bid was by APAC. Staff has been advised that the low bid was considerably higher than the GDOT estimated cost. As of the writing of this report, the Contract Review Board had not met to determine whether or not to award a contract or reject all bids.
5. Stephenson Avenue. Under construction. Storm drain work is 70% complete and water line work is 90% complete. The lateral lines for the new sanitary sewer are being installed and are scheduled to be completed by June 30. This will allow fine grading and asphalt paving to begin on the north side of the road in preparation for a traffic shift to that side. Curbing work is about 50% complete. Approximately 50% of the new driveways have been installed on the north side of the road but some were incorrectly installed and will have to be torn out and re-paved. Forty percent of the graded aggregate base is in place. Contractor began clean up of construction debris on May 19, 2004.

On April 30, 2004, the Board approved a change order to finish the project using a different staging plan and reconciling all known disputes to date with the contractor. The scheduled completion is now November 30, 2004.
6. Skidaway Widening: The FHWA approved the EA on March 5, 2003, for advancement to public hearing. The public hearing was held May 13. The GDOT mailed responses (undated) to citizens comments in December 2003. The Final EA with a FONSI was forwarded to the GDOT on November 26, 2003. The next step is to get FHWA approval.
7. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA/FONSI on February 13, 2004. The County is now authorized to proceed with preliminary design. When the preliminary design is approved, right of way plans can be prepared. Staff expects consultant to complete preliminary design in July. When the preliminary plans are complete, GDOT will schedule the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR).
8. Diamond Causeway Widening. Consultant submitted a revised Draft EA to GDOT on October 24, 2002. The GDOT endorsed the EA to the FHWA for review on November 19, requesting comments by December 31, 2002. Received minor review comments from FHWA dated March 7, 2003, part of which required an amendment to CUTS TIP to comply with the justification for logical termini. The amendment to the TIP was approved at the CUTS Policy Committee meeting on July 23, 2003. Staff is awaiting comments or approval by the FHWA to advance to public hearing. Staff was advised on November 13 that the FHWA has sent the Draft EA to the U.S. Coast Guard for review.
9. US 80/SR26
 - a. Lynes Parkway to Victory Drive. The GDOT is doing the EA and working with the City of Savannah on the impacts of the project in the vicinity of the Springfield Canal. In the meantime, the County has completed all early acquisitions and removed improvements on the properties.
 - b. Bull River to Lazaretto Creek. GDOT is working on the EA. Programmed in 2010.
10. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. After many reviews and revisions ... the GDOT forwarded the Draft EA to the FHWA for review on September 30, 2002. Staff received lengthy comments from FHWA on January 22, 2003. The concept for the project was to improve White Bluff Road from near Windsor Road to Old Mill Subdivision to be a four lane divided roadway and to improve Coffee

Bluff from Old Mill Subdivision southward to near the Little Ogeechee River to be a three lane section. The need and purpose for the project are based on capacity and safety improvements, and to provide an improved hurricane evacuation route. A teleconference was held with the FHWA, GDOT and County on April 15, 2003. It was agreed that the proposed improvements south of Old Mill Subdivision would be reevaluated for need. Based on the reevaluation and the coordination with FHWA staff, it was determined that widening to three lanes south of Felt Drive was not warranted. The project does propose improvements to the two lane section south of Felt Drive. After concurrence by the City of Savannah in August, the County's consultant revised the Need and Purpose Section of the EA and resubmitted to GDOT on October 16, 2003, and forwarded to the FHWA in December 2003. On April 13, 2004, the GDOT was notified by the FHWA that (among other items) the traffic analysis for the Need and Purpose "does not seem to warrant" expansion to four lanes in any section along the corridor. The FHWA is asking for additional justification.

11. Eisenhower Widening from Abercorn to Truman Parkway. The original concept report was prepared based on project termini in the CUTS TIP. On December 21, 2001, Board approved extending the scope of the project from Waters Avenue to Truman Parkway. The concept meeting with GDOT and City of Savannah was held September 16, 2002. A revised concept report was submitted for review to the GDOT on July 25, 2003. The field surveys and property research are complete. A revised Concept Report was sent to GDOT on January 15, 2004.

12. Abercorn Widening from Largo Drive to Rio Road. The concept meeting with GDOT and City of Savannah held September 16, 2002. When the concept report is approved, preliminary design can start. The Concept Report is pending revision to reflect a revised terminus from Deerfield Road to Largo Drive. This project is affected by two other projects currently under design. This project is being coordinated with the projects to improve the intersection at Largo Drive and at the terminus of Truman, Phase 5, at Abercorn.

13. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. Consultant and County staff hosted coordination meetings on December 10 and 11 with City of Savannah staff and sub-consultants. Letters were sent to potentially affected property owners. Follow-up meetings were held on January 7, 2004, with City of Savannah staff to coordinate the public involvement process and begin the concept development process. On February 24 the County's consultant and City and County staffs met with residents of Hudson Hill, the West Savannah Community and representatives of local businesses. Collection of field survey, property and utility location data continues.

15. Local Roads

a. Benton Boulevard.

(1) Phase 1 Extension (Spur 21). Constructed by County contract. Opened to traffic on March 15, 2004. Final acceptance pending review of final pay request.

(2) Phase 2 Extension (Spur 21). Under construction. The scheduled completion in November 2003, was not be met. A time extension is pending. This project is being funded by a County Contract with GDOT and the local matching funds are being provided by the Branigar Organization. The County is providing administrative services only. The storm drain work is 90% complete. Grading on the roadway continues. The curb work is 85% complete. Graded aggregate base is being placed.

c. Central Avenue (West), Leghorn, Billings, Ridgewood and Fallowfield Drive. Fallowfield Drive is substantially complete. Ridgewood Avenue and Central Avenue (West) are paved. Contractor has begun installation of storm drain piping on Leghorn and Billings. Estimated completion is June 2004.

d. Southwest Middle School Entrance Road from U.S. 17. NTP issued on April 20, 2004. Construction started on May 18, 2004. Being built by County Contract with the GDOT. By Intergovernmental Agreement, the construction costs are being paid by the School Board and the GDOT. The County is managing the contract. Estimated completion date is August 28, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS

May 2004

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Ph 3-A	Construction	Oct 2004	GDOT	
Truman Parkway, Ph 4	Construction	Oct 2005	GDOT	
Truman Parkway, Ph 5	Environmental Design Construction	Complete Sep 2004	County GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 VE Study pending CST LR
US 17 Widening - Ogeechee River to SR204	Construction	Sep 2004	GDOT	
Stephenson Avenue Widening	Construction	Nov 2004	County/GDOT	

Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction		GDOT	CST FY 2004 Bids opened May 21
Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy, Ph 2	Environmental ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT	Final EA at GDOT/FHWA CST FY 2007
Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004 Jul 2004	County County County GDOT	EA/FONSI signed Feb 13 Preliminary plans. ROW funds FY2005/2006 CST FY 2007
Diamond Causeway Widening	Environmental Construction	Unknown	County GDOT	Draft EA at FHWA CST 2009
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT	Final EA at GDOT/FHWA CST LR
US 80 Widening - Bull River to Lazaretto Creek - I-516 to Victory Drive	Environmental Environmental	Unknown Unknown	GDOT GDOT	CST FY 2010 CST FY 2007
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	CST FY 2008
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental		County	Concept Report pending approval.
Abercorn (Largo Drive to Rio Road)	Environmental		County	Concept Report pending approval.
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental	Mar 2005	County	
NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the Proposed CUTS 2005-2007 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage

DATE: May 28, 2004

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For construction contracts that have been awarded, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. All project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, larger bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal
 - a. Phase 1 (From the outfall at Savannah River to SR 21). Double channel size, replace bridges, replace tide gate, and provide maintenance access. The County awarded the contract for construction to Phoenix Construction on July 25, 2003. The completion date is January 2005.
 - b. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95).
 - i. Preliminary construction drawings and right-of-way plats have been reviewed by Staff and returned to the consultant for corrections.
 - ii. Staff continues to pursue additional rights-of-way for permanent access to the area west of SR 25. Work to-date by the County's right-of-way consultant indicates appraisals may be required to establish fair costs for the needed acquisitions in the area adjacent to SR 21. The County has directed the design consultant to wait until the extent of available ROW is determined before preparing the Construction documents for clearing and grading work.
 - iii. Environmental permitting work is in progress, including the "Kahn Property" mitigation site.
 - iv. Staff reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Savannah Airport Authority. The agreement is to realign a portion of the canal on airport property. Staff understands that a change to the agreement may be requested by the Authority that would entail a more drastic relocation of the canal.
 - c. Golf Course (section of Phase 2 on Airport property). Widening of this section of canal completed in 2000. Construction of a golf cart bridge over the canal obstructed access to a section of the canal. Staff has included resolution of this

issue in the Intergovernmental Agreement described above for relocation of the canal.

- d. Kahn Mitigation Site. Design work is underway. The final mitigation package for Phase 2, which includes the Kahn Site, must be coordinated with the realignment request of the Airport Authority.

2. Hardin Canal

- a. Phase 1 (From SR 307 to I-16). Widen channel and replace bridge crossings.
 - i. ROW and construction plans are complete, however revisions may be necessary depending on the revised permit application being approved. Acquisition of canal ROW on hold pending details of SR 307 widening (12 parcels impacted).
 - ii. Formal permit application submitted to USACE in July 2001. In a letter from the USACE dated December 19, 2003 the County was informed that a permit would not be issued based on continuing formal objections by resources agencies. Staff has revised the design of the project and resubmitted the permit application.
 - iii. The USACE is in the process of preparing the necessary permit and Case Document, expected to be complete by June 2004. If agencies continue to object, the Case Document will have to be forwarded to the USACE Atlanta office for review which will delay issuance of the permit.
- b. Phase 2 (Crossing at SR307). Enlargement of crossing under Dean Forest Road (SR307) is included with the concept plan for widening SR307. Concept plan review with GDOT held on December 2, 2004. Pending approval by the GDOT.
- c. Phase 3 (From I-16 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date.

3. Westlake/Springfield Canal

- a. Phase 1. Crossing and channel improvements from Perimeter Road on Hunter Army Airfield downstream toward the Forest River. Completed January 2002.
- b. Phase 2. This phase consists of acquiring flood-prone properties and the additional land needed to provide additional stormwater retention in the area.
 - i. All appraisals are complete. Twelve have been approved and forwarded to the right-of-way consultant to prepare offers.
 - ii. A FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant is pending Board approval.
 - iii. The design work on the CSX railroad undercrossing is underway. The preliminary Design Report is under review by Staff.

4. Placentia Canal

- a. Phase 1. Tidegate at Bonaventure Road. Completed February 1999.
- b. Phase 2. Crossing and channel widening from Bonaventure Road to Shell Road in Thunderbolt. Completed October, 2002. A small contract for improvements to correct drainage in a side yard near Victory Drive was finished in April 2004.
- c. Additional work to correct a drainage problem along Tennessee Ave. and to improve the appearance of the canal near the Bonaventure Bridge is underway. The first phase of this work is to acquire necessary survey information.

5. Atlantic Creosote/Phillips Canal. Widen/realign the canal, replace culvert, and replace tidegate. Project completed September 2002.

6. Conaway Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal). Primarily widen channel with some road crossing improvements and a maintenance road. Project to be constructed in two phases.

- a. Phase I includes channel improvements and crossing upgrades north of Main Street to Pipemakers Canal.
 - i. Analysis and recommendations are complete. Public information meeting held on May 21, 2001. Design of improvements complete based on public comments. Staff has reviewed preliminary construction drawings and returned to the consultant for corrections.
 - ii. Preliminary right of way plans are complete. Title searches are underway. The consultant is proceeding with wetlands permitting, coordination with GDOT for the crossing at Highway 80, and preparation of final right of way plans.
- b. Phase 2 includes improvements to system south of Main Street to Hardin Canal. The plan to improve drainage south of Main Street will require an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bloomingdale.

7. Little Hurst Canal. Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR21. Hydraulic analysis and recommendations were completed in 1998. Review of these recommendations by a second consultant has been completed. Design consultant's recommendations include improvements at the railroad and minor canal improvements. This change is expected to result in a substantial cost savings to the County. Staff is pursuing the next phase which will include defining the scope of work to upgrade the railroad undercrossing.

8. Wilmington Park Canal.

- a. Phase 1. (Construction of tide gate) Completed September 2002.
 - b. Phase 2. Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Clarendon, Winchester and Wilmington Island Road.
 - i. Received permit from USACE on July 5, 2002. Title searches of affected properties are complete. Design revisions to include City's force main underway.
 - ii. Revised right of way plans to accommodate additional easements for City's force main are complete.
 - c. Phase 3. Project limits have been identified.
9. Louisville Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal). Provide maintenance road downstream of US80. Some preliminary work for design and permitting has been done, but this project is not accessible until the right-of-way is acquired for the Pipemakers Canal.
10. Kings Way Canal. Widen channel and enlarge culverts east of Whitfield Avenue to Vernon River.
 - a. Improvements to crossing of the canal under Whitfield are being constructed as part of GDOT's Truman Parkway, Phase 4 project.
 - b. A consultant hired by the County has started to design the remainder of needed improvements upstream and downstream of Whitfield. Survey work has been completed and the preliminary design work is underway.
11. Grange Road Canal. Coordination of the concept plan with GPA and Port Wentworth is on hold pending alignment and right-of-way issues on GPA property. Dedication of Savannah Electric power line easement along Grange Road has detrimental impact on the preferred route.
12. Talmadge Avenue Canal. Small project that will involve acquiring right-of-way to construct a maintenance road and to make minor improvements to the channel. Preliminary right of way plats were completed in 1997. Staff has reviewed the completed work. Staff has hired a consultant to evaluate the work in regard to current conditions and needs. The consultant's report was submitted in May 2004 and has been reviewed by Staff. The report identifies the need for improvements to undercrossings, removal of obstructions and repair of erosion, additional rights of way, and re-establishing access to the canal for maintenance. Staff will prepare recommendations and request funding to begin making these improvements.
13. Romney Place Drainage.
 - a. Phase 1. Improve drainage along Central Avenue. Completed October 2001.
 - b. Phase 2. Improve storm drains and road crossings. No target date.
14. Village Green Canal.
 - a. Phase 1. Upgrade culvert under Cambridge Drive. Completed October 1999.
 - b. Phase 2. Staff has accepted the consultant's recommendations for improvements. Staff has enlisted the help of Mosquito Control to establish project need and purpose to facilitate wetland permitting. Mosquito Control is currently investigating the site. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. A citizen drainage survey to help establish project need and purpose for permitting is complete. Compiling of survey information is underway.
15. Port Industrial Park. Increase the capacity of the crossing under State Route 307 and improve the channel downstream to Pipemakers Canal.
 - a. The crossing under SR 307 is being coordinated with the GDOT proposed SR 307 widening project from R.B. Miller Road to SR21. Design of the project to improve the canal downstream from SR307 to Pipemakers Canal is complete. The wetlands permit has been signed by the County Engineer and was approved by USACE District Engineer on September 24, 2002.
 - b. Design changes requested by Staff intended to improve the hydraulic function of the system over the previous design have been submitted to GDOT for approval. To expedite the project, the County proposed to GDOT to include construction of the crossing under SR 307 as a County Contract. GDOT has concurred with this proposal. Staff has directed the Consultant to coordinate with GDOT to establish scope of services and to prepare a proposal for the additional engineering work.
16. Louis Mills Canal. Widen channel from Veterans Parkway downstream to outfall at Westlake Canal and improve crossing under Marshall Avenue.
 - a. Staff has accepted recommendations to return a portion of the Redgate Canal drainage system back into the Rahn Dairy Canal. This recommendation allows for reduced drainage capacity needs in the Louis Mills Canal system.
 - b. Staff expects preliminary design and rights of way drawings by June 2004.
17. Redgate/Rahn Dairy (part of Louis Mills). This drainage improvement project will intercept approximately 400 acres of drainage area from the Louis Mills Canal system, and divert the flow directly into the Salt Creek. Preliminary survey work has

been completed. Engineering analysis and preliminary recommendations were completed by the consultant and reviewed by Staff in April 2004. Final recommendations are expected by June 2004.

18. Diggs Avenue Drainage (part of Louis Mills). This drainage improvement project involves improving drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. Staff has concluded a preliminary analysis and determined that right of way is not available to perform needed improvements. Staff has directed the County right of way consultant to initiate the Title Searches on the affected properties.
19. Ogeechee Farms.
 - a. Phase 1. Improve internal collector system south of Vidalia Road. Construction is underway.
 - b. Phase 2.
 - i. The County has received the Section 404 wetlands permit from USACE. Final paperwork utilizing the County's new banking instrument for mitigation is in progress.
 - ii. The design is being revised to incorporate changes including an additional road undercrossing in the project and installation of box culvert sections instead of multiple pipes.
 - iii. No target date for construction.
20. Fawcett Canal Phase 1. Widen channel and improve crossings from Georgetown downstream to crossing under Grove Point Road, and replace tide gate.
 - a. Drainage improvements completed August 2002.
 - b. The Construction Contract for the Georgetown Lagoon Improvements Phase 1 Project was approved by the Board on December 19, 2003. The work is complete except for restoration of the site and restocking the lakes. The Contractor has been given Notice to Proceed with Phase 2 of the Lagoon Improvement Project. Work is expected to begin by June 2004.
21. Quacco Canal. Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacity from Regency Mobile Home Park, near Interstate 95, beyond US 17 to marsh, including improvements to a private tidegate structure.
 - a. The County and Corps of Engineers are partnering on engineering and construction of improvements.
 - b. Based on the selection of the preferred plan, the Public Notice period has been completed and responses to comments have been issued by the USACE. The USACE is preparing the final Detailed Project Report, expected to be complete by June 2004. Design work by the USACE is anticipated to begin this summer.
22. Quacco/Regency Park. Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The consultant has been issued notice to proceed with the work that includes an engineering analysis of existing conditions and improvement recommendations. Preliminary survey work was completed in January 2004. Preliminary engineering analysis was completed by the consultant and reviewed by Staff in early March. The completed analysis is expected by July 2004.
23. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision. Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The final design documents and rights of way plans are expected to be finished by June 2004. Acquisition of rights of way and easements will begin at this time.
24. Golden Isles Subdivision. Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community.
 - a. Phase 1: Outfall improvements completed 1997.
 - b. Phase 2: Improvements to collector system. Staff review of recommendations is complete. Consultant has been directed to proceed with preparation of right of way plans.
25. Henderson. Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
 - a. Canal 1: Crossing and channel improvements on the canal parallel to Brown Thrush Road, from Al Henderson Blvd. to Little Neck Road. Survey and analysis are complete. Staff is reviewing consultant's final report.
 - b. Canal 2: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road, through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE.
26. North Rice Mill. Right of way acquisition services to provide for drainage improvements to a local drainage system tributary to the Georgetown Canal. Staff has directed the consultant to begin acquisition of right of way and easements based on a preliminary design developed by the County. Staff will obtain the

services of a consultant to prepare the final design and plans needed for construction.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

Prepared by W.C. Uhl, P.E.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Commissioner Kicklighter and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 11:25 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and land acquisition.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:49 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM OF HARPAL SINGH (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve settlement of the property damage claim of Harpal Singh in the amount of \$7,500. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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2. 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 Rayno moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Hair and Commissioners McMasters, Odell and Thomas were not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50.

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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