

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2004, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Billy Hair called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m., Friday, June 25, 2004.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Rayno gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT:	Dr. Billy B. Hair, Chairman Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight Frank G. Murray, Chairman Pro Tem, District Four Jeffrey D. Rayno, District One Joe Murray Rivers, District Two Harris Odell, Jr., District Five David M. Gellatly, District Six B. Dean Kicklighter, District Seven
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ABSENT:	John J. McMasters, District Three
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IN ATTENDANCE:	R. E. Abolt, County Manager R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk
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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. MPC LOOK AT BONAVENTURE ROAD ZONING (COMMISSIONER MURRAY).

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yeah, I'd like to send this to MPC to look at it. There's a write-up in your packets where there's several zonings out there that are mixed up, so they could correct it and straighten it out. Chairman Hair said, okay. Commissioner Murray said, I move that we send this to MPC. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners McMasters and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved that the matter of zonings of long established businesses on Bonaventure Road be sent to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for their review. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners McMasters and Kicklighter 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 (*).

Chairman Hair said, under Tabled Items, all three items will remain on the table today.

1. 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.*

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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*** 2. RUNAWAY POINT PARK ISSUES. (Tabled at meeting of May 28, 2004.)**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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3. 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. (Tabled at meeting of May 28, 2004, to enable staff to schedule meeting with neighborhood associations to obtain their input.)

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 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS: WEED AND SEED GRANT FOR THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM \$20,745; DRUG COURT \$225,000; JUVENILE COURT PLACEMENT \$57,510; JUVENILE COURT PURCHASE OF SERVICES \$15,000; DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY \$1,250; DUI COURT \$50,000; JUVENILE COURT ACCOUNTABILITY \$103,000; TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY \$3,000; AND AN APPROPRIATION TO CARRYFORWARD \$6,864.80 FY03 FUNDS FOR OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END; AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND M&O BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AN ADDITIONAL \$12,000 IN PROBATE COURT FILING FEES REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE THIS AMOUNT TO THE PROBATE COURT FILING FEES EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT; A GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS OF \$700 TO THE CLERK OF COMMISSION AND \$9,000 TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO COVER SALARY ACCRUALS AT YEAR END; TRANSFERS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS TO COVER SALARY ACCRUALS AT YEAR END AND SEPARATION PAY: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \$8,500; COUNTY MANAGER \$360; BOARD OF ELECTIONS \$18,700; ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES \$8,360; FACILITIES MAINTENANCE \$10,700; WHITEMARSH ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER \$26,900; AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TO RECOGNIZE \$15,000 RECORDER'S COURT FINE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$15,000 FOR POLICE OFFICER RETIREMENT; A TRANSFER OF \$172,870 FROM THE MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND; AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND TO RECOGNIZE A TRANSFER OF \$172,870 FROM THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND \$160,000 REVENUE FROM THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR A MOSQUITO CONTROL HELICOPTER; AND FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS TO FUND THE WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND M&O \$149,116; SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT \$2,599; STREET PAVING FUND \$29,393.

Chairman Hair read into the record the heading of this item through the wording "An amendment to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to recognize a transfer of \$172,870 from the General Fund M&O and \$160,000 revenue from the City of Savannah for a Mosquito Control helicopter." Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Murray said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair asked, any discussion? All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

Chairman Hair said, now the B part of that is "Fund balance appropriations to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable as follows: General Fund M&O \$149,116; Special Service District \$2,599; Street Paving Fund \$29,393." Commissioner Rayno has some questions.

Commissioner Rayno asked, how come we can't turn this over to a collection agency to pull some of these funds back? I know that all of them are not retrievable, but some of them may be. Other counties use private firms to recover this money. County Manager Abolt said, if I may please, this is a companion adjustment that relates to Item X-15 on the write-offs and the write-offs as you might recall from reading the CAFR over so many use center around, the first one dealing with the payment from DFCS, we documented in our correspondence to you that the State of Georgia through DFCS is not willing to reimburse us from that. There's also specifics as to, let's see, the 2005 —, I need Ms. Cramer here —. Ms. Cramer said, I'm right here. Commissioner Rayno said, the Street Paving Fund was another one. County Manager Abolt said, Street Paving Fund, and the Street Paving Fund you will recall that's where property was sold and transferred and we put a lien on them and we've yet to receive, you know, any payment, but as they are, in effect, could come through the eligibility for lien, we'll pick up the revenue. What we're trying to avoid is this reoccurrence of these kind of —, I don't want to say picky —, but they are findings in the audit as to receivables and we're trying to bring closure on those. We do use a collection agency, Lanier Collection Agency I believe is the brand name, for our EMS bills.

Chairman Hair asked, Ms. Cramer, could you elaborate? Ms. Linda Cramer said, I think that was about it. Some of these are return checks. EMS receivables are very old accounts that we have never recorded as revenue, so when we write this off, you're not going to have a million dollar hit to your fund balance. It's just really a bookkeeping entry where you decrease the receivable and you take it out of the liability account so you don't have a fund balance charge there. And the rest of

these are just fairly old items that —, the State of Georgia DFCS project apparently they moved the location of that building and they're not willing to reimburse us for that. Street Paving, again some old accounts that we do have some liens on those properties. County Attorney Hart said, yeah, we'll eventually collect that. What generally happens is somebody eventually sells their home or somebody passes away and it goes into an estate and it will trigger, you know, a transfer of the property and the transfer of the property is that it will be picked up on title exam and then it will be paid out at closing. So it dribbles in helter skelter.

Chairman Hair asked, any other questions, Commissioner Rayno?

Commissioner Rayno said, well, the list of people that owe money, one of them was Colonial Motorsports, the folks that made the racetrack —. County Manager Abolt said, two different things, sir. Commissioner Rayno said, that's probably [inaudible]. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Rayno said, okay, I'll bring that up later. Chairman Hair said, okay. Any others? Commissioner Rayno said, but my only problem is the fact you're going to pay it off using fund balance. Ms. Cramer said, I don't have a bad debt account budgeted where I can charge it to. We don't usually budget for that.

Chairman Hair said, okay. I'll entertain a motion to approve. Commissioner Rivers said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Murray moved to approve the following: An amendment to the Multiple Grant Fund to recognize the following grants: Weed and Seed Grant for the Counter Narcotics Team \$20,745; Drug Court \$225,000; Juvenile Court Placement \$57,510; Juvenile Court Purchase of Services \$15,000; Department of Community Affairs for the Humane Society \$1,250; DUI Court \$50,000; Juvenile Court Accountability \$103,000; Transportation Enhancement Activity \$3,000; and an appropriation to carryforward \$6,864.80 FY03 funds for outstanding encumbrances at year end; an amendment to the General Fund M&O budget to recognize an additional \$12,000 in Probate Court filing fees revenue and appropriate this amount to the Probate Court filing fees expenditure account; a General Fund M&O contingency transfers of \$700 to the Clerk of Commission and \$9,000 to the Board of Equalization to cover salary accruals at year end; transfers within the following departmental budgets to cover salary accruals at year end and separation pay: County Commissioners \$8,500; County Manager \$360; Board of Elections \$18,700; Administrative Services \$8,360; Facilities Maintenance \$10,700; Whitmarsh Island Community Center \$26,900; an amendment to the Special Service District Fund to recognize \$15,000 Recorder's Court fine revenue and appropriate \$15,000 for Police Officer Retirement; a transfer of \$172,870 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to transfer out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund; an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to recognize a transfer of \$172,870 from the General Fund M&O and \$160,000 revenue from the City of Savannah for a Mosquito Control helicopter. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]
2. Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the following: Fund balance appropriations to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable as follows: General Fund M&O \$149,116; Special Service District \$2,599; Street Paving Fund \$29,393. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: June 25, 2004

DATE: June 17, 2004

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following: An amendment to the Multiple Grant Fund to recognize the following grants: Weed and Seed Grant for the Counter Narcotics Team \$20,745; Drug Court \$225,000; Juvenile Court Placement \$57,510; Juvenile Court Purchase of Services \$15,000; Department of Community Affairs for the Humane Society \$1,250; DUI Court \$50,000; Juvenile Court Accountability \$103,000; Transportation Enhancement Activity \$3,000; and an appropriation to carryforward \$6,864.80 FY03 funds for outstanding encumbrances at year end; an amendment to the General Fund M&O budget to recognize an additional \$12,000 in Probate Court filing fees revenue and appropriate this amount to the Probate Court filing fees expenditure account; a General Fund M&O contingency transfers of \$700 to the

Clerk of Commission and \$9,000 to the Board of Equalization to cover salary accruals at year end; transfers within the following departmental budgets to cover salary accruals at year end and separation pay: County Commissioners \$8,500; County Manager \$360; Board of Elections \$18,700; Administrative Services \$8,360; Facilities Maintenance \$10,700;Whitemarsh Island Community Center \$26,900; an amendment to the Special Service District Fund to recognize \$15,000 Recorder's Court fine revenue and appropriate \$15,000 for Police Officer Retirement; a transfer of \$172,870 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to transfer out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund; an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to recognize a transfer of \$172,870 from the General Fund M&O and \$160,000 revenue from the City of Savannah for a Mosquito Control helicopter; and fund balance appropriations to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable as follows: General Fund M&O \$149,116; Special Service District \$2,599; Street Paving Fund \$29,393.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) Chatham County has been successful in obtaining grants and continuing grant funding from prior years. The attached resolution amends the budget for the Multiple Grant Fund to include grants that have had activity during the current fiscal year. The grants are: Weed and Seed Grant for the Counter Narcotics Team \$20,745; Drug Court \$225,000; Juvenile Court Placement \$57,510; Juvenile Court Purchase of Services \$15,000; Department of Community Affairs for the Humane Society \$1,250; DUI Court \$50,000; Juvenile Court Accountability \$103,000; Transportation Enhancement Activity \$3,000. An appropriation to carryforward \$6,864.80 FY03 funds for outstanding encumbrances at year end is also in the resolution.
- 2) The amount of filing fees collected in Probate Court will exceed the amount budgeted in the current fiscal year. These fees are disbursed as they are received. The budget amendment recognizes \$12,000 additional revenue and expenditures.
- 3) The first payroll issued in July affects expenditures for both FY2004 and FY2005. The year end accrual for FY2004 has been posted. Some departments in the General Fund M&O have also had to pay separation pay which is not budgeted. These two items will cause an overrun in the salary line item in some departments. The following departments have funds to transfer within the departmental budget : County Commissioners \$8,500; County Manager \$360; Board of Elections \$18,700; Administrative Services \$8,360; Facilities Maintenance \$10,700;Whitemarsh Island Community Center \$26,900. The Clerk of Commission and Board of Equalization require contingency transfers of \$700, and \$9,000 respectively.
- 4) A portion of fines collected in the Recorder's Court is sent to the state for Police Officer Retirement. The amount collected and forwarded has exceeded budget. The budget amendment in SSD recognizes the additional revenue and expenditure.
- 5) An intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah will provide \$160,000 toward the purchase of a helicopter for Mosquito Control. These funds will be combined with existing funds in the Capital Improvement Program Fund and \$172,870 transferred from the General Fund M&O budget for Mosquito Control. The attached resolution amends the CIP budget for these amounts.
- 6) An agenda item to write off uncollectible accounts receivable is presented elsewhere on the agenda. This will require fund balance appropriations in the General Fund M&O \$149,116; Special Service District \$2,599; and Street Paving Fund \$29,393. These are included in the attached resolutions.

FUNDING:

The budget resolutions create funding in the Multiple Grant Fund, General Fund M&O, Special Service District, Capital Improvement Program Fund, and Street Paving Fund. Funds for transfers are available in the General Fund M&O contingency and within the departmental budgets as outlined in the Facts&Findings.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the following:

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

A budget amendment to recognize the following grants: Weed and Seed Grant for the Counter Narcotics Team \$20,745; Drug Court \$225,000; Juvenile Court Placement \$57,510; Juvenile Court Purchase of Services \$15,000; Department of Community Affairs for the Humane Society \$1,250; DUI Court \$50,000; Juvenile Court Accountability \$103,000; Transportation Enhancement Activity \$3,000; and an appropriation to carryforward \$6,864.80 FY03 funds for outstanding encumbrances at year end.

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) an amendment to recognize an additional \$12,000 in Probate Court filing fees revenue and appropriate this amount to the Probate Court filing fees expenditure account;
- b) contingency transfers of \$700 to the Clerk of Commission and \$9,000 to the Board of Equalization to cover salary accruals at year end;
- c) transfers within the following departmental budgets to cover salary accruals at year end and separation pay: County Commissioners \$8,500; County Manager \$360; Board of Elections \$18,700; Administrative Services \$8,360; Facilities Maintenance \$10,700;Whitemarsh Island Community Center \$26,900
- d) a transfer of \$172,870 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to transfer out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund
- e) a fund balance appropriation to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable of \$149,116;

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

- a) a budget amendment to recognize \$15,000 Recorder’s Court fine revenue and appropriate \$15,000 for Police Officer Retirement
- b) a fund balance appropriation to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable of \$2,599

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

a budget amendment to recognize a transfer of \$172,870 from the General Fund M&O and \$160,000 revenue from the City of Savannah for a Mosquito Control helicopter

STREET PAVING FUND

a fund balance appropriation to fund the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable of \$29,393

- c) 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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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Hair said, I see some folks up here in the audience that are here for some Action Calendar items that's not been pulled off. So could we modify —, without objection could we modify and go ahead and do the unopposed Action Calendar and then we'll take the ones —.

NOTE: At this point on the agenda the order of business was changed and a vote was taken on the unopposed Action Calendar items.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION (continued)

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

Chairman Hair said, now we're going to have a public hearing on the fiscal 2005 budget. For the benefit of the audience again, of course, no votes will be taken today, no formal proposal will be made today, and I am required to read this statement under the law. Ladies and gentlemen, this hearing is being held in compliance with State law relative to Chatham County's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget. We will be discussing the total budget with all the various funds. Information packets showing the proposed budget for all funds are available at the front entrance. A list is being passed around asking for the names and address of those present. The purpose of this is to document that public input was

solicited for future audit purposes. We will start at the right side of the room and go row by row. If you wish to speak, please come to the podium, state your name, address and the name of the group or organization you represent, if any. We have staff available to help pass out any written materials to the Commissioners. We would ask you to be brief and concise in your remarks since we have a number of people that may want to speak and we want everyone to have an equal chance to be heard. So at this time I will open the public hearing on the budget and will —, anybody that would like to speak come forward please. No one likes to —, no one wants to speak? Okay.

Ms. Nancy Cvetan said, good morning. My name is Nancy Cvetan. My address is 1159 Mohawk Street, Unit C-1. I am here on behalf of the Friends of the Live Oak Public Libraries. For about the four years the Friends has been making presentations to the County Commission members advocating for increases in the budgeting for books and materials for the library, and that is what we are doing again this year. As we always do, we have charts and documentation, but I don't want to waste your time with that. I know that you are aware of the problem with under-funding that happens each year. I also know that you have a huge challenge in dividing up a limited pool of money among so many areas of Chatham County that need and deserve the funds. All of us connected with the library know that you understand the importance of a good library to our community. We appreciate what has been given in the past but, as you can guess, we need more. The books, periodicals, magazines, tapes, microfilm, microfiche, DVD's, and other materials purchased with funds allotted to the library are the meat and potatoes of the institution. They are the reason that people need the libraries. In the United States we've been blessed with a tradition of free and accessible knowledge waiting for us at our public libraries. We have grown up believing that if we needed to find out anything, all we had to do was visit the library. We want our future generations to have that same belief. Unfortunately, any library in Chatham County can probably give you examples of having a visitor disappointed because what they needed was outdated, checked out or simply unavailable in our local libraries. There are 14 and soon 15 branch libraries in Chatham County where people come every day looking for information or entertainment and for enlightenment. The Friends of the Live Oak Public Libraries are asking your help to provide for its citizens. We are also asking for help from other community leaders, businesses and from the citizens themselves to improve our libraries and make them the world-class institutions that Chatham County needs and deserves. Thank you for your time this morning and for your careful consideration of the library's request from the 2005 budget.

Chairman Hair said, thank you very much. Commissioner Rayno asked, Mr. Chairman, may I ask this lady a question? Chairman Hair said, certainly. Ma'am, would you come —, Commissioner Rayno has a question for you.

Commissioner Rayno said, good morning. How are you today? Ms. Cvetan asked, pardon? Commissioner Rayno asked, how are you doing today? Ms. Cvetan said, I'm a little nervous. Sorry. Commissioner Rayno said, that's okay. I know. When I used to sit on that side and come up there, it's very nerve-racking. Ms. Cvetan said, it's intimidating. Commissioner Rayno said, I'm sorry about that. Ms. Cvetan said, that's all right. Commissioner Rayno asked, do you happen to know what the books and materials fund is for the library right now? Ms. Cvetan said, I think it was around \$220,000. County Manager Abolt said, that's correct. Commissioner Rayno asked, and that's the only funding source for it is from the County or do you get State and Federal for it? Ms. Cvetan said, we do get some, but —. Commissioner Rayno asked, is that part of the two-twenty or is that another budget? Ms. Cvetan said, that's another budget. Commissioner Rayno asked, how much is that in the other budget? Ms. Cvetan said, off the top of my head I don't know? Christian [Kruse], do you —? Mr. Christian Kruse said, a hundred thousand dollars, but [inaudible]. Ms. Cvetan said, \$100,000 system-wide, which is a three county area. Commissioner Rayno said, I know the County Attorney has said we can't use SPLOST funds for books and materials, but I found it curious when I called Athens-Clarke, they're using SPLOST money to buy books and materials up there. Ms. Cvetan said, well, I think all that had to be spelled out when SPLOST was done. Chairman Hair said, yes. County Attorney Hart said, right. Ms. Cvetan said, that's why we can't move funds. Commissioner Rayno said, it just seemed strange that you couldn't. It seems like it's interpreted that you should be able to if one municipality in the State —. County Attorney Hart said, you might be able to starting next year, and the reason for that is they changed the definition of capital improvements the last term of the Legislature. I had a very long meeting this past week in regards to all the changes that are going to be. It may not affect this SPLOST, but, you know, in the future we might have that option available to us because if you can take the books and make them into a depreciation capital account, they will apparently now under this new law going to include those things. Chairman Hair said, it would only affect any new SPLOST referendum. County Attorney Hart said, yeah. Chairman Hair said, it wouldn't be retroactive to the current SPLOST. County Attorney Hart said, no. Commissioner Rayno said, I would think that their weeding policy would be a good example of the fact that the books do depreciate over time. What is your weeding policy? How many books do you get rid of every year? Ms. Cvetan said, well, I'm just with the Friends. I'm not officially with the library. Do you know how many, Christian [Kruse]? I know it's quite a few because the Friends do run book sales where we sell off the cold volumes.

Mr. Kruse said, Commissioner Rayno, the number of items that are weeded depends year by year as the collection ages more is being thrown out and our collection is aging. The bulk of our collection in Chatham County was purchased —, actually, I believe it was through SPLOST partially —, for the new building at Bay Street and it's now —, the bulk of that collection is now over six years old and we'll be looking to turning quite a bit more out in the next little while.

Commissioner Rayno said, okay. Is there any other funding besides the local and I understood you got a hundred thousand dollars. Is there any private money that goes specifically to books and collections that's earmarked for it? Mr. Kruse said, we put some additional funds that the library raises itself into the collection. Commissioner Rayno asked, and how much would that be? Mr. Kruse said, I don't want to give you the wrong information. Commissioner Rayno said, just a ballpark figure. Mr. Kruse said, probably at \$100,000. We spent —, system-wide we spent approximately \$600,000 on the collections this past year. Commissioner Rayno asked, and what percentage is that of your total budget? Mr. Kruse said, five million —, six million dollar budget. It's about 10%. Commissioner Rayno said, that's all I have. Thank you.

Chairman Hair asked, any other questions?

Commissioner Rivers said, let me ask a question while you're here. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers. Commissioner Rivers asked, is there any reason why you don't have a depreciation account? Mr. Kruse said, I don't think traditionally books have been depreciated that way, not seen as that sort of an asset. Now, I will see to the lawyers on this particular issue, but I think —.

County Attorney Hart said, there is no requirement for it to be that way. I'm just saying that if we —, that under this new law the way they've liberalized what they call capital improvement and if you set up an account like that and depreciate it as a long term capital improvement or —, and it's appreciable over more than, I think, seven years —, then they would probably qualify under the new definition.

Commissioner Rivers said, but I'm not talking about SPLOST, I'm talking about standard operating procedure. County Attorney Hart said, okay. Commissioner Rivers said, just every day depreciation account on a —. Mr. Kruse said, traditionally we just haven't been doing it that way. That's the way our audit's gone through, that something we'll have to look at with our auditors also. Commissioner Rivers said, I'd advise you to look at it. I think it's a good way to start accumulating. Mr. Kruse said, okay.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. We appreciate you —. Any other —, anybody else like to speak?

Ms. Jeanne McCorkle said, I'm Jeanne McCorkle. I'm Chairman of a three county public library. If I had been very smart I would have run this off and given you all a copy, but if you'll pass it down, Mr. Rayno. Commissioner Rayno said, yes ma'am. Ms. McCorkle said, when all else fails, there's a book. That's in essence what that says. First, let me thank you gentlemen for making it possible and as far as getting behind us when we were asking for SPLOST, and I think Mr. Rayno has just made it clear and we have echoed what he said. We are going to have new buildings. We're fixing —, we are finishing —. Let me back up here. We are finishing and hope to open Carnegie on Henry Street in August. Anybody that's been connected with that or has been interested in the library you know how wonderful that is. We have the funding back to the SPLOST to set in motion, sign a contract and build a new library from the ground up in southeast Chatham. We have the funding enough. We don't really need the funding since we've just been awarded —, I hope I'm not talking out of school —, but we have been awarded a piece of land on Wilmington Island that we can build. All of this is fine and good, but you have to have books and without going into depth and we're into computers now, so that means the whole ball of wax. But I have a way of keeping things I pull out of the paper, and this morning when I started out the door I went back and got —, this is from March of 2003 —, this is from McGathlin [phonetic] and she writes for the paper a lot: The quality of a community can be gauged by its libraries. And that just is self-explanatory. When people are opting to bring new plants here or whatever, they're going to see the school system, they're going to see the libraries and what we have for the arts, and it just goes down the line. So we beg you if, Mr. Hart, we can find some loophole or whatever, you lawyers are good at that, if we could find some way that we could incorporate books in with this to go with this new building we're going to have. And when we get Carnegie finished, I'm very serious here, I would invite you to come out and look because you would not believe how beautiful that building is on the inside. And again I thank you for supporting us and for making it possible for us to get this far.

Chairman Hair said, thank you. Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray said, I have —, and I'm sure the rest of the Commission has too —, received an awful lot of E-mails, letters and phone calls, and all of them are basically asking about books and funding for books. If in our budget we put money in for books and restrict it for books only, do you have a problem with that? Ms. McCorkle asked, are you talking about books as in lieu of computers, but just "books?" Commissioner Murray said, if we put a restricted account in for just books because that's the complaint that I've heard from everybody that's contacted me about the library. Ms. McCorkle said, okay. It's not my mouth there, but by all of the people who use computers, there are myriads of people who don't have a computer, who don't use a computer, who go back to the books, and that's why we need —. Commissioner Murray said, this would be funding in addition to what you would be getting anyway. It would be restricted to books. Ms. McCorkle said, that's fine. Commissioner Murray said, now if that is not what y'all need, why is everybody contacting us pushing books? Ms. McCorkle said, it's what we need. Commissioner Murray said, well, that's what I thought. So I don't think—. Ms. McCorkle said, it really is. Commissioner Murray said — you would have a problem if it was restricted where it had to be used on books. Ms. McCorkle said, no. I think it would be great and that little cartoon that I passed around, what I got from that was this kid looking through a computer and trying to find whatever and he couldn't, but in the back of that computer that wasn't working there was a book. So when all else fails, you can always go back to the printed page. Thank you so much.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Ms. McCorkle. Next? Chairman Hair recognized Ms. Beals.

Ms. Sandi Beals said, good morning, Commissioners. I'm Sandi Beals, Chair of Coastal Gardens, the Bamboo Farm, and Jackie Ogden is here also with me. We would just like to encourage you to continue the consideration for the \$170,000 for our budget there. We are very much aware of how difficult these times are, but in the midst of all that there's the vision of what is going to be down the road, and I hope you realize and understand that we're a very sound organization on a volunteer base. We have never come back and asked for additional money. We have met our part of all our responsibilities and we're going to continue to do that, but we do need your help. So we just ask you to please continue to support.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Kicklighter has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to let you know I believe that we'll be able to help out. I just want to express my frustration with the State of Georgia for stopping the funding there. They did us this way with the tag office out on the Westside and we had to provide the building for a new tag office and now they've cut the funding to you and we're going to have to bail them out there. They don't pay for the prisoners in the jail like they're supposed to. They're constantly campaigning on increasing your homestead exemption, but yet they won't cut their own state taxes, but they want to cut here and mandate certain funding. But, you know, because y'all do such a great job I believe we will be able to help in that area, and —, but I just wanted to let —. Ms. Beals said, thank you. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — let everybody know we're —, I'm frustrated with the State. Ms. Beals said, thank you. Thank you. We understand that and we're all disappointed in that, but we're not going to let them stop the show, so we're going to keep working and we need you to help us and we'll do our part a hundred percent.

Chairman Hair said, Commissioner Murray has a question.

Commissioner Murray said, Russ [Abolt] —. County Manager Abolt asked, sir? Commissioner Murray asked, have we gotten all the paperwork that we've requested from the State in order to protect the County if we do this? County Manager Abolt said, everything is contingent upon the County Attorney approving. I'm not aware of an intergovernmental agreement that we have with them. County Attorney Hart said, no, we don't have an intergovernmental agreement with them. County Manager Abolt said, we do have an agreement verbally staff to staff that they'll continue funding for a short period of time so the positions will not be apt to be laid off. Assuming there's a will to do the funding of this, we can turn the heat up under the State to get us an intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Murray said, well, I think the biggest concern that we have is protecting the citizens of Chatham County and we don't want to go in and put the money into and then have them take it back or control everything that's going on. If we put the money into it to operate it, then we want to be the ones to control what happens through y'all —. Ms. Beals said, I understand. Commissioner Murray said, — not the State telling us how it has to be done. Ms. Beals said, I understand.

Chairman Hair said, I think it would have to be done by intergovernmental agreement anyway. That's the only way you can give them money. They couldn't get money any other way, so that should protect us for that. Thank you. Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rivers.

Commissioner Rivers asked, Mr. Chairman, is there any way that we could start a process of trying to get the State to convey that land to us? Chairman Hair said, there has been some discussions. I would assume that's actually owned —, the land itself is owned by the University of Georgia. It's not owned through the Properties Commission like most of —. Ms. Jackie Ogden said, that's correct. That is correct, Chairman Hair. The land has been placed under the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, which is a part of the Cooperative Extension Service, and we have been assured that Dean Buchanan and Dr. Mel Garber have intended partnership with Chatham County that as long as the Chatham County Extension Service and the Chatham County Commissioners and government are in partnership with the Cooperative Extension Service, the protection of that land would not go to development or any other entity; however, additional paperwork or anything that is needed, Commissioner Rivers, we will be delighted to convey that up on to our Dean of the College of Ag.

Chairman Hair said, okay. Thank you. Ms. Ogden said, thank you. Chairman Hair said, ladies, thank you for coming. Next? Anybody that wants to speak on the budget. Okay, hearing none I will declare the public hearing over. Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Pierce. Chairman Hair asked, who? Chairman Hair recognized Mr. Pierce.

Mr. John Saxon (Piccolo) Pierce said, I am concerned for the staff. They don't get enough pay or nothing and the people can't pay —, can't leave without money. Staff [inaudible] police department staff work hard and they don't get nothing hardly. They don't even get a decent pay. Y'all try to make that pay a little bit higher. Thank you very much.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Pierce.

Ms. McCorkle said, I'm sorry, but could I ask those people who are here, made the effort to come and represent the library and speak —, not speak but —. Chairman Hair said, certainly. Have them stand up and we'll recognize them. Ms. McCorkle said, please stand. Chairman Hair said, all Friends of the Library folks. Ms. McCorkle said, I think we had a good representation here this morning. Chairman Hair said, we appreciate y'all being here.

Chairman Hair said, okay, that concludes the public hearing.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A public hearing was held on the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget. Comments were heard seeking more funds on behalf of the public library, the Bamboo Farm, and County employees.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2AGENDA DATE: June 25, 2004

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

ISSUE:

To hold a Public Hearing on the Chatham County fiscal year 2005 budget as required by State Law.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that Chatham County follow certain steps in its budget process prior to adopting an annual budget (O.C.G.A. Code Section 36-81-5). The County should provide its residents with information concerning the proposed budget and allow its citizens to be heard during a public budget hearing held at least one week prior to the adoption of a budget ordinance or resolution.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- A. A Public Hearing was advertised on May 14, 2004 in the *Savannah Morning News* to be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 25, 2004.
- B. Copies of the proposed budget were made available to the public in the Finance Department as well as at local branches of the Live Oak Public Libraries on the date the budget was presented to the Board, which was the date of the public hearing notice.
- C. On a date at least one week before adoption, Chatham County is required to hold a public meeting. The budget adoption must be advertised at least one week in advance.
- D. The budget adoption was advertised on June 17, 2004 in the *Savannah Morning News* for Friday, July 9, 2004 budget adoption.
- E. The budget for fiscal year 2005 covers the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Proceed with the public hearing on June 25, 2004 and adopt the FY 2005 budget on July 9, 2004.
- (2) Reschedule the hearing and adoption of the FY 2005 budget and re-advertise within limits established by State Law.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State Law requires that an annual budget be adopted by the Board, after advertising the dates of a public hearing and budget adoption and allowing persons to appear and comment on the proposed budget in accordance with the Code Sections below.

Georgia Law 36-81-5. (f)

“At least one week prior to the meeting of the governing authority at which adoption of the budget ordinance or resolution will be considered, the governing authority shall conduct a public hearing, at which time any persons wishing to be heard on the budget may appear”

Georgia Law 36-81-6. (a)

“On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection (f) of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE A NEW ARBORIST TECHNICIAN POSITION WITHIN THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the creation of a new Arborist Technician position within the Building Safety and Regulatory Services (BSRS) Department. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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4. VEHICLE LIABILITY OPTIONS.

Chairman Hair said, we discussed this briefly in the pre-meeting. I believe that staff recommended self-insured. Does anybody have any questions? Ready for a motion?

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to one. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve that Chatham County remain self-insured for the first year, given the cap of \$100,000/\$300,000 liability exposure and allow public market insurance premium packages to develop for better comparison and allow analysis and cost effectiveness of self-insurance. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of six to one. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.]

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Chairman Hair said, based on the County Attorney's comments obviously it would be subject to his approval. Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Murray said, second.

Mr. Ken Earls asked, may I ask a question? Chairman Hair said, certainly, Mr. Earls. Mr. Earls said, I just —. What does this —, what is this? That's all. What does it consist of? County Attorney Hart said, essentially the Department of Justice has come down and in cooperation with the County we have reviewed all the County facilities, made a survey of the facilities and tried to determine where there are deficiencies. There obviously are some deficiencies with as many older buildings as we have, and what we're trying to do, this agreement will be an understanding between Chatham County and the Department of Justice that we will over a period of time bring those buildings within compliance, and we're probably going to have to do it in a phase-in type situation because some of those can be corrected quite easily and other things are going to take some engineering and figuring out how you're going to do it. So the agreement basically just sort of sets the parameters and it sort of identifies areas that everyone felt needed to be addressed. Mr. Earls said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Hair said, thank you, Mr. Earls. All right, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The Clerk asked, who seconded it, I'm sorry? Commissioner Odell said, I did. The Clerk said, you made the motion. Commissioner Murray said, I did. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.] Chairman Hair said, thank you. The motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign American With Disabilities Compliance Agreement with the U. S. Department of Justice. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.]

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE PLAN OF ACTION AND OPTIONS REGARDING INCREASE TO REFUSE TIPPING FEE.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Murray said, so moved. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved that the Board, as proposed in the FY2004-2005 budget, increase the refuse tipping fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for every ton of solid waste disposed in a privately owned landfill in Chatham County and use that amount exclusively to improve the County's solid waste collection program and reduce the property tax subsidy to the Solid Waste Management Fund, contingent upon staff's negotiations of the increase with operators of private landfills as required by State law. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar with the exception of Items 9, 13, 14, 15, 17-A, B and D. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Murray said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Action Calendar be approved in its entirety with the exception of Items 9, 13, 14, 15, 17-A, 17-B and 17-D. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was 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 28, 2004, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes for the pre-meeting and regular meeting of May 28, 2004, as mailed. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 20 THROUGH JUNE 16, 2004.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period May 20, 2004, through June 16, 2004, in the amount of \$8,164,096. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 3. **REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, NORO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE EXCHANGE AT BERWICK, PHASE 1, LOT 2, AND ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, Noro Capital Development, to record the subdivision plat for The Exchange at Berwick, Phase 1, Lot 2, and accept the construction agreement and financial guarantee. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF 1.67 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE S&O CANAL FOR FUTURE MITIGATION.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the purchase of 1.67 acres of land adjacent to the S&O Canal for future on-site mitigation of the S&O Canal improvement impacts. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ENABLING USE OF AN EXISTING GARDEN CITY EASEMENT FOR ACCESS TO A SECTION OF THE PIPEMAKERS CANAL.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Garden City enabling use of an existing Garden City easement for access to a section of the Pipemakers Canal for purposes of construction, operation and maintenance. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR RELOCATION OF A SECTION OF PIPEMAKERS CANAL ON AIRPORT PROPERTY.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Savannah Airport Authority for relocation of a section of Pipemakers Canal on airport property. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FEE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE *RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE* FOR THE LAKEVIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the request to waive the fee and bonding requirements established in the Right-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance for the Lakeview Homeowners Association for the planting of shrubbery along the right-of-way in the Lakeview Subdivision, specifically Elmhurst Drive and Lakeview Court. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 8. REQUEST BOARD DECLARE AS SURPLUS TWO VACANT LOTS ON GOLDEN STREET AND LOVE STREET IN CITY OF SAVANNAH AND AUTHORIZE CONVEYING THE COUNTY'S INTEREST HELD BY TAX DEED IN THE PROPERTIES TO THE LAND BANK AUTHORITY.
[DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to declare as surplus two vacant lots: 1408 Golden Street (PIN 2-0019-02-019) and 1207 Love Street (PIN 2-0019-12-007) in the City of Savannah and authorize conveying the County's interest held by tax deed in the properties to the Land Bank Authority. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR PURCHASE OF A USED HELICOPTER. SEE PURCHASING REPORT (ITEM IX-17-L) FOR PURCHASE OF HELICOPTER.**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, yeah, Russ [Abolt] —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, — I support this. Now if I understood correctly, this is \$160,000 that the City will be giving us towards the purchase of this helicopter and it will be used a great deal with the new police department. Is that correct? County Manager Abolt said, as the need arises, yes sir. Commissioner Murray said, we've needed that for a long time. Move for approval.

Chairman Hair asked, second? Chairman Hair said, second with a ques—, with just a comment. Chairman Hair said, certainly.

Commissioner Odell asked, have we looked at any kind of relationship with Memorial because helicopters are relatively expensive? I know they have several, and I don't think they're up and running —. County Manager Abolt said, you'll see in the Purchasing report, Dr. Lewandowski and his staff done a fairly exhaustive search of the State and the Southeast. This from DeKalb County seems to be the best deal. Commissioner Odell said, okay. County Attorney Hart said, it's loaded up with a bunch of police equipment.

Chairman Hair said, I think that your question, however, I believe that the used some federal money to purchase their helicopter and I don't know that it could be used on a contract basis for other reasons. We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Odell said, yes. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor of the motion vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Murray moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah for purchase of a used helicopter [described in Agenda Item IX-17-L]. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 10. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2004. PETITIONER: KATHRYN H. HIEBERT, D/B/A CABANA BAR - MARSHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, LOCATED AT 1 PALMERS DRAW. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the petition of Kathryn H. Hiebert, d/b/a Cabana Bar — Marshwood Country Club, located at 1 Palmers Draw, for renewal of a Sunday Sales of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring license for 2004. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 11. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSES FOR 2004. PETITIONER: CHERYL D. HULL, D/B/A BEEF O'BRADY'S FAMILY SPORTS PUB, LOCATED AT 461 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, UNITS 11 AND 12. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the petition of Cheryl D. Hull, d/b/a Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub, located at 461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Units 11 and 12, for new Beer and Wine Pouring and Sunday Sales licenses for 2004. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 12. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2004. PETITIONER: JAMES JOSEPH MONAGHAN, D/B/A THE PALM ISLAND CLUB, INC., LOCATED ON THE "MILLIONAIRE'S CASINO" EXCURSION VESSEL AT 8010 TYBEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the petition of James Joseph Monaghan, d/b/a The Palmis Land Club, Inc., located on the "Millionaire's Casino" Excursion Vessel at 8010 Tybee Road, for new Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring and Sunday Sales licenses for 2004. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 13. REQUEST BOARD AFFIRM THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE FOR THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHATHAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.**

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, I just wanted to again publicly thank Judge Bass for his hard work on the Drug Court and also Danny DeLoach for his work on that, and also recently we got good news from the Governor, who had also put more money into the Drug Court. So it's proving that this is one of 60 around the State of Georgia that's becoming a premiere way to deal with the crowded situation in the jail and also makes people who were once substance abusers productive citizens once again. We appreciate their efforts.

Chairman Hair asked, so do you want to move for approval? Commissioner Rayno said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to accept the Drug Court Treatment Grant from the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) in the amount of \$205,000 and authorized the Chairman to execute the contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Human Resources and all related documents required by the grant. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Rivers and McMasters were not present.]

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14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD 1997 THROUGH 2003, WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NOT TO CREATE A SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, again I share the same concerns I mentioned earlier, the fact that we're just attempting to write these off when some of these organizations I know that their corporations were dissolved and we can't go after them, but there's some of these folks in here that are prominent citizens of this community that are walking around and they have plenty of money and if we put their name in the paper I think they've think twice about writing these debts off. I think they'd come in and pay them. And also I think we that should go to collections and make sure that these people pay these off. For instance, Colonial Motor Sports, we're writing off the racetrack debt that's been looming for years and I think the people that were involved in that project should pay. And there's another guy in here who I know is only for three minutes from here, we can see him working right over there. It's not like he's not easy to locate, he's right around the corner, and I don't understand why he can't pay his bill either.

Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, I don't know who the second person that you're talking about, but the Colonial Motor Sports deal was a corporation and debt to a corporation has a shield, a corporation has a shield and Joe Mahany, who you were referring to earlier who's listed on here, was basically listed on there for billing purposes. He was not part of the corporation so you can't personally go after liability unless you want to hire the attorney over here to personally go after him because Danny Powers is not because you legally cannot do it. Commissioner Rayno asked, what was the arrangement with him with TLC [sic], was it, to collect payment? Tax Commissioner Powers said, I have no idea what any of those arrangements were. All I know is the bill has not been paid and it went through a bankruptcy proceeding, Jeff [Rayno]. We've carried it, there's no sense in carrying it, it's not going to be collected. As I stated earlier, that's why people form corporations. They build a shield and you cannot personally go after anyone in that corporation.

Commissioner Rayno said, I understand that. What was the nature of the arrangement with TLC [sic], Mr. Hart? Tax Commissioner Powers said, I don't know. County Attorney Hart said, TLC [sic] was the first party security interest in all of the barriers that were built over there and I think they had a security interest to the extent of like \$750,000 or \$800,000. It was significant. When it went into bankruptcy, they obviously went in to protect their interest there. Those barriers were put all over that —. Commissioner Murray said, it's TIC. County Attorney Hart said, — TIC, were put all over the roadway, as you would expect for a race. When the race was over and when everything was over you have to move those things, and it's a very expensive process to move them, very expensive process to store them, and eventually a deal was struck between the company that had the security interest in the County that they would move them for the County or pay the taxes, and it ended up at that time the County did not have the money to move it so they moved it, and they moved it in consideration for those \$19,000 in taxes, which we thought at that time was a great deal for the County because we had looked at what it would take for us to do it and the best we could do was about \$30,000. So it was really a wash transaction, you know, where you could hand one check and they hand one back. What they did was they cleared the tax lien off their security interest and went on about their way while at the same time in effect doing a public service to the community of moving those barriers which, you know, we just didn't have the equipment or the expertise of putting those things out.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Rayno asked, and how will we pay those off, from what account? Tax Commissioner Powers said, you don't pay these off, these are just written off. Commissioner Rayno asked, it's not writeable. Tax Commissioner Powers said, yes sir, you have to. I mean, unless you want to carry them as a receivable forever. There's no way of trying to cleared up before the year-end, Jeff [Rayno], is simply what we're trying to do so that your receivable listings don't, you know, look higher than they actually are. County Attorney Hart said, it's technically —, technically, you're going to save —. Tax Commissioner Powers said, the State requires that we do this from time to time to come in to clean up these back —. Commissioner Rayno said, we did it two years ago, I remember.

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Odell said, approve. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno

voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a request from the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible personal property taxes for the period 1997 through 2003 consisting of 88 accounts totaling \$221,425.47, and to instruct the Tax Assessor's Office not to create a subsequent assessment of the same properties. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion. Chairman Hair and Commissioners Rivers, Murray, Odell, Gellatly, Kicklighter and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rayno voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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15. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WRITE-OFF OLD ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ACCOUNTS TOTALING \$1,589,190.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno said, yes. Why can't we collect the EMT [sic] debts? Again, why can't we send that to a collection agency like other places —? County Manager Abolt asked, EMS? Commissioner Rayno said, EMS. County Manager Abolt said, that's —, remember I mentioned that. We've used Lanier and we, in effect, have gotten to the point where these feel to be a situation where collection activities have not been successful and Ms. Cramer was asking that they be written off. If eventually they are successful, which I think will be very doubtful, obviously the revenue could be received. Commissioner Rayno said, another thing that people are doing is publishing the names of the people that are not paying their bills and they've found at least half the people pay their bills when they see their name in the newspaper. We can't do that as an option? Ms. Linda Cramer said, that would —, that's not our usual policy. If you want to make that a policy, you can certainly do that. Commissioner Rayno said, it seems to me with a million dollars we can find some. Ms. Cramer said, well, I think —, we're looking at a bookkeeping entry here. Just because we're writing these off doesn't mean that Lanier is going to stop trying to collect on them, and any future monies that we get in we'll just book as revenue. Commissioner Rayno asked, they would fall under miscellaneous revenue category? Ms. Cramer said, well, we've got an EMS revenue account and we'll put them directly in there. So we still get some monies in occasionally. Some of these are in litigation, some insurance company is [inaudible] this money, that kind of thing. This doesn't mean we're not going to continue to try to do something with them or that Lanier is not going to continue to pursue them, but what we've seen is just a really —, a low collection percentage [inaudible], and we just didn't want to continue to carry these on our balance sheet.

Commissioner Rayno asked, could we publish those names? County Attorney Hart said, you could publish the names, but you need to be exceedingly careful about doing that. In other words, the person better owe the debt. Commissioner Odell said, because if they don't we're liable for slander. County Manager Abolt said, you also have the issue —. Chairman Hair said, and we would be liable personally. County Manager Abolt said, you also have the issue, you remember, we've been out of the EMS business for a number of years, and the way —, the direction from the Board, and we were very active in pursuing it, we provided service, you know, because service was needed, so I concur with what the County Attorney is saying, not having looked at this list, but some of these people might have been purely a good Samaritan type thing, you know, where we provided the ambulance service and they could not pay for it. County Attorney said, some —, many of them end up being in some type of bankruptcy, you know, a lot of them, and they wipe the debt out technically through the bankruptcy and, you know, then putting somebody's name in the paper for a debt they don't owe is not exactly a great thing to do.

Commissioner Rivers said, you know, writing it off is only going to affect the bookkeeping, the only aspect of it of writing off those bad debts, but they're still being collected, refurbish it and put it back in. So with that, if you don't mind, Jeff [Rayno], I'm going to move that we approve it. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rivers moved to approve the request to write-off old accounts receivable accounts totaling \$1,589,190 as follows: General M&O \$149,116; Special Service District \$2,599; Street Paving Fund \$29,393; Water & Sewer; and EMS \$1,407,527. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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16. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF QUITCLAIM DEED.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a quitclaim deed to Cynthia Brown for property located on Chester Street, PIN 20027-15017, and being described as "the South part of Lot 13, Block 6, Glen Ward," PIN 20027-15017. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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17. 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. Confirmation of emergency purchase for one 2004 Ford pickup truck for the Tax Commissioner	SPLOST	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$14,012	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
B. Annual maintenance agreement for maintenance for telephone communications	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions	\$74,650	General Fund/M&O - Communications
C. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four additional one year terms to provide banking services to Chatham County	Finance	Wachovia Bank, N.A.	No cost to the County	N/A
D. Purchase order to cover expenses associated with the purchase of badges and uniform jackets	Police	City of Savannah	\$57,300	SSD - Police
E. Change Order No. 18 to the contract for engineering services for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Project to include additional services	Engineering	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$130,000	No - funding required 100% reimbursed to the County by the Savannah Airport Authority
F. Annual revenue producing contract with automatic renewal options for four additional one year terms to provide concessionaire services at various park and recreational facilities	Public Works and Park Services	Sweet Dreams Ice Cream	Revenue to County \$14,460 per year	Revenue Producing
G. Annual contracts for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel	Fleet Operations	•Sommers Oil Company •Barrett Oil Company	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
H. Annual price agreement for the "as needed" purchase of yellow and white traffic paint and glass traffic beads	Public Works and Park Services	Sherwin-Williams	•\$5.55/5gl - white paint •\$5.55/5gl - yellow paint •\$.28/lb - glass beads	SSD - Public Works
I. Contract for concrete paving at the Mosquito Control facility	Mosquito Control	Charles Lane Construction, Inc.	\$32,984	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
J. Six (6) month maintenance contract for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system	Police	Admit Computer Services, Inc. (sole source)	\$18,765	E-911
K. Exterior signage for the ANG building	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Doug Bean Signs	\$14,375	CIP - Bond Fund - ANG Property and Structure
L. Used 1999 helicopter	Mosquito Control	DeKalb County	\$550,000	•CIP Fund - \$217,130 •General Fund M&O - Mosquito Control \$172,870 •City of Savannah (pending City Council approval) - \$160,000

As to Items 17-C through 17-L, except 17-D:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 17-C through 17-L, except 17-D. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

As to Item 17-A:

Confirmation of emergency purchase for one 2004 Ford pickup truck for the Tax Commissioner; SPLOST; J. C. Lewis Ford; \$14,012; SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno asked, was this A, sir? Chairman Hair said, this is A, yes sir. Commissioner Rayno said, yes sir. I called this —, what is this truck used for for tax collection? Chairman Hair recognized Tax Commissioner Powers. Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, well, we wanted to get a truck so we wouldn't have to use a Moped or something to go out —, that was a joke. Seriously, we use this vehicle to —, we use it when we have to post a real property that we're taking for tax collection. It's now being used quite actively in the posting and visitation at the various mobile home parks, which I think you have a dear issue in. We currently have about 20 of these properties that are —, we're actively seeking and having title work done to take to a tax sale to eradicate the delinquency problems, so that's what —. Commissioner Rayno asked, you're bringing paperwork? Tax Commissioner Powers asked, pardon me? Commissioner Rayno asked, you're bringing paperwork? Tax Commissioner Powers asked, I'm bringing paperwork? Commissioner Rayno asked, is that what you're bringing is paperwork? Commissioner Kicklighter said, signs. Posting of signs. Tax Commissioner Powers said, posting —, yeah, we have to level and actually paste a —, yeah, notice on the mobile home that it's under levy and subject to a foreclosure. Commissioner Rayno said, the reason I asked is if you need a truck, then you need a truck, that's fine. Tax Commissioner Powers said, that's correct, sir. Commissioner Rayno said, but if you could use a car, you can use a car. Tax Commissioner Powers said, we thought about the car, Jeff [Rayno]. We were using a car previously and it blew up, that's why we figured we'd try to get something a little bit more durable. We looked at a car that we could have probably bought for \$10,000 or \$11,000, but it would be in the shop where these people have to travel so we figured it would be a little S10 truck, which is probably a little bit more durable. Commissioner Rayno said, okay. I called the City of Savannah and they use little cars and they're 10-5 and they last five years.

Chairman Hairsaid, we need a motion. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Commissioner Kicklighter said, Danny [Powers] —. Tax Commissioner Powers said, yes sir. Commissioner Rivers said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can you strap a big sign on it from [inaudible]. Commissioner Price asked, pardon me? Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can you put a big sign on the Moped?

Chairman Hair said, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 17-B:

Annual maintenance agreement for maintenance for telephone communications; ICS; Integrated Network Solutions; \$74,650; General Fund/M&O - Communications.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Rayno.

Commissioner Rayno asked, are they here? Chairman Hair asked, who? Who is here? Commissioner Rayno said, the people, Integrated Network Solutions. Chairman Hair asked, is anybody from Integrated Network Solutions here? Chairman Hair said, no. Commissioner Rayno asked, could you ask them how come when Russ' [Abolt] office calls up and says Human Resources on the Caller ID and when you call back you get Human Resources? County Manager Abolt said, we have a few switches. We have two or three switches which saves us money. That means on your Caller ID when I call or someone calls from my office, it goes through that particular switch. That's what it does. It's Mr. Leonard's —, if I remember correctly, — a very innovative way of saving us dollars by not having so many switches.

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

As to Item 17-D:

Purchase order to cover expenses associated with the purchase of badges and uniform jackets; Police; City of Savannah; \$57,300; SSD - Police.

Chairman Hair recognized Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, first of all, I'd just like to say the new uniforms do look good. I like the way they look, and it's a good compromise, I think, between the two departments. My question on this is why are we taking this out of the SSD budget when we allocated monies from the SPLOST for this transition? County Manager Abolt said, because we're trying

to shepherd the SPLOST money. This was money, I believe, even when Chief Sprague was here that both he and Chief Flynn felt they could find in the operating budget of the police department, so we took that as a given. You'll recall in my budget message we spent the lion's share of their money for vehicles, and we then sequestered the balance for the police precincts. So this is a good use of resources in my estimation.

Commissioner Murray said, move for approval. Chairman Hair asked, second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.] Chairman Hair said, the motion passes.

As to Item 17-L:

Used 1999 helicopter; Mosquito Control; DeKalb County; \$550,000; CIP Fund - \$217,130, General Fund M&O - Mosquito Control \$172,870, City of Savannah (pending City Council approval) - \$160,000.

Chairman Hair said, that concludes the Action Calendar. Commissioner Murray said, I thought we had L. Chairman Hair said, we didn't have L. I didn't mark that. That was approved as a part of the Action Calendar, but okay, Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray said, I just have a couple of questions. I support the purchase of this. My only question would be what would be possibility, we've got \$160,000 through an intergovernmental agreement with the City, we've got some funding coming from Mosquito Control budget, what would be the problem of possibly financing some of this over a two or three years rather than taking all this money out of the budget right now when we could use that money in other areas? County Manager Abolt said, I'd have to explore that with Ms. Cramer whether we could get short term debt on that. Commissioner Murray asked, can we just look? I mean, we've approved it, and that's fine. Can we just look at it and see what —? County Manager Abolt said, we'll be glad to look at that, sir.

Chairman Hair said, I'll tell you one thing, Commissioner Murray, being in that business it's very difficult to finance airplanes in terms of what they want relative to value. I do it every day and it's very tough to do that, but it's something that we can look at. County Manager Abolt said, we'll be glad to look at it. Chairman Hair said, yeah, okay, thanks. It's already been approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items C through L, except Items 17-A, 17-B and 17-D. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]
2. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Item 17-A. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]
3. Commissioner Rayno moved to approve Item 17-B. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]
4. Commissioner Murray moved to approve Item 17-D. Commissioners Rivers and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

1. **AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE ADDITION OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES STAFF TO CONDUCT CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY TREE INSPECTIONS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV, "PARADE AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ORDINANCE," OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE."

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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3. AMENDMENT TO THE "WATER SYSTEMS ORDINANCE" AND ADOPTION OF POLICY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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XII. SECOND READINGS

**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.]**

Chairman Hair said, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Hair said, yes sir. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, may I ask if there's anyone out there opposes this? Okay, I'll make a motion to approve. Chairman Hair asked, second. Commissioner Rivers said, second. Chairman Hair said, all those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to **deny** the petition of Vinay M. Patel, Owner, requesting the rezoning of 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 and **approve** the rezoning of a portion of the subject property from B-C and R-A classifications to a PUD-B-C classification. Commissioner Rivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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**2. AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO RETAIN "ISSUING AUTHORITY" STATUS UNDER THE GEORGIA EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ACT OF 1975 (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 ET SEQ) AS AMENDED.
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Hair moved to amend the Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance in order to retain "issuing authority" status under the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975 (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, et seq.), as amended. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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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: June 25, 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>
Remove fuel tanks install new tanks at two well sites as per the Wellhead Protection Guidelines	Water and Sewer	P & I Supply	\$8,540	Water and Sewer
Remove underground storm tanks from four lift stations	Water and Sewer	Charlie's Environmental Construction	\$8,200	Water and Sewer
200 "U" channel sign posts	Public Works and Park Services	Tapco Traffic and Parking Control	\$2,500	SSD - Public Works
Purchase and installation of heaters	Fleet Operations	All Season's Comfort, Inc.	\$8,287	CIP - Fleet Operations
Yearly maintenance on the automated air conditioning system located at the Health Department on Eisenhower Drive	Health Department	Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. (sole source)	\$3,868	CIP - Health Department

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Pressure wash all exterior wood trim to include walk way shelter between building and remove all mildew and mold and repaint all surfaces with exterior paint at 5000 Jasmine Avenue	Gateway	Mike's Painting, Inc.	\$4,500	CIP - Gateway
Installed controls and alarm system on the eye wash station	Mosquito Control	All Electric & Specialty	\$4,786.85	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Two (2) Motorola radios and accessories	Mosquito Control	Motorola (sole source)	\$4,628.40	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Radios and batteries	Mosquito Control	Savannah Communications and Electronics	\$3,106	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Repairs to Dectron air conditioning system	Aquatic Center	Stone/Light, Inc.	\$8,800	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Three (3) Dell computers with monitors	Sheriff	Dell Marketing, LP (state contract)	\$6,231.51	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
150 campaign style hats	Police	West Chatham Warning Devices	\$7,350	SSD - Police
Five (5) cordless scanners with receipt printer, two barcode readers and handfree stands for readers	Live Oak Public Library	Barcode Discount Warehouse, Inc.	\$4,958	CIP - Vehicle and Equipment Lease
Updated virus scan protection software and purchase of additional software	ICS	Network Associates (state contract)	\$6,926.42	General Fund/M&O - ICS
Three (3) Dell computers and monitors	State Court Clerk	Dell Marketing, LP (state contract)	\$4,654.48	General Fund/M&O - State Court Clerk
Three (3) Dell computers and one monitor	Finance	Dell Marketing, LP (state contract)	\$3,737.68	General Fund/M&O - Finance
Four (4) digital cameras	CNT	Saul Mineroff Electronics, Inc. (sole source)	\$3,690	Multiple Grant Fund - Weed and Seed
Software to include MS Office, MS Word and MS Excel	State Court Clerk	Software Spectrum	\$4,654.60	General Fund/M&O - State Court Clerk
Six (6) body armor and extra cover	Sheriff	Uniforms by Patrick	\$3,330	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
20 boxes of photo ID arm bands	Detention Center	Precision Dynamics Corp. (sole source)	\$3,318	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Software license and maintenance for scanning with document imaging system	Superior Court Clerk	Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc. (sole source)	\$7,137.62	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
24 heavy duty grills to be installed at the various parks and recreational areas	Public Works and Park Services	Gametime	\$3,360	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Various playground equipment and supplies to include swing set seats, tot seats and tennis nets	Public Works and Park Services	Gametime	\$6,706	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Miscellaneous supply for the cash collection system for public use of County copiers	State Court Judges	High Tech Accessory Items, Inc.	\$5,627.50	General Fund/M&O - State Court Judges
Test and balance air conditioning system	Juvenile Court	Georgia Balance Company	\$3,795	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
Encoders for Accu-Touch voting system	Elections Board	Diebold Election Systems, Inc. (sole source)	\$8,295	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board
Three (3) HP laser jet printers and duplex option tray	Superior Court Clerk	Disys Corp. (state contract)	\$3,642.12	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
Two (2) Canon scanners with associated connection items and three year service contract	Superior Court Clerk	CDW Government, Inc. (state contract)	\$9,114.78	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
One (1) 72" riding mower with attachments	Public Works and Park Services	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$8,157.30	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
150 padded seat and back folding chairs	Public Works and Park Services	Bidlo Associates	\$3,123	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Replace, repair and service overhead doors	Fleet Operations	Savannah Overhead Door	\$9,806	CIP - Fleet Building Repairs
Auto attendant for Mitel telephone system to be installed at the Montgomery Street office	Tax Commissioner	Integrated Network Solutions (sole source)	\$3,339.26	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
One (1) used 2000 Ford Focus station wagon	Purchasing	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$7,600	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing
Upgrade and training of the voter system	Elections Board	Election Data Services, Inc.	Not to exceed \$7,000	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board
Six (6) computers with monitors	Superior Court Clerk	Dell Marketing (state contract)	\$7,567.68	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
Two (2) laptop computers	Juvenile Court	Dell Marketing (state contract)	\$4,503.96	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Three (3) laptop computers	State Court Judges	Dell Marketing (state contract)	\$6,755.94	General Fund/M&O - State Court Judges
One (1) high volume laser jet printer	CNT	CDW Government, Inc. (state contract)	\$2,636.18	Multiple Grant Fund - CNT
One (1) multi use color laser jet printer	Purchasing	CDW Government, Inc. (state contract)	\$3,114.27	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing
Provide preliminary construction limits along area of Savannah Electric transmission line for establishment of required right of way	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$9,250	SPLOST (1985-1993) - SR 307-US17 to I16
Surveying services for the Talmadge Bridges - North Hutchinson Island access ramp	SPLOST	Ward Edwards	\$9,575	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Talmadge/Hutchinson Island
Evaluate validity of complaints of property damage due to construction	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$9,500	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Stephenson Avenue widening project
Evaluate the feasibility of closing seven intersections located along Skidaway Road and replacing with cul-de-sacs or hammer-heads	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$7,500	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Skidaway/Ferguson
Prepare several sets of plans for the Middle-ground Road widening project for use in the final plan submission and review prior to bidding the project. Then prepare and submit a set of mylar prints of the project plans for use in preparing the bid sets, along with partial sets of the waterline construction plans as per GDOT request	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	\$8,546.45	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Middleground Road Widening project
Supplemental services for the White Bluff Road widening to include the effort needed to prepare for, attend and follow up on a public information meeting	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	\$9,941	SPLOST (1993-1998) - White Bluff Road widening
Site prep for Phase 2 construction at Savannah Airport (cutting of new access road)	SPLOST	T Clearing	\$5,040	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Grading plan for use by the contractor in providing a finished area around the pond where excavation work has been completed	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$9,800	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Field survey of excavation areas and verification of earthwork quantities	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$9,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Engineering services for Wilmington Island Library	SPLOST	Kern-Coleman and Company	\$8,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Library
Field grassing - 3 phases, prepare fields, install springs and fertilize, insecticide and three initial mowings	SPLOST	Turf Services Unlimited	\$9,650	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Soccer Field Concord Road

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Written reports were received as information.

AGENDA ITEM: _____
DATE: June 25, 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 timeline. 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. Despite the low bid being much higher than the GDOT estimate and the past performance in this county, the GDOT awarded the contract to APAC.

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. The laterals between Waters Ave. and Hodgson Memorial are complete. There are five more laterals to be installed between Hodgson Memorial and Abercorn. These 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 and a public information meeting before deciding what level of Federal participation is warranted.

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, Phase 2 Extension (Spur 21). Under construction. 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. Project is nearing completion and intends to be complete in July.

b. Central Avenue (West), Leghorn, Billings, Ridgewood and Fallowfield Drive. Fallowfield Drive is complete. Ridgewood Avenue and Central Avenue (West) are substantially complete. Contractor has completed installation of storm drain piping on Leghorn and Billings. Work on curbing is underway. Estimated completion is July 2004.

c. 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. Right-of-way is cleared. Estimated completion date is August 28, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS

June 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	May 2006	GDOT	Awarded to APAC May 28.
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 ROW Construction	Unknown	County GDOT GDOT	Draft EA at FHWA CST LR
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 _____

DATE: June 25, 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. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Staff is preparing an Intergovernmental Agreement to allow the County to use an easement belonging to Garden City for access to Pipemakers 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 will be necessary as a result of negotiations for the permit from USACE.
 - ii. Staff anticipates permit approval this summer and has directed the County right of way consultant to begin the process of acquiring of canal ROW for the project. Those parcels affected by the pending SR307 widening project will remain on hold.
 - 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. Four parcels have been acquired by the County.
 - ii. The CSX railroad undercrossing 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. Preliminary survey work has been reviewed by Staff and returned to the surveyor for corrections.
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 July 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 July 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. This work is on hold pending completion of Title Searches on the affected properties.
19. Ogeechee Farms.
 - a. Phase 1. Improve internal collector system south of Vidalia Road. Construction is underway. With all mitigation requirements being fulfilled, the wetland area impacted by the project and bid as Alternative 1, has been released for construction.
 - 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 complete.
 - 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 began in June 2004.
 - c. Design for the replacement of the St. Ives undercrossing will be completed by July 2004. Acquisition of temporary construction easements is underway. Staff expects to be able to advertise for construction bids this summer, depending on timing of easement acquisitions.
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's the final Detailed Project Report was provided to Staff in 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's review of consultant's final report is complete.
 - 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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4. PRELIMINARY TAX DIGEST INFORMATION.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A written report was received as information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Commissioner Odell and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 9:57 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, and personnel.

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

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. REQUEST ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 7220 WATERS AVENUE AS A PROTECTIVE BUY TO PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR A RIGHT TURN FOR THE EISENHOWER/WATERS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY ACCESS FROM ITS EISENHOWER COMPLEX ONTO WATERS AVENUE (AL BUNGARD).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to approve the acquisition of property at 7220 Waters Avenue as a protective buy to preserve property needed for a right turn for the Eisenhower/Waters Intersection Improvement Project and to allow the County access from its Eisenhower Complex onto Waters Avenue. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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- 2. REQUEST APPROVAL TO SETTLE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN SHARON ANN CLARK V. CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, ET AL, CIVIL ACTION NO. CV99-1551-KA (JONATHAN HART).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Rayno moved to settle the County's interest in Sharon Ann Clark v. Chatham County, Georgia, et al, Civil Action No. CV99-1551-KA, in the amount of \$194,400. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was not present.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner McMasters was 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 10:12 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004

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

 SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK