

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005, 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 Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2005.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter called upon Bishop Matthew Odum, Temple of Glory, to give 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: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
- Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
- B. Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven
- Helen L. Stone, District One
- James J. Holmes, District Two
- Patrick Shay, District Three
- Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
- Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
- David M. Gellatly, District Six

- Also present: Russell Abolt, County Manager
- Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
- Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Liakakis introduced the officers of the County Youth Commissioners: Chantel Flowers, Chairman, Beach High School; Akeem Mitchell, Vice Chairman, Jenkins High School; and Katie Watters, Secretary, Savannah Christian.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR 2005-2006 YOUTH COMMISSION.

Chairman Liakakis said, what we're going to do, as we do every year, we are going to have an induction ceremony for the Youth Commission. Commissioner Thomas, if you will come forth, after Van Johnson does the introduction along with myself, and we'll go through the induction ceremony.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, and gentlemen. Even as we continue to have heavy hearts with the devastation in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, we are pleased to report to some good news this morning. Today signifies a wonderful beginning in the life of our community as we introduce to you the thirteenth edition of the Chatham County Youth Commission. While other young people were out enjoying their summers, this young people were busy working. They personally approached almost one hundred businesses in this community asking them not to allow school-aged children in their stores. I'm sure you've seen these signs now to infinity. Seeing the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, on Wednesday these young people presented \$500.00 to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. They are now also presently involved with Operation Backpack, which is kids helping kids to collect school supplies for those youth that's replaced by the storm. And beyond these dividends that have been realized by these young people who have graduated from the program, many of whom have returned to this community to give back of their time and their talents, this country has taken notice. As you well know, NACo — the National Association of Counties — has designated as a national model. This country has taken note as the National League of Cities and its municipalities under its jurisdiction to look at this program as a model program. This country has taken note, as Dr. Thomas reported last week, APTA will be working closely with us this year. This State has taken note, as evidenced by the July 2005 issue of Georgia County Government Magazine, where on page 37 it has the Chatham County Youth Commission spotlighted as a national model program. And, as you well know, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia will be using your Youth Commission as a model for its new youth in civics and government initiative. They are taking note of what you all are doing right here in Chatham County. None of this would be possible if it were not for a woman with a vision and a desire to engage young people and who could not and would not accept a notion of a lost generation. None of this would be possible without the support of you and your predecessors, who have given us unanimous support over the light of this program. None of this would be possible without a County Manager who always engage these young people and certainly has made as one of his priorities to make sure he does all he could to help engage us. And, likewise, none of this would be possible without Michael Kaigler, the Human Resources Director, and many of our County department heads and staff that assist us annually with this project. This would not be possible without the constant and efficient group of professionals who volunteer their time and their energy to educate and energize our

youth. And certainly they are here today: Ms. Debra Allen, Ms. Sandra Smalls, Ms. Bonnie Taylor and Mr. Pete Nichols, who help us annually with this program. And certainly I would be remiss if I did not invoke the name of Beverly Whitehead. I've been told that if you invoke a name every now and then, you never will forget her significance to this County and the significance to this program. As always, our partners in progress is parents, grandparents, godparents, guardians of these young people who have allowed us to serve as a member of the village that will incubate this young people the next months. Will all of our parents, godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of these young people please stand. Let's give them a big round of applause.

Mr. Johnson said, I would like to introduce to you the Chairperson of 2005-2006 Youth Commission, Ms. Chantel Flowers. And what makes Chantel [Flowers] so special is that she has brought her principal with her. Mr. Roy Davenport from Beach High School is here. Mr. Davenport, if you will stand. Now that's clout when you can bring your principal along with you.

Ms. Flowers said, good morning. I stand before you today to make you acquainted of the best selection you could have chosen for the chairperson for the year 2005 through 2006. Believe, Achieve, Succeed was one of my slogans that I live by, and if the Youth Commission believes in me, that makes me strive to achieve that together we all can succeed. I may not know everything, but I am willing to learn, and with the help of Commissioner Thomas, Alderman Johnson, and all the Chatham County Youth Commission staff I see where I can't go wrong. People sometimes say the truth will set you free. Well, I must admit at first I thought I was way in over my head, but with the encouragement coming from every corner, I thought: "Why not." I would like to thank each Commissioner, each Youth Commissioner, each parent and et cetera, for giving me the chance to make a future to live for. I promise the 2005-2006 year will be the one you will never forget.

Mr. Johnson said, I would like to introduce to the 2005-2006 Youth Commission, and please as I call your name please stand:

	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	CLASS	TERM
CHAIR			
Ms. Chantel Flowers*	Educational Talent Search (BHS)	SR	3rd
VICE CHAIR:			
Mr. Akeem Mitchell*	Jenkins High School	SR	2nd
SECRETARY:			
Ms. Katie Watters*	Savannah Christian	SR	2nd
PARLIAMENTARIAN:			
Mr. Calvin Owens	Groves High School	JR	2nd
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:			
Ms. Courtney Andrews*	Summer Bonanza (Groves)	SR	3rd
Ms. Jhamia Allen*	Jenkins High School	SR	3rd
Ms. Danielle Cummings	Jenkins High School	JR	2nd

MEMBER	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	CLASS	TERM
Mr. Akhil Anumolu	Indian Association	JR	2nd
Ms. Katherine Blackburn	Savannah Country Day	JR	2nd
Ms. Kevina Bland*	Savannah High School	SR	2nd
Ms. Knicera Boddie	Beach High School	JR	1st
Ms. Logan Bryan*	St. Vincent's Academy	SR	2nd
Mr. Kyle Burnsed*	Savannah Arts Academy	SR	3rd
Ms. Kandice Butler	Johnson High School	JR	2nd
Ms. N'Gia Conyers	Johnson High School	JR	2nd
Ms. Tahira Davis*	St. Vincent's Academy	SR	2nd
Ms. Helen Farmakis	Calvary Day School	SO	1st
Ms. Breonna Frazier	St. Paul Academy for Girls	JR	1st
Ms. Jasmine Gusby	Jenkins High School	JR	2nd
Ms. Whitney Hawthorne	Beach High School	JR	2nd
Ms. Lissy Isaacson*	Jewish Educational Alliance (SCD)	SR	3rd
Mr. William Jackson*	Groves High School	SR	3rd
Ms. Jennifer Morse	Jenkins High School	SO	1st
Ms. Ericka Murchison	Beach High School	JR	1st
Ms. Arnecia Newton	Jenkins High School	JR	2nd
Ms. Brittanie Odum	Groves High School	SR	1st
Ms. Brandyn Poole	Savannah Arts Academy	SO	1st
Ms. Cheree Shipman*	Beach High School	SR	2nd
Mr. James Small	Johnson High School	JR	1st
Mr. Antwan Smalls*	Groves High School	SR	2nd
Ms. Kirsten Smith	Johnson High School	JR	2nd
Mr. Wesley Stone	Benedictine Military	SO	1st
Ms. Michelle Verweil	Windsor Forest	JR	1st
Mr. Stephen Watson*	Riley Learning Center	SR	2nd
Ms. Leslie Weaver	Jenkins High School	JR	2nd
Mr. Anthony Williams	Jenkins High School	SO	1st
Ms. Darshea Young*	St. Paul Academy for Girls	SR	1st

* Graduating Seniors

Mr. Johnson said, they're not official until you make them so, Mr. Chairman. So if you would, and Dr. Thomas will come down, and register the oath of office. These candidates have been working around with white T-shirts on and I think they're ready to be official.

Chairman Liakakis said, I want everybody to know we're real proud of our Youth Commission and we're proud of all the things that they have done in the community in the past and you can see many of them that they have gone on to higher things. We're real grateful to Commissioner Priscilla Thomas for having this idea and bringing it forth, and a lot of cities and counties around the country are adopting what we have here and we're real proud of that. I thank Commissioner Thomas for her vision and the wonderful things that have been done for our community. What I would like to do for the Youth Commission, when

I call out "I" that you give your name and I'm going to give you the Oath of Loyalty, and I'd like each and every one of you to raise your right hand and when I say "I" give your name:

I, [Youth Commissioners said their names], a citizen of the State of Georgia and of the United States and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties assigned to me, and that I will at all times abide by and conform to the laws, ordinances and rules and regulations approved by the Chatham County Commissioners. So help me God.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm going to —, I read that for you and I'm going to read the sentences and you repeat it:

I, / a citizen of the State of Georgia / and of the United States / and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission / do hereby solemnly swear / that I will support the Constitution / of the United States / and the Constitution of the State of Georgia / that I will honestly and faithfully / perform the duties assigned to me / and that I will at all times / abide by and conform to the laws / ordinances and rules and regulations / approved by the Chatham County Commissioners. / So help me God. /

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do right now is we go to another of the resolutions where we are going to have a resolution read today from the Chatham County Commission for the family for the late J. Curtis Lewis, Jr., and I'd like for a member of his family, I think Walter Lewis is in the audience, and I asked Commissioner Helen Stone if she would do this resolution for our Commission.

[NOTE: At this time, the Order of Business was changed and Commissioner Stone presented the resolution in memory of J. Curtis Lewis, Jr., Item VI-1.]

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

2. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD.

Chairman Liakakis read the following resolution into the record:

We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities.

In the highest American Tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. Their members must have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging employee participation in Guard and Reserve.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
3. Employees will be granted leaves of absence for military service in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation; and
4. This agreement and its resultant policies will be made known throughout our organization.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor for this resolution. Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion and a second on the floor. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Georgia National Guard and Reserve. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. PROCLAMATION FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have another proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Day. I'd like to call on Commissioner Farrell for that proclamation.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Commissioner Farrell read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, each year Chatham County faces the threat of severe weather such as hurricanes and coastal storms, tornadoes, floods, and storm surge, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and man-made emergencies such as hazardous material spills, fires and acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms and man-made emergencies to cause death and destruction; and

WHEREAS, during the past 25 years, severe weather events and man-made emergencies have threatened Chatham County with numerous weather-related injuries and substantial property damage; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that effective public education programs concerning emergency preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all residents of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with voluntary and professional associations, elected leaders and the news media, are committed to informing Chatham County residents about safety and emergency preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman of the Chatham County Commission, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 9, 2005 as:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY

and encourage our citizens to become more aware of emergency preparedness measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2005.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. And it's important that we recognize this Emergency Preparedness Day because we want to — all the citizens to know that things that have been put in place and what the citizens need to do in case there's an emergency. I want all of the citizens in Chatham County to know that we have one of the top Emergency Management Agency in the entire country and they are bringing additional things into play so that we look at what happened in New Orleans and we want to make sure that that's not going to happen in Chatham County. And if we look at what Phillip Webber, our Director, under the direction of our County Manager, Russ Abolt, and his staff have done,

you can see that we are way ahead of the curve and that a lot of things and that a lot of things — for transportation, for shelters, for the other needed things to be done in our Chatham County area will be done. And they are going beyond that now to put additional things into place so that our citizens have this protection, and we're real proud of that. So we want all of our citizens to know that our Emergency Management people and things and working with other organizations, with the State of Georgia and FEMA, that we are prepared and will do whatever is necessary to protect our citizens in case a disaster was to occur here.

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4. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY. MS. SUSAN STEPHENS WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is a proclamation from National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and we'll have the proclamation done. Commissioner Shay will read that and then we'll also have after the proclamation is read, we'll have Ms. Susan Stephens, who will be receiving the proclamation, and she'll make a statement. She is the Regional Director of this organization, which is very important and they have worked on this for a long period of time. Commissioner Shay, if you'll come up with Ms. Stephens. And, Ms. Stephens, if you have anybody else with you that would like to come forward also is fine.

Ms. Susan Stephens said, yes sir, I do. I have Vietnam Veteran of America, I have Chapter 671 President, Mr. Lionel Marmolejo, and I also have from the Veterans Council Mr. Ken Seymour, if he would come up with me please, and also another Vietnam Veteran who is very active within the community, Allen Harvey. If it was not for this group, I would not be here today so I wish for them also to be in your presence.

Commissioner Shay read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, Chatham County and all of its citizens join the Nation in honoring the memories of all our Prisoners-of-War (POWs) and all of our soldiers Missing-in-Action on this very special POW-MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671, along with their friends and families, will be holding their annual recognition to honor the more than 89,000 POW-MIAs who remain unaccounted for, as well as those former POW-MIAs who have faithfully returned; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., the American POW-MIA flags will be proudly flown above the Vietnam Memorial in Emmett Park in salute of the former POWs from the Chatham County area; and

WHEREAS, in observing POW-MIA Recognition Day, Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671 is helping to keep alive the memories of and prayers for those POW-MIAs still unaccounted for.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Friday, September 16, 2005 as:

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Chatham County, as we honor the memories of the 78,751 POW-MIAs from World War II, 8,177 from the Korea War, and 2,089 from the War in Vietnam. In recognition of the 89,259 sons, husbands and fathers - LEST WE FORGET, and ask all citizens to join in thanking and in paying very special tribute to all POW-MIAs for the sacrifices they made to their nation – the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2005.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Ms. Stephens said, good afternoon everybody. Or is it still morning? Good morning. I'm just going to say a few things. My name is Susie Stephens and I stand before you as — and represent what every family in the military's worst nightmare. I'm an MIA family from Vietnam. I became an MIA family in 1967 and ever since then I've worked very hard to the fullest possible accounting of our Missing-In-Action. The group that I belong to, the National League of Families for Prisoners of War Missing-In-Action. It was started by Sybil Stockdale, and I'm sure you all heard the news and I'm sure you all heard the news of Admiral Stockdale's death just this past month. But over the 35 years of National League of Families has worked for the fullest possible accounting. You, yourselves and this County were honored this year in July by having one of your native sons come home, Captain David Phillips, who was reported missing in Vietnam in 1966. I have before you placed a packet that includes a great deal of information on this issue — not only from Vietnam, but from all wars. I've also placed in there a poster of the 2005 POW-MIA's Day recognition poster honoring all World War II's POWs and MIAs. We also have in there a list of all the names of the Georgia boys who are still missing from Vietnam. If I could just say one thing, I would like to leave you with this thought: They say our debts are not ours, they are yours; they will mean what you make them. They say we leave you our debts, give them meaning. They say we were young. They say we have died — remember us. And by you doing this today you honor them and you tell them thank you for serving. As an MIA family, it's easy to do this. As an emotional topic, it's not easy to do this. But, you know, dying for freedom isn't the worst that could happen; being forgotten is. And I thank you for not forgetting. God bless you all.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Dave Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to say, as a veteran of the Armed Forces myself, and I'm so very proud of what you're doing, and I have five children and eight grandchildren that thoroughly understand what the POW and MIA flag is and what it looks like, but I'm also proud in this community that's their so many of the flags that are flown in residential areas. My concern, however, is that the number of young people and even adults that don't have a clue what that flag is and what it means, and I would like to ask that Pete Nichols, on our Educational Channel, that we go ahead and —, Mr. Abolt, and that we go ahead and develop a program to show what that flag is and what it symbolizes. I think it's just totally unexcusable that an 18 or 20-year-old would not have a clue what that flag means. So, just a recommendation. Thank you, and thank you so much. I think this is a program that should never ever stop until ever American serviceperson who died on foreign soil is either brought back alive or their remains are brought back. Thank you.

Ms. Stephens said, in your packet there is —, it is a federal law that the National League of Families POW-MIA flag be posted six times a year over ever federal building. You would do me an honor to make sure that it is flown over your courthouse downtown, and it is also an option that you can fly that flag 24/7 if you choose to. It is the only flag that is posted 24/7 in our nation's capital in the Rotunda. I thank you for your service and I thank you all so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Ms. Stephens, I'd like to thank you, of course, on behalf of the Chatham County Commission for your long service to this organization, which is very important, and to your national association for performing this service because it's really important, and I want you to know that we are flying the flag, the MIA flag, at our courthouse here. We think it's very important to remember that and we will continue to do that.

Mr. Marmolejo said, I'm Lionel Marmolejo, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 671 here in Savannah, Georgia. It is a federal law that the POW-MIA flag should be flown six times, is that correct? Ms. Stephens said, correct. Mr. Marmolejo asked, over each state capitol and —? Ms. Stephens said, yes. Mr. Marmolejo said, well, we have a little problem. The Mayor of Savannah is refusing to allow us to fly that flag from the city hall. I don't know why. I've called him three times. He has not returned my calls. I've asked people to, if they have some influence, to find out why. I don't know why. I don't want it to be a big issue, it should not be a big issue, but we would like to bring it to the attention and perhaps maybe we can find out why that might be so.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much for appearing today.

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5. PRESENTATION OF REFUND FROM JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM—MICHAEL EDWARDS.

Chairman Liakakis said, on Item #5, presentation, let me see if Michael Edwards —, has he come in yet? Okay, on Item 5 what we'll do is this presentation of a refund from the Judicial Council of Georgia for the

Public Defender's Program, Mr. County Manager, let's put that on the next agenda since Mr. Michael Edwards is still tied up with a meeting with the Juvenile Court.

Mr. Abolt said, as you know, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, that money has already been deposited in the County's account.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item will be delayed to the next meeting due to the absence of Mr. Michael Edwards.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. RESOLUTION REMEMBERING MR. J. C. LEWIS, JR.

Commissioner Stone said, my fellow Commissioners, Walter [Lewis], this is truly an honor to stand here and read a resolution in remembrance of someone so special to this community and someone that I personally had the opportunity to know and had a great deal of respect for, and I think it's terrific that we're doing this here today, Mr. Chairman, and I thank you.

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Commission share in the loss of a gentleman who is remembered as a reluctant, but successful mayor and an exceedingly generous man who was never too busy to listen to others. Today, we pay homage to the late J. Curtis Lewis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, J. Curtis Lewis, was elected to the office of mayor in 1966 and during his tenure, he accomplished much including the groundbreaking for the Savannah Civic Center in 1968. He worked on early River Street Renovations and the city's sewerage treatment plant was also started during his term; and

WHEREAS, J. Curtis Lewis, Jr.'s mark on his native city may have been his philanthropy for he gave generously and unselfishly to the less fortunate, especially those in need of medical attention. His gifts, many of which we will never know or hear of, supported the city's homeless and less fortunate, its medically needy and its faith-based communities; and

WHEREAS, it would be futile to attempt to name his many contributions of land, buildings and money to charitable, religious, civic, medical, cultural and other philanthropic efforts for they were numerous. He was a man with a small ego, but with a large and humble heart; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 alone, he pledged \$562,000 for a cancer outreach initiative to treat the homeless and uninsured at the J. C. Lewis Health Center. This was done not to gain publicity or notoriety, but to help people through prevention and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, in regular meeting assembled, that the Chatham County Commissioners share in the loss of this great humanitarian who will be sorely missed in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be given to the family of the late J. Curtis Lewis, Jr. along with our heartfelt sympathy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2005.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, there are not enough words to describe your late father. The wonderful things that he did over the years, many things that people don't even know about, and he's made a big difference in our community and I know his memory will live, you know, for a long time because of the things he has done, and it's really good. In fact, I think he —, you could consider him one of the greatest and humanitarians that we have had in our County and City because reaching out to help, especially those that cannot help themselves, is something that he received a lot of blessings. And on behalf of the Chatham County Commission, we use —, we wish for you and your family to have many, many things come to you by the blessings of the Lord.

Mr. Walter Lewis said, thank you, Pete [Liakakis], and on behalf of my family — my mother and all of my brothers and sister —, I'd like to thank the Commission for this honor. I appreciate it very much. But I will have to say that he probably would think it was not necessary, and he would probably chastise y'all for taking the time to do this rather than important business like particularly the Youth Commission, and I want to congratulate Dr. Thomas and the Youth Commissioners. This is a great program. My son had the opportunity of serving four or five years ago and it was a great experience for him. I would encourage all of you young folks to take advantage of that because it's a real opportunity and you'll enjoy it and you'll learn something as well. But anyway, I appreciate this resolution and I thank all of you.

The Clerk said, excuse me, Chairman, that is a resolution and it requires a motion and a second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll make that motion. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor. Commissioner Stone said, we have a second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second. Please go

on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the resolution passes. And that will be made a permanent record of our Chatham County Commission minutes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve a resolution remembering the late J. C. Lewis, Jr. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. THANK YOU FROM SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH AND REQUEST TO USE MEMORIAL STADIUM ON THE 2ND OF JULY 2006.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call any representative from the Southside Baptist Church to come to the podium please. Anyone here from the Southside Baptist Church. [No one responded.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Basically, I'll just tell you a little bit about it and we'll check with them. This year they had the fourth of July —, we had the Memorial Stadium set up for the Southside Baptist Church, which spent some \$10,000, and the invited all the citizens of Chatham County to come out to a celebration and a fireworks, and they had a great amount of food. They had entertainment there, and it was good for all of our citizens in Chatham County. It was so successful that they are going to put money in this program again, and they are requesting that they be able to use the Memorial Stadium on the 2nd of July, 2006. Do I hear a motion from the floor concerning this?

Commissioner Stone said, I move we approve. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the request from Southside Baptist Church to use Memorial Stadium on the 2nd of July, 2006. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. SETTING TIME TO MEET WITH LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, our next item is setting time to meet with our Legislative Delegation. Those in the audience that might not know this, what happens ever year is the County Commissioners meet with their delegation for the State Representatives and the State Senators to discuss legislation that we are interested in and that we would like them to bring forth to the State Legislature, and we have in our audience today Lee Hughes, who is our lobbyist, and what we will be doing in the very near future, as soon as all of our delegation can be polled, request that meeting. The meeting more than likely will take place sometimes in October. So then we will work with our lobbyist, Lee Hughes, give him the legislation

and the things that we are concerned about for the upcoming 2006 Legislative Session in Atlanta, and that's what that item is about.

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman —. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell asked, what I'd like to see, Russ [Abolt] — and perhaps Lee [Hughes] can help with this —, the last couple of years we've made requests of our Legislative Delegation. I'd like to see a scorecard. We have prioritized items that we wanted to see from the legislation — Legislators. I'd like to see over the last two years what items we've requested and where we are on those requests. Commissioner Kicklighter said, last five years. Commissioner Odell said, yes, the last five years. What I'd like to see beyond that is, and we'll have an opportunity to discuss this as a group, I'd like the Legislators not to hurt us. Don't give us state-mandates, don't unfund Bamboo Farm and other programs that we have to pick up funding for it. Pay for the cost of the State prisoners. Just don't hurt us. But I'd like to see that well in advance of the Legislative Delegation meeting, and it's not for criticism, but, you know, if your prayers continually go unanswered, you might not be turning in the right direction.

Commissioner Gellatly said, yes, I'd like to add on with Harris [Odell]. That scorecard, I'd like it over the years we've made requests. I'd like to know which members of the delegation introduced any bills or voted, what their votes were and what if anything they did, what their action was. Sometimes I think some of them anyway just politely listen to us and don't do a darn thing.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I agree with Commissioner Odell. I think we're at a point where we don't even need to ask for anything except just don't cut what you already have with us, and, you know, they keep passing the unfunded mandates and I'm curious to see the list also because I don't recall too many of them coming through for us, so if they just quit passing the buck on it and that's good enough. Just do what you're supposed to do up there. Commissioner Gellatly said, who did what individually.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have some the citizens of Chatham County are paying over \$12,000,000 a year for State unfunded mandates that we're required to do, like the Public Defender's office, the Health Department. They are not paying, as we know, and Commissioner Helen Stone is working on this with the ACCG and —, so that the State will pay for their prisoners. We've had a lot of State prisoners in Chatham County, like \$5,000,000, that they have not paid us for, and this is, you know, unacceptable, so hopefully we can get that straightened out. One of the things on this State unfunded mandates, the problem that we've got too is that we need to, you know, do a lot of lobbying because the —, I guess, the entire State Senate and the House of Representatives are the ones that vote on that in addition to our delegation and, hopefully, we can get things turned around.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I'd like to add one more thing very quickly. I was in Macon last week for an ACCG subcommittee meeting on Public Safety, and that is the number one issue coming out of the Public Safety Committee is the reimbursement for the State for their portion of housing of prisoners. So that will go forward as their number one issue.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, when we do meet with the Legislators my one request would be that the State Legislature would balance their budget with their State funds and not pass the buck to the county level.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, taking it a step further, unfunded mandates being passed down to the local school systems, which is our highest tax on our property owners here, I think that we should definitely include a representative in our meeting, if our primary discussion is going to be unfunded mandates, because it's coming down on them left and right, the unfunded mandates, the paperwork, and all of the bright ideas. Basically, they're doing more paperwork with less money and it's a big problem with education right now. It's a lot of lip service, reductions in funds that's coming down to the kids, to be homeowners in this community, and they definitely need to be included because, you know, the homeowners —, they don't care what portion the taxes are going to, all they know is their taxes are going up and, you know, the unfunded mandates on the Board of Education's horrible, I mean absolutely horrible, and that's twofold. It hurts the kids with their education and it also hurts the homeowners. So I would ask that we include someone from the board at this meeting, if that's our primary topic.

Commissioner Odell asked, don't they have their own legislative meetings, Russ [Abolt]? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. The School Board, along with the City of Savannah and, you know, the County do have separate agendas with them. Commissioner Odell said, what I agree with what Dean [Kicklighter] is saying, and just to translate how I heard it is that if we could convey to our State Legislators that it's not us and them, that we're all citizens of the State of Georgia, and when we cut essential programs so that we can have, as the State did, a high reserve, and we force the burden on the local level, that it's still the same taxpayers, that maybe you don't deserve a pat on the back for the goodness you've done because what you've done is you've made other people make decisions that you have said aren't necessary. And it is us and not them. We are one group. We're all citizens of the State of Georgia, one policy, and that is we're human beings, and there's some things we're obligated to do, like Public Defender. We're obligated to do that. Housing prisoners — I don't understand how you can be tough on crime and won't fund paying for criminals to be locked up. I mean, what kind of lunacy is that to be tough on crime, but you won't fund keeping them in jail. I think if the citizens of Chatham County would stop believing that there's something for nothing, then politicians will stop having the need to shift the responsibility to other folks. But I think this Commission has said and will continue to say where it's the human services, the buck stops with us, and if we need to make the difficult decisions, we'll make the difficult decisions even if it's not the popular decision. I look forward to that meeting with our Legislative Delegation, but it's important that we have the information, Russ [Abolt], well in advance of that meeting so that we can go through it and review it. Is that good for everybody?

Mr. Abolt said, yes. I hate to say it's implied, I'll clarify it that it was not, that before you were to have the meeting, and Mr. Hughes and I have already talked about this, sometime possibly at your next agenda —, next Board meeting I should say —, you'll be discussing as a group what you're priorities are. You'll not go in there as nine individuals, you'll go in there as always under the leadership of the Chairman and be able to say here are your priorities.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and, Mr. Chairman, if I could state one thing to let the public know, as well as our State delegation, I believe that we all understand up here what our local delegation is up against because what we are requesting has a State-wide impact. It's not as easy as our group deciding, hey, yeah, we're going to pay that, because at that point the entire State of Georgia, the entire State's budget will take a huge hit. They'll have to bite the bullet and do whatever they need to do to adjust their budget. So it's definitely an uphill task for our delegation. We simply want them to fight hard to get the job done, but we understand that it is an uphill battle. And, you know, I just —, basically for the public to know that, that it's not an easy task for them and that we do respect the task ahead of our delegation.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A poll will be taken to schedule a date for a meeting with the Legislative Delegation.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. REMEMBERING COUNTY ARBORIST, RUTH POWERS (COMMISSIONERS STONE AND FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, I would like to call on Commissioners Farrell and Stone to discuss remembering one of our employees, Ruth Powers. Is anyone here from the Powers family. If you would come forth please.

Commissioner Stone said, before this resolution is read, I would like to thank the members of the Islands Citizens for Logical Growth for calling this to my attention and getting in touch with me reminding me of the great contributions that she made and how much she really cared about the beautiful trees in our community. Mr. Bungard, do you want to read it? [Mr. Bungard indicated a negative response.]

Commissioner Stone read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Commissioners, Chatham County Engineer, Al Bungard, and staff share in the loss of a dedicated employee and citizen, Ruth C. Powers; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Powers was a lifelong Savannahian who gave a great deal to her community, school and church. Her work for urban forestry was accomplished not only within her professional career, but also avidly as a volunteer. Her contributions greatly benefitted this community. Ruth enriched the lives of people she knew.

WHEREAS, Ruth Powers' untimely passing on Sunday, August 14, 2005, left a void that will be difficult to fill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, in regular meeting assembled, that two oak trees, which are native to Savannah, be established in her honor at the new Islands Precinct at Wilmington Island. Ruth Powers had a major role in the landscape design and plant selection for the Precinct. This will serve as a living memorial to the tremendous contributions she made to the Savannah, Chatham County Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of September, 2005.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Commissioner Stone said, and I would like to add that Mr. Abolt, who contacted me and told me that when the landscape plans were originally drawn for the Island's precinct on the roadway, there were supposed to be crepe myrtles, and apparently Ruth put her foot down and said that these need to be oak trees. So those will be her oak trees from now forward.

Mr. Wright Powers said, my name's Wright Powers. I'm Ruthie's brother. We just really appreciate this and everything y'all have done. We miss her and this will be a living reminder of her. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Hughes, before you go —. Mr. Nolan Hughes said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, — this young man is a student at Loyola in New Orleans, next door to Tulane —. Mr. Hughes said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, — but he happens to be the son of — we call him Bubba —, Bubba Hughes, who is one of the —, Bubba, if you're here, can you stand up. [Mr. Hughes stood.] Commissioner Odell said, attorneys seldom agree on much, but I think of the 700 attorneys if you were to ask what attorney you would use as a neutral and what attorney who has respect of the entire Bar association, it's your dad. And I just wanted you to know that. Your father is an incredible lawyer, and I hate to have cases against him because he's smarter than I am. But, beyond that, he's an incredible gentleman and he does the profession well. I'm glad to see you're participating. Mr. Nolan Hughes said, thank you very much. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and we're hoping that your dad will drop that suit against Commissioner Odell soon.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to congratulate you also. Commissioner Kicklighter and I were just whispering to each other and we were just wondering, will there be a marking on the trees —.

County Manager Abolt said, yes. Commissioner Thomas asked, — to indicate that —? County Manager Abolt said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, and on behalf again on the Chatham County Commission that we thank the family for allowing her to work in Chatham County. She did an outstanding job for all the citizens and we do appreciate that very much. Thank you. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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2. REQUEST FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS TO ENUMERATE FIVE GOALS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I brought this up because now is the time for us to be thinking about next year's budget, and it was brought up in our retreat at the Bamboo Farm that it would be, I guess, the prudent thing to do for our department heads to be looking into the future as to what their needs, just as this Commission implemented some long term financial planning, to see if they could set some goals and some objectives as well as to have an idea of where their budget would be the next year and the next two years by the number of employees needed, additional equipment, and what have you, so that when we have a retreat before our budget in time next year that they will have set some goals for themselves, as well as what we as a Commission —, the goals that we set.

Chairman Liakakis said, and this five-year plan is very important that we have this set up. We did discuss this in our retreat earlier this year, and this is a reminder from Commissioner Stone that they would like to put that in process and remember that we want to get this, you know, in place as soon as we can, County Manager. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone made a request that each department head prepare five goals for the next five years so that when the Commission meets for their budget they will know where you want your department headed.

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3. STATUS OF THOMAS AVENUE MULCHING OPERATIONS (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. A few weeks ago I visited the Thomas Avenue site. Some of the neighbors in the Heatherwood Subdivision were having some concerns with the odors and

debris that was coming over from this mulching site into their neighborhood, and a couple of meetings have taken place and the County Manager is aware of this and I think we're going to take the necessary precautions to see if we can eliminate the problems that they have been subjected to, and I just wanted to make sure that this went on record.

County Manager Abolt said, if you would like, because I know you've been very much on top of this, and I know the neighbors are appreciative of that as well as staff, Mr. Drury can give you an update on the action plan. Commissioner Stone asked, is it here? County Manager Abolt said, yes ma'am.

Mr. Robert Drury said, good morning. Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself. Mr. Drury said, I'm sorry. Robert Drury, Director of Public Works and Parks Services. I appreciate the time to stand in front of you to talk a little bit about the mulching operation at Thomas. We have made a commitment by the end of month that we believe to take steps to mitigate the problems. We agree with the nuisances, airborne debris, noise at the site, it's all there and we agree with that, and we're going to build a berm between the development of Heatherwood and Thomas Avenue Mulching Site. It's going to be sufficiently large and high enough, we believe, will mitigate the concerns. So we made that commitment due the end of the month.

Chairman Liakakis said, and this is very good, Robert [Drury], that your department, you know, creates this mulch that can be used around the County because it saves money and, of course, to help you out too. The County Manager brought me some of the mulch this morning and so I'll be utilizing that also. Thank you, Mr. County Manager. County Manager Abolt said, if you'd like more, there's plenty there for everybody.

Commissioner Farrell said, Robert [Drury], for the benefit of the public, could you enumerate on the mulch and how it's available for no charge to the public and when and where, some of those items.

Mr. Drury said, I certainly can give you a little background on the mulching program. In 1999 the County took bold steps to change their curbside collection of waste program. We divided the bulky items from the vegetative waste. We take that vegetative waste and, instead of burying it in the landfill and paying enormous tipping fees at landfills, we actually grind it to a mulch. That mulch is available to the public. We have piles available at the Wilmington Island Dropoff Center, at the Chevis Road Dropoff Center. We had to move the one on Montgomery Crossroad due to Truman Parkway, but as soon as that's finished, we'll have the mulching pile back at Truman Parkway area and Montgomery Crossroad. It's free and available to anyone that wants to come and get it. We do have plenty of it, and what material is not being left or picked up by the public is being used for other recycling purposes, such as boiler fuel and things of that sort. It's a very successful program.

County Manager said, it's also been blessed by the County Extension Agency and promoted by master gardeners.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Robert [Drury]. We appreciate your hard work as always.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Upon motion made by Commissioner Shay, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:35 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. [NOTE: Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:13 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).
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- * 1. REQUEST BOARD CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF A PETITION FROM PROPERTY OWNERS IN CANTERBURY PARK TO ACCEPT THE PRIVATE ROADS FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE.
(BY WAY OF COINCIDENCE, ALSO ATTACHED IS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY MAHONEY ADDRESSING ISSUES OF SOUTHBRIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST TO GATE PUBLIC ROADS.)**

Chairman Liakakis said, this is an item that was tabled at our last meeting and it was to request the Board conceptual approval of a petition from property owners in Canterbury Park to accept the private roads for County maintenance.

County Manager Abolt said, a motion to take it off the table would be in order, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, a motion —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor signify by going on the board. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. The County Clerk said, all Commissioners need to vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, we have in the audience members of the Canterbury Park Homeowners Association, but at this time I would like to read a motion, and, Russ [Abolt], anyone actually opposes the motion there's no need for discussion. So at this time I'll make a motion to conceptually approve the petition from CPPOA for the County to accept the Canterbury Park's streets for maintenance, subject to any deficiencies being corrected at no expense to the County, and CPPOA

deeding to the County appropriate rights-of-way and easements as needed to property maintain the paving and street damage. All related legal and surveying expenses shall be the responsibility of the CPPOA. Also, the Homeowners Association must understand that Chatham County's policy does not allow gates on or across public roads, so the H-O —, Homeowners Association is waiving its rights to gate the community. And I put that in the form of a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor for this —. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, — Canterbury Park to accept that private road with those stipulations. Do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I'd like to ask if there's anyone that objects to that from the Homeowners' Association.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, do we have any discussion from members of the Board concerning that proposed motion? Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to untable this item for consideration by the Board. Commissioners Stone and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes and Thomas were not present.]
2. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to conceptually approve the petition from Canterbury Park Property Owners Association (CPPOA) for the County to accept the Canterbury Park's streets for maintenance, subject to any deficiencies being corrected at no expense to the County, and CPPOA deeding to the County appropriate rights-of-way and easements as needed to property maintain the paving and street damage; all related legal and surveying expenses shall be the responsibility of the CPPOA; and the Homeowners Association waiving its rights to gate the community, understanding that Chatham County's policy does not allow gates on or across public roads. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

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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: (1) A TRANSFER OF \$500,000 FROM TRUMAN PARKWAY PHASE 5 TO UNINCORPORATED COUNTY ROADS IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND, AND (2) A DESIGNATION OF \$500,000 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY ROADS IN SALES TAX IV FOR THE WHITEMARSH ISLAND POLICE PRECINCT.**

Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis asked, any discussion on that? Any discussion? Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve the following: (1) A transfer of \$500,000 from Truman Parkway Phase 5 to Unincorporated County Roads in the Sales Tax IV Fund, and (2) a designation of \$500,000 within the Unincorporated County Roads in Sales Tax IV Fund for the Whitemarsh Island Police Precinct. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2005

DATE: August 31, 2005
TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following:(1) a transfer of \$500,000 from Truman Parkway Phase 5 to Unincorporated County Roads in the Sales Tax IV fund, and, (2) a designation of \$500,000 within the Unincorporated County Roads in Sales Tax IV for the Whitemarsh Island Police Precinct.

BACKGROUND:

Board approval is required for budget amendments and transfers between organizational units.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The County Engineer has requested a transfer of \$500,000 from Truman Parkway Phase 5 to Unincorporated County Roads in the Sales Tax IV fund. These funds will be designated for the Whitemarsh Island Police Precinct roads. A copy of correspondence is attached.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Sales Tax IV project budgets.

ALTERNATIVES:

1) That the Board approve the following:

SALES TAX IV (2003-2008) FUND

- a) a transfer of \$500,000 from Truman Parkway Phase 5 to Unincorporated County Roads
- b) a designation of \$500,000 within the Unincorporated County Roads for the Whitemarsh Island Police Precinct.

- 2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law grants the Board authority to transfer funds within the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO ANIMAL TETHERING PROVISIONS IN RECENTLY ADOPTED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, now we have some people in the audience that has contacted the County concerning tethering, and the Board —. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, before we get started, Mr. Chairman, I think that we have an ordinance here that's only been in place for about six weeks, and I don't know that we really need to revisit this at this time.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I agree with Commissioner Stone. If y'all remember, I was probably the originator of the request that this ordinance be adopted or be brought out to begin with, and I think that we spent a lot of time, a lot of consideration, both by members of the Board. We have many assigned, our very own attorney heard all sides of the argument for it or against it, and this is not something that we just slapped together in a meeting. It took a long, long time. I would highly recommend that we have a brand new ordinance, it was legally passed, let's just leave it alone.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll just state for the record, and then if this body's going to leave it the same, there's no need for hours of discussion, I mean, because apparently it's going to stay the same, so that's great, but I'll state that again I think that it hinders poor people from having a pet because they can't put the dog outside on a leash for a little while. And that's just my opinion. If y'all choose to leave it the same, let's just move on and not beat this to death.

Commissioner Stone said, and I'll make that in a motion that we leave the ordinance alone. It's time that we give it a chance to take effect, and then if we have any problems then we can revisit it at a later time. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, time for discussion. Mr. County Manager, have you had any indication from the Animal Control Division where they have had problems with this ordinance at this time? County Manager Abolt said, that's the reason we brought it back to you because you know you have a memorandum in your packet from the County Attorney recognizing we've had this from the police staff. We certainly want to deny you —, we'd never do that —, the information. It is a policy issue. If you feel as the moment at this time to change; if not, obviously the action you take is appropriate, but I will remember, as you fully understand, keep from you any information that comes up from staff, and in this case it was the enforcement issue being so critical I wanted you to be aware of this challenge.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor. Let me, let the audience —, do you want to say something?

Commissioner Farrell said, yes. I just want to make a statement on the tethering issue, which is a very sensitive issue, that the intent was to — I believe — was to keep people from tying up dogs for extended periods of time —, weeks, months, years at a time on a short chain —, and I think we accomplished that. However, there are some instances where responsible, loving homeowners and dog owners may want to very briefly tie up their dog for whatever reason. Perhaps they have an electric fence that keeps their dog in and they're having a party and would like to tie up their dog for two or three hours, and I don't see where tying up a dog for a short period of time on a given day would be harmful to the animal and it could be a convenience to the owner. So I understand the intent of tethering and I certainly would not like to see any animal ever harmed in any way, but I think that we could exercise just a little bit of discretion for the dog owners that want to — for a very brief period of time — feel like they don't want to have to break the tie up their dog.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I tend to agree with the Commissioner, but I have a different handle on it. You know, we certainly do not have the staff to peak in everyone's backyard to see whether they've got a dog tied up or not. The only time we're going to get calls out there is when dogs are choking on their collar, have choked on their collar, have collars embeded in their necks, and things of this nature, and at that point in time it gives our personnel an opportunity to enforce that ordinance. And our people —, our employees, just like any other time, whether it be a traffic violation or what have you, they have discretion. They don't have to automatically because they see some person that has a dog tied up in their backyard when they drive by that they have to stop and they have to go in their and write a ticket, and I don't believe that that's going to happen. We don't have the staff that we have —, to do that, and the other problem is if you do it on a part-time basis, you know, you can put it out in two hours and three hours or what have you, how in the world are you going to enforce that? You might as well just throw the ordinance out. You know, I mean, you're going to have to —, you're going to have someone call in and say, well, there's a dog tied up in the backyard and if we have a —, I heard the figure ten hours —, you're going to have Animal Control stay out there for ten hours and wait until ten hours and one minute and go in their and write a ticket? I don't think so. So I admit that, number one, we have good personnel to begin with that know how to use discretion, and by leaving the thing alone — it's a six-week old ordinance — that was not haphazardly put together, it was well thought out, and there's some websites that I would invite people to go to just how cruel and inhumane tying up a dog is, and once you get people latitude that you can tie them up for four hours, ten hours or what have you, how in the world can

you possibly enforce that? It can't be enforced. So I would recommend that we have the discretion. No one's going to be peaking over everyone's backyard to see whether there's a dog tied up in there or not, so I would recommend that we just leave the ordinance alone. It's a good ordinance. Not only is it a good ordinance, but I believe that it's a model ordinance and it's an ordinance that's going to be copied all over the United States. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, I'd like to applaud that as well. I think that's very well said. You know, maybe it's not a perfect analogy, but it's actually illegal to jaywalk. That doesn't mean that every time somebody crosses the street and not at a street corner, that they're going to get arrested. To me it falls in the category of no harm, no foul. I mean, you're out in the backyard weeding the flower bed and you don't Rover to come over there and eat the flowers before they have a chance to grow. It's not going to cause you to go to prison to take a dog and put it on a leash while you're out there in the backyard with it, but when we have situations where people leave their dogs on tethers and they bark for hours on end because they're in distress and they're in pain, but you can rest assured that when the neighbors complain and when the officers come to investigate if you are violating this ordinance, you're going to get written up. We need to have the ability to enforce, but we also clearly need to have officers who exercise good judgment and discretion.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, we had some people that came up today, of course, to discuss this because they wanted some kind of change in that ordinance so that some tethering could be allowed and all, but we're listening to what the Commissioners are saying right now and, you know, and so if the people came up and discussed now the tethering situation, to change that, it doesn't look like the Board is in favor of it at this time, but I'd like to recommend to you, Mr. County Manager, that you get with the Animal Control and what you do is have them monitor this so that when we do have problems, you know, concerning the tethering and they themselves would like to see some change in it because they feel — from understanding and talking to them — that some tethering should be allowed in a small degree, but I think it's important now that we've listened to the Commissioners that we monitor this and so the people out there that, you know, that are considering —, that wanted to ask us to change it, see what's been said by the Commissioners, but let's do this. We need to be fair to all sides and to make sure that this is monitored. Get that information from the Animal Control. We'll look at that, bring that back to us so that we can revisit it at another time and go from there, and then the Commissioners after they receive that information they might want to decide to do something else. It's up to the Board.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I think the real issue here is the issue of whether tethering is a means of housing or owning your animal. First, somebody's out in the yard and wants to put their dog while they do something, I mean, the difference here is this type of tethering that I see in the ordinance is a means of keeping your animal versus a temporary situation. I saw some on Central Avenue that were on a chain with no fence and that's how they live. And I think that the issue here is that is not an acceptable means of keeping or confining your animal versus a temporary situation. To me, that would be where the difference could be in the new ordinance.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The word tethering itself sounds cruel. Basically, we're talking about a stationary leash attached to a collar. I mean, you know, it's —, sometimes I think in people's caring they tend to go maybe a little overboard, and rather than helping, you may wind up hurting with such a strict ordinance. A good example is the children that can't afford an electric fence or any type fence whatsoever. You know, an animal that may go outside some and stay inside some that's on a leash and a collar, outside's to me is better than one that the kid can't keep and it winds up in our Animal Shelter in the gas chamber. That's a fact of what we have in Chatham County because dogs, cats —, all of them — getting gassed on a regular basis because we don't have enough people to keep them now. I just —, you know, if someone can assure —, I don't remember who said it —, it's good to have this ordinance for somebody, if we can keep the radical type people from calling when little Johnny walks outside and chains the dog up a few minutes, but yet it needs to be in place for the people that has the collar is embedded in the dogs neck and everything else, but, you know, we just —, again, trying to do go sometimes can do things worse, and we may wind up gassing a lot more animal with this type ordinance if we have people calling in complaining about people that just put them on a leash and tie them up for a little while. And, you know, I say keep it like it is then if that's what you're going to do, but when we start hearing of abuse when someone just walks out and ties the dog up for a little while, maybe that's the time to change it. But something needs to be in place to keep the ones to keeping them chained up 24 hours a day like that, but if somebody can assure us that those that just tie them up for a little while are not going to be recorded and ticketed and everything else, then, you know. But we do, it's a fact of life that radical people on all elements of everything and you may even have a new police officer out there that just wants to write every ticket he can. I mean, nothing's going to assure you against it, any of that stuff, but, you know, I commend the group for all —, everybody's trying to do something [inaudible] everybody in. Keep it like it is and, I guess, when we hear complaints in the future that people that walk outside with a dog on a leash getting a ticket, then we may need to look at it again.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I just want to —, you know, we can talk this to death, but, again, I have complete confidence in our staff that are going to be enforcing this ordinance, and these brand new officers have this person they call a Sergeant that's not going to let them do that and they're going to require them to use the good judgment and discretion that they should use. Also, I remember reading an article, and I can get copies if necessary, but there have been studies where vets and psychologists have examined animals and kept them for a period of time and over half of them have some of them have some type of neck injury, permanent neck injury, and that's why they bark all the time and that's why a lot of them get mean and that's why they bite. So that's, again, why I recommend what we've done. It's a model ordinance, let's leave it alone.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, question has been called for. We have to go on the board. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, do we have an I don't know vote on there. Chairman Liakakis said, no, you have a no vote. Chairman Liakakis said, we have two who have not voted. The Clerk said, you

need two votes. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to two. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, I want to tell the audience that's here for or, you know, to change that, that you heard what was said, that our County Manager at this particular time will make sure that this is monitored so that those —, if the situation comes at such a point that tethering needs to be revisited, that we'll have that and we'll advertise that at in the future. You heard what the majority of the Commissioners were talking about. What they want to do is let this ordinance stay in place right now and then later on we can revisit it after we get the information from the Animal Control. We thank each and every one of you, no matter what side that you're on, for coming today, you know, on this ordinance. Thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to keep the revisions to animal tethering provisions in the recently adopted Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to two.

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3. APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT REGARDING A LOAN FROM SPLOST.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have on the agenda approval of intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Thunderbolt regarding a loan from SPLOST. Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, a few weeks back the Chairman did receive an indication from the Administrator from the Town of Thunderbolt proposing that that community be allowed to borrow against its future allocation of SPLOST because of a very tight priority for drainage improvements within Thunderbolt. Staff with the help of Finance and particularly Mr. Hart have prepared an agreement. That has been in concert with the attorney for the Town of Thunderbolt, Charlie Barrow, and also there was some communication and participation by Thunderbolt Councilperson Mr. McKenna. He may still be in the audience, but essentially we came up with an agreement where, I believe, it's the Savannah Bank will actually be the banker who will provide the pass-through and the paperwork. If you agree to what Mr. Hart has prepared, we can make this happen, and it seems to be a very creative way in which to allow this community to solve a priority in their community.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we approve the plan that's been developed, and I'd like to take the opportunity to commend Johnny and the folks at Thunderbolt for the leadership they're showing in being able to advance needed improvements in that area, and really I think

come pretty close to completing a program over a long period of time to completely redo the drainage there in Thunderbolt. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second on that. Discussion? What I'd like to do is also thank Commissioner Shay for his stating on top of this because he represents that —, not only does he represent that district, but he gets information that's important, you know, on particular issues that we have, and a number of the Commissioners received the information and it's important that we help the other cities like Thunderbolt because this intergovernmental agreement, if it's approved today, that will help them in a project that's well needed that they are trying to get completed in a timely fashion.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, I think we're probably going to have total agreement on this. We need to identify John McKenna, Alderman to the Town of Thunderbolt, who's been out there for several years and part of our Municipal Association and doing a great job. We appreciate what you're doing and, having said that, I'll call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Thank you, John [McKenna]. You know, your 20-plus years on the Town Council of Thunderbolt —. Mr. McKenna said, 32. Don't cut me short. Chairman Liakakis asked, 32? Mr. McKenna said, 32. Chairman Liakakis said, well, you're going past when you originally came on. I was just going the last term. Mr. McKenna said, well, thank you to everybody.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Thunderbolt regarding a loan from SPLOST. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A POLICE RESERVE PROGRAM.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, this is again an innovative idea. It's certainly not being that it's without precedent. We know in our organization the Chair for a number of years has had a Police Reserve Program. This is an idea that's kind of —, has been in the, I guess, incubation stage going back to when we had separate police departments and the Chairman came along and was very interested in seeing where we might be able to do a reserve program. I applaud Chief Flynn for bringing it to you today. Also I do want to want to recognize, certainly if you desire to fund this, I want you to know that former Chief Bob Oliver, who is in the audience, is our first volunteer, and he's volunteered to head the program for the amount of money involved. It's about \$25,000 and change. That would be our share of providing the uniforms for the ladies and gentlemen that would come forward

and really give of their time on a regular basis and then certainly to use the term often-found on the [inaudible] stations. This is our answer to force multiplier.

Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, motion approved. And hopefully we can expand on this. They were talking about 15 officers right here, because we can see that a reserve program that we have and maybe a number of certified officers that may have to go through the regular State-mandated training will be good for our community, and it's good to have, you know, professional reserve officers that can assist the police department in many areas. And one thing I'd like to see go beyond that, too, for us to consider, that we get, you know —, and we might be able to work it into this program in some way —, that we have officers that are going to do nonessential things, like they've got the community officers, you know, with the City of Savannah, but that we have officers that are trained, you know, that are not going to make arrests, but they could be out there on the streets at the intersections or wherever, that they do direct traffic, and that way you have officers that are trained by the police department go through whatever's necessary in those areas so that the other police officers can go on other calls that are important where there's some crime being committed and all, and that way we can save our City and our County money by having that kind of a situation where we've got these officers who are not going to make arrests but have training and they are professional and we can save money because you don't have to pay them as much as, you know, regular officers, who do all of the things that are necessary, but if we can put that in force and talk to the City about considering that, Mr. County Manager. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, and the Chief is with us today and I know he understands. Thank you.

The Clerk said, Mr. Chairman, we did not have a motion on that item. Commissioner Odell said, yes, we did. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, I made the motion and he seconded it and he called for the question. The Clerk said, I heard him call for the question, but I didn't hear your motion. I'm sorry. Commissioner Odell said, that's okay.

The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

Commissioner Thomas asked, Mr. Chairman, may I make a comment? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Thomas said, I think this is very good. I was in Memphis, Tennessee, not too long ago and I observed the volunteers on the street, and I was so impressed because I saw these ladies and gentlemen dressed in white and blue and they had the, you know —. Chairman Liakakis said, insignia. Commissioner Thomas said, — insignia on their uniforms and I noticed there were so many and they were so helpful to citizens as well, but they have them stationed all over Memphis, and I decided one day to find out exactly what were their roles, and they were doing exactly what you're talking about right now, and I was very impressed with that. So, I think this is a good movement in the right direction and they

should be infiltrated all over the City and the County as we get bigger and more funding and more people to volunteer because they're very concerned about their areas or tourism and all of that, so they have these volunteers all over the place. I've never seen so many people, but it's very impressive and I think this is a good start.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell made a motion to authorize the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to establish a Police Reserve Program and equip an initial contingent of fifteen (15) officers with radios, firearms and uniforms. Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2005

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: DAN FLYNN, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE:

To authorize the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to establish a Police Reserve Program and equip an initial contingent of fifteen (15) Officers with radios, firearms, and uniforms.

BACKGROUND:

The Police Reserve Program is a well grounded program in the United States with a membership of approximately 400,000 sworn members. A Police Reserve Program for the SCMPD will be a force multiplier and an avenue for citizen involvement in the metropolitan jurisdiction. We have had numerous inquires and expressions of interest in a police reserve program in the last year.

The SCMPD has many areas of interest for citizen involvement and a Police Reserve Program will be an asset to the Police Department and the Savannah-Chatham Community. The reserve Officers will work primarily with the Patrol Division in patrol assignments as well as special events such as the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and in emergency call out situations like hurricane evacuations.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The first year goal is to train and equip fifteen (15) Officers for reserve service. Certified Officers will be recruited which will alleviate the need to send them to the police academy. These Officers will become productive reserve Officers with minimal training or familiarization and will become mentors for the later recruits that may have to attend the police academy.
2. In order to be a SCMPD Reserve Officer the applicant will have to agree to contribute twenty (20) hours per month to the program and participate in all training needed to retain their Georgia Peace Officers' Certification.
3. Selection Requirements:
 - Reserve Officers must meet the minimum qualifications required for regular police recruits.
 - Reserve Officers must be Georgia P.O.S.T. certified and shall maintain all of the requirements for such certification as set forth by the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council.
 - Reserve Officers must undergo a complete criminal background investigation and successfully complete physical and psychological exams. (Exceptions are recently retired certified Officers; if retired more than one year an abbreviated background investigation, physical and psychological exams should be completed.)
4. Each newly appointed Reserve Officer shall be placed on a one year probationary period and begin a field training program. During the probationary period the Reserve Officer will work with a full-time Field Training Police Officer until such time as the Reserve Officer successfully completes the Field Training Program.
5. The Police Reserve shall be headed by a Reserve Commander who shall be appointed by the Chief of Police.
6. Reserve Officers shall work within the Division or Unit Command structure just as full-time Police Officers, unless specifically stated during special assignment.
7. Reserve Officers shall be provided with necessary uniforms and equipment by the Police Department.
8. The start-up cost for the Police Reserve Program will consist of equipment and uniforms for each Officer. The cost for radios, firearms, and uniforms for each Officer will be \$6,825. The goal of fifteen (15) initial Officers the first year will bring the total to \$102,375. Each time a certified Officer is added to the Police Reserve Program the initial cost will be about the same and the cost the following years for

the reserve Officer will be uniform maintenance only which will be minimal. If a non certified citizen becomes a reserve member there will be an additional cost of \$2,580 for Police Academy training.

FUNDING:

Funds will be needed from SSD Contingency Fund in order to fund the first year goal of fifteen (15) initial certified Officers in the Police Reserve Program. Chatham County will be responsible for paying 24.6% of the cost as per the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. Chatham County's share would be \$25,185 for the first year of implementation. The following years of the Reserve Officers Program will require uniform maintenance only and would be minimal in expense.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To have the Board of Commissioners authorize the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to establish a Police Reserve Program and equipment an initial contingent of fifteen (15) Officers with radios, firearms, and uniforms.
2. To have the Board of Commissioners not authorize the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to establish a Police Reserve Program and equipment an initial contingent of fifteen (15) Officers with radios, firearms, and uniforms.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Police Reserve Program will provide a force multiplier for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Patrol Division without having to incur the expense of salary and benefits. It will also provide an avenue for additional citizen involvement with the Police Department. Both of these actions are consistent with the Commissioners' efforts to provide the highest quality law enforcement services within the unincorporated County as well as involving citizens' participation in local government.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To accept Alternative 1.

Prepared by:

Major Craig S. Hopkins
Information Management Division

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5. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL SUBSIDY. SEE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT.

Chairman Liakakis said, and each one of you had in your information that you received a staff report concerning that. As you know, it was brought up at the last meeting where we wanted to look again about the EMS Service to our citizens, and what has been recommended now —, and we asked that EMS Advisory Committee, which has representatives from all over our City and County, to come up with the recommendation to us. And what they have recommended at this particular time is an RFP so that we go out in the community. The same organizations that are having services for us right now will also have the opportunity in this RFP that when it comes back to us that we can look it over and go from there. So nothing has changed right now for the operation. It's a matter of getting that RFP to see how we will proceed in the future.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve Alternative One, which includes a 90-day extension to the existing contract and authorizes the staff to issue an RFP based on the current level of service.

Commissioner Odell said, I second the motion and call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, go on the board everybody. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a 90-day extension to the existing contract between EMS Advisory Council and MedStar and authorize staff to issue an RFP based on the current level of service. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2005

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Human Resources & Services Director

Issue:

Board consideration of recommendation from Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee regarding continuation of annual subsidy.

Background:

At the August 12, 2005 Commission meeting, the Board voted to refer the issue of options concerning the County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contract to the local Emergency Medical Services Council for input and recommendation.

Facts and Findings:

1. The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met on August 18, 2005 to discuss the issue and make recommendations concerning the need to continue the contract for emergency medical services in zones three and four of Chatham County.
2. The consensus of the Advisory Council members was to continue the subsidy for emergency medical services in zones 3 and 4 and to recommend the County issue an RFP based on the current contract. Please see attached.
3. The current contract expires in November of 2005. If it is the desire of the Board to continue the subsidy, the Board would need to approve a ninety day extension to the existing contract. MedStar has agreed to honor an extension with the current terms and conditions for a period of ninety days.

Funding:

No funding required at this time.

Alternatives:

1. Approve a ninety day extension to the existing contract and authorize staff to issue an RFP based on the current level of service.
2. Discontinue the contract for Emergency Medical Services.
3. Provide staff with other direction.

Policy Analysis:

Chatham County has the responsibility of providing emergency medical services to County residents in zones 3 and 4 in accordance with the regional zoning plan. Contracting with a third party carrier to provide this service while mandating the level and quality of service provided has proven to be an efficient and economical approach.

Recommendation:

Board consideration.

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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 Liakakis said, the Board has had the opportunity to look at this. If you want to look at it again and if there are any specific items you'd like to hold out, and if you want to take action on all of the items or any items that you want to hold out.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to pull Item N. Chairman Liakakis said, Item N under 8. Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item N. Okay, Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Stone said, said Item 8-F. Chairman Liakakis asked, which item? Commissioner Stone said, 8-F. Chairman Liakakis said, F. Okay. Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chatham has some information on the question that I had in the pre-meeting.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Thomas said, second, Mr. Chairman.

County Manager Abolt said, just as a scribe —, scrivener —, I always have trouble with that word —. Commissioner Odell said, scrivener. County Manager Abolt said, scrivener error — thank you —, anyway it was a mistake —, and Item 7 on the agenda does not accurately reflect what is in the staff report. It references one Board of Registrar position. I'm told by Mr. Kaigler that should be two. The staff report is correct, the agenda title is in error.

Chairman Liakakis said, if the Board would change that to two then. Commissioner Odell asked, so it's two for two? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. County Manager Abolt said, two for one. Instead of one, it's two. Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. On number 7. How about Item 6, too, Mr. County Manager? Was there a comment on any of that? County Manager Abolt said, no sir, that was the one you and I discussed. It certainly is key to our disaster cleanup plan, but the plan I'm told is quite lengthy. It's in the Clerk's office, but unless there's some concern, there's no reason not to approve this particular item.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor and seconded and Action Agenda to hold back Items F and N, and let's vote on all of those at this time. County Attorney Hart said, to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Kicklighter said, other than N and 8-F. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve Items 1 through 8-O, with the exception of Items 8-F and 8-N. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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[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 REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2005, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2005. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 18 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2005.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Finance Director is authorized to pay claims for the period August 18, 2005, through August 31, 2005, in the amount of \$5,019,671. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 3. REQUEST FROM HGB&D, ENGINEER FOR EAGLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR BERWICK LAKES SUBDIVISION PHASE 7, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND RECOMBINE THIS PHASE INTO THE EXISTING BERWICK LAKES STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for Eagle Development Group, to record the subdivision plat for Berwick Lakes Subdivision, Phase 7, accept the Subdivision Agreement and Financial Guarantee, and recombine this phase into the existing Berwick Lakes Streetlight Assessment District. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$103,500 TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS ON STEPHENSON AVENUE FROM WATERS AVENUE TO HODGSON MEMORIAL DRIVE. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Savannah to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$103,500 to construct sidewalks on Stephenson Avenue from Waters Avenue to Hodgson Memorial Drive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE 2003-2008 SPLOST FOR THE YAMACRAW ARTS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an agreement with the City of Savannah for reimbursement of funds from the 2003-2008 SPLOST for the Yamacraw Arts for capital outlay projects. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 2005, between the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, hereinafter called the "CITY", and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter called the "COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the voters of Chatham County cast ballots in favor of providing 2003-2008 SPLOST funds for the completion of the Yamacraw Art Project; and

WHEREAS, the CITY determined the project should be constructed in the short-term, appropriated a portion of its general funds to construct the project prior to receipt of the approved SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY agrees with the CITY's action to complete and put into service this park; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants of the parties hereinafter set forth, it is agreed:

- 1. The CITY will provide construction services to complete the project and will maintain the facility.
- 2. The COUNTY will reimburse the City for the construction costs not to exceed \$63,613.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in two counterparts, each to be considered an original by their authorized representative the day and date herein above written.

CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Sybil Tillman, Clerk of Commission

CITY OF SAVANNAH

ATTEST:

Michael Brown, City Manager

Dyanne C. Reese, Clerk of Council

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE ADOPTION OF A STATE AND FEDERALLY MANDATED PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN. A COPY OF THE PLAN IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COMMISSION.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the adoption of a state and federally mandated Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

SECTION I – REQUIREMENT AND MANDATE

February 26, 2002, Federal Code of Regulations 44 was revised to require local governments prepare a hazard mitigation plan that includes risk assessment, mitigation strategies and definitive plan maintenance and update process. In order to receive hazard mitigation project grant funds the State of Georgia has required that local jurisdictions participate in a planning process that results in a State-approved multi-jurisdictional plan.

SECTION II – LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

Chatham County and its municipalities have experienced or been threatened by damage from hurricanes, coastal storms, tornadoes, floods, and storm surge on numerous occasions in the past, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. This Joint Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after two public meetings and more than one year of research and work by the Joint Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and the people of the municipalities and the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. Based upon these meetings and this collective research, this Plan recommends mitigation goals, objectives, and action steps that will protect the people and property affected by natural hazards facing our communities.

SECTION III – ADOPTION

1. This Joint Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Plan of Chatham County and its municipalities;
2. The respective officials identified in the strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended actions assigned to them in the Plan. These officials will report as directed in this Plan on their activities;
3. As directed in the Plan, the Joint Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will provide progress reports on the status of the implementation of the Plan to the Chatham County Commission and its municipalities.

As authorized local government officials, we understand and agree to the requirements specified in this resolution.

Chatham County Commission
Chatham County

Date

Director
Chatham Emergency Management Agency

Date

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE ONE TWO BOARD OF REGISTRAR'S POSITION AND TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF TWO TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS TO FULL TIME.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the creation of two (2) Board of Registrar positions and to change the classification of two (2) temporary Clerical Assistant positions to full time. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual maintenance agreement on the hardware and software used to maintain the network system	I.C.S.	Cisco Systems (Sole Source)	\$48,420	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
B. Annual software maintenance agreement	Assessor	ESRI, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$15,110	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
C. Annual price agreement for the purchase on an "as needed" basis for Bryon Weston 24lb recording paper	Superior Court Clerk	Clyde Castleberry Company, Inc.	\$41/case	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
D. Purchase of seven (7) replacement pickup trucks for Facilities Maintenance, Fleet Operations, and Parks and Recreation	SPLOST	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$101,167	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
E. One (1) non-typical replacement vehicle	CNT	Fairway of Savannah	\$13,400	CIP - Fleet Replacements

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. One (1) 3/4 ton 4x4 Pickup truck, two (2) mid-size four (4) door sedans, and three (3) small 4x4 pickup trucks for various departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marine Patrol •Assessor •Building Safety 	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$93,296	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CIP - Marine Patrol •General Fund/M&O - Assessor •Building Safety
G. Seven (7) replacement mid-size SUV's for various departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Works (1) •Mosquito Control (1) •SCMPD (5) 	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$160,461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement •CIP - Fleet Replacement (SSD)
H. One (1) 2006 Ford F350 Cab and Chassis for Public Works	SPLOST	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$24,222	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
I. Contract for installation of the HVAC systems for the relocation of Voter Registration Department	Voter Registration	All Seasons Comfort, Inc.	\$24,051	CIP - General Government Building
J. Contract for the installation of the electrical systems for the relocation of Voter Registration Department	Voter Registration	Godbee & Rimes Contractors, Inc.	\$28,457	CIP - General Government Building
K. Four (4) open top containers, 40 cubic yard for drop-off center collection	Public Works	Baker Waste Equipment	\$16,328	Solid Waste
L. Change Order No.19 to the contract for Hydraulic Analysis for various Drainage Basins and Subsequent Engineering Design and Project Management for Phase 2 rights of way stake-out	SPLOST	EMC Engineering	\$51,280	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
M. Professional Engineering services contract for the design of the intersection improvements to Dean Forest Road (SR 307) and Southbridge Blvd.	SPLOST	Thomas and Hutton Engineering	\$59,100	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Various County Roads, Southbridge
N. Construction contract for the Islands Precinct	SPLOST	Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC	\$1,513,060	•SPLOST (2003-2008) - Police Merger •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated Roads (Pending Board Approval of Transfer)
O. Professional services contract for design and engineering of Phase I of the Courthouse Plan	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung in association with the Duckett Design Group	\$1,170,420	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Project

As to Items 8-A through 8-O, except Items 8-F and 8-N:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-O, except Items 8-F and 8-N. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 8-F:

One (1) 3/4 ton 4x4 Pickup truck, two (2) mid-size four (4) door sedans, and three (3) small 4x4 pickup trucks for various departments; Marine Patrol, Assessor and Building Safety; J. C. Lewis Ford; \$93,296; CIP - Marine Patrol, General Fund/M&O - Assessor, and Building Safety.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chatham was going to answer the question about —, the question that I had concerning the difference in cost on the vehicles.

Mr. Stuart Chatham said, yes ma'am. Stuart Chatham, Fleet Manager. The \$15,000 amount that shows opposite Coastal Chevrolet, we failed to do the extension to two units on that particular amount. The

other ones above that are two vehicles. So the \$15,000 is only the unit price on that particular item. The actual extended price would be \$31,600 for two units.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do you understand that? Ms. Stone said, I understand that and I appreciate that. I just didn't want us to spend \$10,000 where we didn't need to. Chairman Liakakis asked, do you want to make a motion on that then? Ms. Stone said, then I make a motion for approval. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, go on the board. The motion carried unanimously.

As to Item 8-N:

Construction contract for the Islands Precinct; SPLOST; Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC; \$1,513,060; SPLOST (2003-2008) - Police Merger and SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated Roads (Pending Board Approval of Transfer).

Chairman Liakakis said, Item N. That's the construction contract for the Islands Precinct. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes. I've got some questions about the construction of that building and I'm not sure who I should direct them to, perhaps the County Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, start there. We had a conversation yesterday, Commissioner Farrell. Mr. Grevemberg is in the audience. Mr. Bungard will not be returning to the County until late this afternoon. Mr. Grevemberg can speak with authority and accuracy. Also, I might point out, Mr. Grevemberg has been selected and appointed to the position of Senior Engineer within the department. It's great to see a man who's worked so hard for the County be recognized, and I appreciate Mr. Bungard's leadership in elevating Mr. Grevemberg to the position of Senior Engineer. Commissioner Farrell said, congratulations.

Chairman Liakakis asked, would one of you come up to the well to discuss this construction with Commissioner Farrell.

Mr. Grevemberg said, Vincent Grevemberg, County Engineering. Commissioner Farrell, I know, is concerned about the construction of this building and its survivability in a storm. Commissioner Farrell said, correct. Mr. Grevemberg said, I'm not sure exactly how much you want to improve it, but obviously it would be very expensive to make it survive a Category 5 or 4. Right now it's fit for surviving a 120 mile-an-hour storm, but not a surge. That will introduce a lot of expense to protect that kind of building.

Commissioner Farrell asked, what's the useful lot expectancy of the building that we have on the drawing board now? Mr. Grevemberg said, I do not know. Commissioner Farrell asked, 10 years, 20 years? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. I assume you mean depreciated, it would have a very long life, as long as any other building —, 40, 50-years, whatever the accountants tell us to amortize our investment. It's permanent as permanent can be. Commissioner Farrell said, okay. In light of the current disaster that was experienced in New Orleans and the fact that we live in a coastal region, after reviewing the plan, if this plan was submitted to —, and we were in Macon, Georgia, or Columbus, Georgia, or Dublin —, I think it's an excellent plan. It's well thought out and well constructed, and it's a wonderful plan;

however, we're not located out of harm's way in the event of an ocean-borne storm, such as a hurricane. The elevation, as I understand, the finished floor elevation is going to be 16.75 feet above sea level. Having a discussion with our CEMA Director, Phillip Webber, I would like to ask if he's in the audience to — I don't know if he is or not —, I'd like to find out what we could expect from a Katrina-level storm that hit Savannah, what sort of storm surge. Initially, you know, off the cuff, he was talking 22 feet, maybe 25 feet. Perhaps Mr. Webber could help me with that.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll address your comment to him.

Commissioner Farrell said, I was wondering if we had a Katrina-level impact, a direct impact on or nearby the Savannah area, what type of storm surge could we expect, like the building site on Whitemarsh Island? Mr. Phillip Webber said, you could expect a 25-foot storm surge on average from a Category 5 storm like Katrina. There's an infinite number of possibilities for speed and advance and trajectory, does it go South of us, is it on top or is it North. But if you look at a maximum envelope of when, the maximum amount of storm surge, it could be 25, 28 feet. Commissioner Farrell asked, maximum being what? What miles per hour? Mr. Webber said, oh, no. I'm talking about water, maximum storm surge, like a worst case scenario, because there's just no —, I can't give you a definitive answer —. Commissioner Farrell said, sure. Mr. Webber said, — I'm giving you a range. Commissioner Farrell said, it's a range and it's all projection. Mr. Webber said, yes sir. Commissioner Farrell said, and that would be a Category 5? Mr. Webber said, that would be a Category 5. Commissioner Farrell asked, which is what wind speed minimum? Mr. Webber said, 156 plus. There's no other end of that. Commissioner Farrell said, so my question is, at what point do we say enough is enough for our police precincts going forward as a body. Do we build to the same standards that all our houses and businesses are built to, which we all understand that we're going to evacuate. When the CEMA Director tells us it's time to go, we're going to leave, and we'll pick up the pieces when we get back. My concern is that we're going to ask the police department to be our first line of defense and we're going to ask them to stay behind, and although there may be safe place for them to shelter during the storm, to pick up the pieces of our community after the storm, I would like to open to the Board discussion should we as a policy try to build to a slightly higher standard our six police precincts so that after the storm and they're re-manned and we're putting the pieces back together, that they have not been susceptible to a lot of flood damage, that they're built high enough off the ground so that they're not going to have that problem, and also that we raise the wind-load on this building from 120 miles an hour to, say, 150 miles an hour. I'm not talking about every library, as a policy, and every public building, but the people that we're going to ask in the first 72 hours to 7 days to 10 after a catastrophic event to be out there on the front lines of saving lives and property, but do we provide them a safe building to go back and something that's operational immediate and doesn't have to take a lot of extra effort. So that's my concern. My biggest two concerns are wind load factor of safety and elevation, and for discussion purposes if we go to 25 feet and we're already at 16.75, you know, we're only talking about eight or nine more feet of elevation. I don't think that's an insurmountable problem to overcome from an engineering ability situation.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me ask Mr. Grovenstein [sic] —, Mr. Grovenstein [sic], would you come up to the well please. We have that bid on what it would cost for this 120 mile an hour factor. What does it look like cost wise if we increase, you know, to go up to this 150 mile an hour wind? Mr. Grevemberg said, for wind purposes probably not an unreasonable amount to improve the structure, but to get it

above the surge you're talking 10 feet higher elevation, I don't have any hard numbers for you on that. I would think it might even double the cost. Chairman Liakakis said, in other words, going from a million five hundred thousand dollars, it possibly could cost us three million? Mr. Grevemberg said, that's is a guess on my part. Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, I think, Mr. Grevemberg, I agree with your estimation in regards to the wind speed design. It could be done. As far as the storm surge, I think the technique that we might ought to consider is making the building recoverable so that although it might not stay high and dry even in the worst case of storm surge, those waters recede rather quickly after the storm is gone, which is when the officers would want to go back and reestablish the command center there, that you could design the building, for example, with electrical that's, you know, protected in waterproof conduits and things like that. There are techniques I think you could take to make sure that the building was recoverable in a relatively short period of time, and that may be a technique that would keep it from doubling the cost and might only add an incremental cost. That's a suggestion.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I think Commissioner Farrell raises a very good point. What other precincts would remain standing in the event of this type of storm, or do we know? County Manager Abolt said, this is our only precinct to be unincorporated so far. That's a very difficult question. Storm surge, as you know, if you look at pictures in Gulfport, Mississippi, and that's a big wall of water, you're locating a building, the structure regardless of how stout it is, in fairly close proximity to trees, so I think Commissioner Shay's term of recoverable is what we should design for. Otherwise, I don't know whether we could even afford, if we could design, what would amount to a refuse. As Commissioner Farrell alluded to, we're not keeping police officers in this during the storm. This would be just when we remobilize our efforts and deploy out on the Islands, this would be point of reference, which is key.

Commissioner Stone asked, well, then should we continue this and get some —. County Manager Abolt said, you have two choices in my estimation. I appreciate Commissioner Farrell talking to me yesterday about this. One, you may award the bid, which we think is a good responsive bid, and we're very proud of the aspect on minority participation, or then allow a some change orders, or you can allow us a few more weeks to look at it. I would strongly urge you to do nothing that would at this juncture jeopardize the bid process. This is a project that's long needed. We very much want to get a ground breaking for you in the next several weeks, so your two choices are award it to today and then come back with a change order or give us a couple of weeks to look at it. There's certainly nothing wrong with a change order if you know that go that going into it. Commissioner Stone asked, is the change order going to cost anything additional? Commissioner Odell said, yes. County Manager Abolt said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, it would cost more money to do this. Commissioner Stone said, I understand, but I'm talking about from a planning stage. County Manager Abolt said, well, not the change order —, the change order is the path most desirable action in my estimation. You don't do damage to your bid, you allow yourself to have your ground breaking, and we come back. As long as you understand there'll be change orders.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can we just build this facility over on the Westside Precinct and then let them plan what they want out there? My worry is, I think it's a great idea, but the staff's already —, they've really got creative in finding the money to build the Westside Precinct also, and they had to do —, I mean, they did amazing work to come up with that money, and I'm all for building —, you know, I'm definitely for it, but not at the expense of the Westside of Chatham County not getting any police precinct that they were promised earlier during the merger. So, you know, this is all fine and dandy, but let's remember, you know, we've got a whole county here to protect and we had a lot of promises made when they merged the departments and, you know, have at it if there's something in this motion that says that it's not dipping into the funds for the Westside Precinct that's supposed to go up out there.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, Commissioner Kicklighter, this discussion is not to take from one. This discussion, I feel like, is a policy decision from this Board. Do we look at 100-year flood levels and build to that, which is the current building for just rain events, or do we look at each site, including the Westside, and I'm talking —, if we've got six precincts, I'm thinking over the next period of five or ten years, that we're going to have six precinct buildings, and should that be a design criteria from each of the buildings for their protection locations, that they should have a good chance of weathering the storm from the wind and have a very good chance of being ready to be operational as soon as the storm passes and we can put our —, so I'm not talking about taking away from any precinct. I'm talking policy discussion at this level for all the precincts.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I can finish my thought on that, that's a great idea but that may be something to include in a future SPLOST to delay, if that's what this body chooses to do, delay the construction in the next SPLOST to add more money to improve the facility that way, and maybe you have to go with temporary trailers out on the site until that time, but in that area on the Westside, a precinct that's been proposed would be, you know, sufficient. And, you know, it's a policy decision, but that decision's going to affect the overall —, let's face it, it's one pot of money and if we decide here to go with that type standard, no matter how you look at it, it comes out of that pot and it's going to affect the other precincts. And, again, I'm all for it, but you need to show where the money's going to come from. We had it in the last SPLOST vote, we told them they were going to have X-amount of precincts, and that's what we, you know, we need to do. And, again, delaying it, I have no problem delaying the Islands, if that's what the Board wants to do, but I would want security that the money's not going to come out of the other —, the other fund.

Commissioner Odell said, Patrick [Farrell], I think you bring up for consideration a necessary item, and that necessary item is that we have lived on luck. We've not been hit by a major storm. New Orleans had lived on luck, but then their luck ran out, and I think that we do, as policymakers, need to make a determination whether or not we're going to plan for if that eventuality occurs, what do we do? Shay makes an excellent idea. I think recoverable is the term. As to Dean [Kicklighter], this cannot take from money from your precinct. It shouldn't take from money for your precinct, but we would and should look at when we build your precinct, and that you're not on the Island, what kind of things do we need to have in place so that recoverable might have a different meaning there than it would have on the Islands. I'd

like to see us approve this today and look at doing it as far as change orders with the clear understanding that the money does not come from the Westside. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second on that motion? Commissioner Stone said, I think Dean [Kicklighter] just seconded it. Chairman Liakakis asked, you seconded it, Dean? Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think it's a great idea, I honestly do. I mean, I think it's excellent.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I had a chance to review the blueprints briefly last night. This is a slab construction building currently. Nothing in it particularly has to change. The elevation —, it's built, in other words, it's a concrete slab built on dirt. There's a retention pond on site. My idea is to look at the feasibility of perhaps deepening the retention pond and using the sand that comes out of their to build a big hill. A 10-foot hill is only, you know, up to the ceiling here. That's —, and it's a 5600 square foot building plus a parking lot. We dig the dirt out on site, move it up, move it around. There is some cost. Is it a great cost? Is it a million and a half? I don't think it costs that much to dig a big hole and move the dirt from this part of the lot to the other. So, I think it's doable, I think we should look at the feasibility of the change order and readdress it. I like the concept. I don't want to slow the project down, you know, in the terms of years, but if it's weeks to look at, you know, a slightly different grading plan, that we look out into the future forty and fifty years and not just expedite and have our blinders on the very moment of right now and not live on luck as we have, and anticipate bad conditions and put a little bit more thought into each of the six precincts, and whatever their needs may be. The Westside may only have to come up to 20-feet of elevation, but this one might be 25 feet. We need to look at those numbers a little more closely. We've got experts in the Engineering Department and the Building Safety Department and the CEMA Department. I'd like to ask the question that they look into, you know, how this —, we should look at this going forward and is the little bit of extra expense worth it. If we've got a building that's going to cost \$250,000 more dollars per site work and you tell me that this building's going to last 50 or 60 or 70 years, and you extrapolate that the added cost today over a 50-year period —, I mean, you're talking pennies a day on the life of this building. But you cannot go back after this building is built and raise it up 10 feet on a mound of dirt. It is financially not feasible. It is feasible at this stage. We have a piece of paper and some dirt and I think we should look into it.

Commissioner Odell asked, Mr. Chairman, may I ask Mr. Farrell a question? And I'll withdraw the motion if you're [inaudible]. Commissioner Farrell said, good. Commissioner Odell said, what I'd like to see is I think if we have a happy medium here. I agree, we need to look at the cost. We need to make those decisions before we make the commitment. The way the motion is structured now, is that in your opinion the best or should we delay this until we can get FEMA and CEMA and everybody, Russ [Abolt] —? County Manager Abolt said, if I may, that's the first time I've heard the idea about the elevating. I am concerned. Mr. Monahan —, yesterday we were talking about minor revisions and certainly what Commissioner Shay —, I think those would be minor —, but if you're talking about significant site preparation, I would ask you not to do anything today, just to put it on the table because we may have an issue of scope of work, and that was what Mr. Farrell's concerned about.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll withdraw my motion. County Manager Abolt said, give us two weeks. Commissioner Odell asked, will the second —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll withdraw my second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, then what's your suggestion —. Excuse me.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I just want to make a comment. I think that —, and I commend the Commissioner for wanting a stronger police precinct —, and I just want to give you this observation based on experience. I believe the other five precincts —, the Assistant Chief's gone now —, but I believe all five of them are leased buildings and they're —, none of them —, excluding the Mall perhaps —, were in very good condition to begin with. They certainly weren't designed for police facilities. I doubt they're in very good places as far as storm surges or winds or concerned, and I would point out the Police Headquarters is over 130 years old. I just —, I think if we ever had a storm like Katrina, that you'd be in —, that this City and what we need to think globally, not just Westside, the Islands or what have you, we have a Metropolitan Police Department here, that we're going to be in serious, serious condition after a serious storm were to hit us because in my opinion, unless you had a super strong new building, and I think we ought to start thinking about that, we're going to build a police or fire facilities, that we build them to stand up under the worst conditions, and right now if we did an assessment, including our fire stations, we have a few new fire stations, but for the most part —, I'll just speak to the police, but I think the fire is in the same situation —, I would think that their headquarters building would be in serious condition —, serious state of affairs if we had a direct hit like Katrina. And I know that all these leased police facilities that were never designed for law enforcement and were just kind of knee-jerk type arrangements —, that they would all do very poorly under a severe storm. So, thinking globally, if we had just one station, and then when the new ones built out in your area, that we build these buildings to last because the Metro Police Department, and if we have a big wind and there's two stations standing, that's going to serve this entire County for a long period of time. Commissioner Kicklighter said, actually it's mine and your area. Commissioner Gellatly asked, is it? Then all the more we've got to get on this.

Chairman Liakakis said, we've heard, Mr. County —. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make the motion then that we postpone this for two weeks to our next meeting. Commissioner Farrell said, and we look into the feasibility of building to a storm surge and to a wind load of 150 and —. Commissioner Odell said, Category 5. Commissioner Farrell said, Category 5.

Chairman Liakakis said, we've got a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? Commissioner Farrell said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, I'll second it. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, — if you will, you know, we've postponed this to the next meeting, if you will bring all that information, we'd like to have cost factors, you know, on this, the alternatives, so that we can look at it and come up what has been discussed today, but we need to get as much information back, you know,

on all phases of it. County Manager Abolt said, it will be complete, sir. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, fine.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- 1. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-O, with the exception of Items 8-F and 8-N. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 2. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Items 8-F. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 3. Commissioner Stone moved that Item 8-N be tabled to the next meeting. Commissioners Farrell and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. 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. AMEND THE DISORDERLY CONDUCT ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE LOUD AND UNSEEMLY NOISE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

"GENERAL OFFENSES" ORDINANCE OF CHATHAM COUNTY

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as follows:
Chapter 11, Article I, §11-101, paragraph 1 is amended and shall read as follows:

"11-101 Disorderly Conduct.

1. No person shall engage in continuing loud and unseemly noise which shall disturb or violate the peace, good order or quiet of any building or facility or on the property where said buildings or facilities are located, and within fifty (50) feet of said building or facility, and in which any business of the public is being conducted. Buildings and facilities and the property on which they are located as defined herein shall specifically include, but are not limited to, the Chatham County Courthouse at 133 Montgomery Street, the Old Courthouse Building at 124 Bull Street any Public Library facility, the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Juvenile Court, and Health Department Facility, any Jail or Detention Facility, any County Police Department Office, and County Tag Office. Said disturbance and violation of the peace, good order or quiet may be done by making or continuing loud or unseemly noises, or by profanely cursing and swearing or using obscene language, or by the use of horns, radios, phonographs, loud speakers, amplifiers, whistles, exhausts or other devices not enumerated herein, but which cause loud or irritating noise. Such disturbance shall be considered boisterous, noisy or disorderly conduct and is deemed to be detrimental and offensive to the peace, good order and dignity of said County property and to the welfare and morals of the citizens of Chatham County.

No person shall engage in or continue in loud and unseemly noise which shall disrupt or violate the peace, good order and quiet. Any noise that is capable of being heard within one hundred (100) feet from any motor vehicle when all openings of motor vehicle are closed and are capable of being heard one hundred fifty (150) feet from any motor vehicle that has an open window or door shall constitute a breach of peace."

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2005.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

 Sybil Tillman, Clerk
 Chatham County Commission

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2. THE PETITIONER, WILLIAM DEMPSEY, AGENT (FOR SALT CREEK LLC), IS REQUESTING REZONING OF 702 DERRICK INN ROAD FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) CLASSIFICATION TO A P-R-3-5 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY, 5 UNITS PER NET ACRE) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED DENIAL WITH APPROVAL TO AN ALTERNATE P-R-3-2.5 (PLANNED RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY 3 UNITS PER NET ACRE) CLASSIFICATION

**MPC FILE NO. Z-050725-50845-1
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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- 3. THE PETITIONER, STEVE WOHFEIL, AGENT (FOR FIRST COUSINS REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT LLC), IS REQUESTING REZONING OF 5107, 5111 AND 5203 GARRARD AVENUE FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL) AND R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A P-R-3-10 (PLANNED RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED DENIAL BUT FURTHER RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATE P-R-3-6 CLASSIFICATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH A MASTER PLAN/GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-6.54(1)(A)(B). *See memos from County Engineer dated the 24TH of August and from Director of Public Works and Park Services dated the 31ST of August.***
**MPC FILE NO. Z-050615-52793-1
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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- 4. THE PETITIONER, DOWNER DAVIS, AGENT (FOR RANDY DAVIS, OWNER), IS REQUESTING REZONING 164 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD AND 7 DOGWOOD AVENUE FROM R-1/EO (ONE FAMILY-RESIDENTIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) AND P-R-3-5/EO (PLANNED MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) CLASSIFICATION TO A P-R-3-7.3/EO (PLANNED MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM “RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY” TO “RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED.”**
**MPC FILE NO. Z-050619-51501-1
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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5. AMENDMENT TO THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE TO GIVE CHATHAM COUNTY THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE CURBSIDE DEBRIS ON PRIVATELY OWNED STREETS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

ARTICLE IV**INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE****ADD****§21-405** Curbside Collection By the County

4. The County may provide service on privately owned streets. The owners of private streets may petition the Department of Public Works and Park Services ("Public Works") in writing for curbside collection service as described herein. Public Works is authorized to enter onto privately owned streets for the purpose of providing curbside collection of waste that is properly prepared and placed at an approved pick-up location provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. The private street must be in an officially platted and County approved street (not a private driveway or vehicular access easement) as per the Development Standards for Private Streets Section 805 of the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance; and,
 - b. The private street must be paved with a minimum pavement width of 20 feet and must have a usable turn-around or cul-de-sac area for the collection equipment to maneuver and turn around on the street pavement without backing up more than 100 feet; and,

- c. On any private street of more than one-half mile in length, there must be three (3) or more regularly used pick-up points per half mile in order to justify the trip; and the three (3) or more pick-up points must be serving separately owned properties in order to insure that the collection service is not being provided for private driveways on large estates; and,
 - d. Those street owners with closed gates must arrange for the County to have free access through the gates for the purposes of waste collection or the management thereof; and,
 - e. The owners of the street or the Homeowners Association Board of Directors (for a privately owned subdivision or community), shall provide a right of entry and an indemnification agreement supplied by the County and a copy of proof of ownership of the streets.
5. The County may provide service on privately owned streets during certain periods of emergency, as defined in the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County, resulting from natural or manmade disaster, upon signing of a declaration of emergency and the signing of a declaration stating that it is in effect. Upon such signing, the County shall provide such service on privately owned streets during certain periods of emergency if the County makes a finding that it is in the public interest and necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to life, public health and safety.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. ADOPT AN UPDATED CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, you had that in your package that you received. Hopefully, everybody viewed that. Do we have a motion on the floor to adopt that County Revenue Ordinance?

Commissioner Odell said, move for adoption. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to adopt an updated Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

AMENDMENT TO REVENUE ORDINANCE
(Changes for 2005)

An amendment to the Revenue Ordinance (Changes for 2005) having come on for first hearing on August 26, 2005, and on second hearing on September 9, 2005; it is

ORDERED: That the Revenue Ordinance (Changes for 2005) is approved.

APPROVED: This 9th day of September, 2005.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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- 2. THE PETITIONER, MARK BRYANT (FOR ANTHONY AND SUSAN NORTON, OWNERS), IS REQUESTING REZONING 43 CORNUS DRIVE FROM AN R-1-B/EO CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-1-A/EO CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-050713-54715-1
[DISTRICT 1.]**

Commissioner Stone said, I make a motion for approval. Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Stone —. Commissioner Odell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Any discussion by the Commission? Let’s go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, it’s approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the petition of Mark Bryant (for Anthony and Susan Norton, Owners), to rezone 43 Cornus Drive from an R-1-B/EO classification to an R-1-A/EO classification.

Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M & O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

DATE: September 9, 2005

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>AMOUN T</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Paint for Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	Warno-County Paint Company, Inc.	\$3,228	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Demo & Replace 57' curbing/install 12'x12'x5" 3000lb w fiber concrete pad	Mosquito Control	Wassaw Construction Company, Inc.	\$3,445	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Develop Spreadsheet to estimate nutrient loading for receiving waters of Hardin Canal	SPLOST	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	\$9,500	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage Project

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Clear and grub trees from left side of canal bank	SPLOST	T Clearing	\$9,600	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal
2006 Printed file folders (4,000)	State Court Clerk	Systems Business Forms	\$3,303	General Fund/M&O - State Court Clerk
One (1) Credenza and one (1) rolling cabinet	Engineering	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$6,389	SSD - Engineering
Develop method and approach to create County row layer	Engineering	Spatial Engineering, Inc.	\$9,432	Landbank
Grading of County Dirt Roads	Public Works	Savannah Smooth Roads, LLC	\$6,865	SSD - Public Works
Eight (8) Widmer Embossing machines	Superior Court Clerk	Savannah Business Equipment	\$6,778	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
Removal and destruction of records located on the 2 nd floor of Jail on Montgomery	I.C.S.	Portcity Logistics	\$9,999	CIP Bond Fund - I.C.S.
Miscellaneous signs and accessories	Public Works	Newman Traffic Signs	\$2,990	SSD - Public Works
Two (2) Motorola radios	Sheriff Department	Motorola	\$9,400	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff Department
Type 3 rip rap, crush & run, and surge stone	Parks and Recreation	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$5,267	CIP - Parks and Recreation
Engineering services and preparation of methane monitoring plan for Wilmington Island Landfill site	Public Works	Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc.	\$6,550	Solid Waste Management

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUN T</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Provide construction staking to establish the limits of work, right of ways, & identify the wetlands area between SR21 & station 75+00, north side of Pipemakers Canal	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$3,500	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Westlake Drainage Project
Automotive paint and body repair work to wrecked Police vehicle	Fleet Operations	A & L Autobody, Inc.	\$3,098	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

Status reports were attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
DATE: September 9, 2005

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 allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and the balancing of funds in the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A new TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) were approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on June 22, 2005. Most projects are delayed due to reductions in federal funds. Key milestone events are summarized in the attached table.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway.
 - a. Phase 4. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 22.

b. Phase 5. Right of way plans were approved on June 30, 2005. The acquisition process has started and will take until approximately December 2006 to complete (26 parcels acquired by early acquisition; 65 parcels to acquire). Design is underway.

2. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204: Under construction. GDOT resolved the design issues and the contractor resumed work in May on the south end of the project. Traffic southbound from near Canebrake Road has been shifted to the new roadway for reconstruction of the old bridge. A new contract completion date has not been established. GDOT is working on the change order for the outfall ditch work and has to assess how much additional time will be allowed for this.

3. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. Under construction. Power lines, telephones and water/sewer facilities are being relocated along the three mile length of the project.

4. Stephenson Avenue. Substantially complete as of April 1, 2005. Liquidated damages totaling \$54,450 were assessed from December 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. GDOT, in company with the County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the final inspection on June 14, 2005. A final punch list (129 items) was compiled by GDOT with input from the County and the City of Savannah. This was given to APAC on June 21, 2005. Some punch list items remain to be corrected. Staff is reviewing claims by APAC for additional costs and a time extension.

5. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004, which authorized the County to proceed with preliminary design (completed in June, 2004). Staff was advised in January, 2005, however, that the widening of the median for landscaping and the proposed reduction in speed limit would require amending the previously approved Concept Report and Environmental Assessment. The wider raised median causes at least four additional residential displacements and increases the GDOT's right of way acquisition costs. Revised Concept Report was submitted to GDOT on July 6, 2005.

6. Diamond Causeway Widening. The Draft EA was approved by the FHWA on February 25, 2005, for advancement to public hearing. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on August 12. GDOT staff is relooking design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) in the Draft EA. Also, County has offered to do improvements on Skidaway Island by County Contract. Guidance and decision by the GDOT is pending.

7. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). Another revised Final EA with a Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) was forwarded to the GDOT on September 15, 2004. The GDOT forwarded the EA to FHWA on December 14, 2004, for approval. On March 1, 2005, the FHWA issued six additional comments requiring changes and an update of the Conceptual Stage Study. The revised Conceptual Stage Study was

delivered to the GDOT on May 12, 2005. An updated Relocation Study was submitted on July 12, 2005. Resubmission of the EA to FHWA by the GDOT is pending.

8. Skidaway Widening: The Final EA was approved by the FHWA on December 30, 2004. The County's consultant submitted a proposal (over \$750,000) which staff will need to evaluate for an amendment to the engineering services contract or a new contract to incorporate all new GDOT requirements known to date to complete the design. In accordance with the LGPA, the County is responsible for acquiring the necessary right of way. The GDOT has agreed to fund, award and manage the construction project. Due to reductions in state and federal highway funds, staff will look at the feasibility of requesting that GDOT break this project into several construction contracts.

9. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on August 12, 2004. Approximately 200 attended. GDOT is still reviewing letters to respondents of the public meeting. The Need and Purpose is being revised to essentially create a 3-lane section from Willow Road to Cedar Grove (near entrance to Country Day School) and improve the two lanes (i.e. widen pavement to 12 feet wide travel lanes) from Cedar Grove to Rose Dhu Road. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side.

10. Eisenhower Widening from Abercorn to Truman Parkway. The Concept Report was approved by GDOT on June 22, 2004, but was not received by the County until November 15, 2004. Because of the high estimated right of way costs (over \$22 million -- local cost), City of Savannah staff has been asked to look again at the need and purpose and the proposed width of the raised median. Also, the \$22 million does not include costs to relocate utilities and other infrastructure.

11. Abercorn Widening from Largo Drive to Rio Road. The Concept Report was revised to reflect the changed terminus from Deerfield Road to Largo Drive and sent to GDOT on June 28, 2004. This project is affected by other projects currently under design (intersection improvements at Largo, and Truman Parkway, Phase 5).

12. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. The Concept Report was approved by the GDOT on February 9, 2005. The Draft EA was sent to the GDOT for review on May 20, 2005. The GDOT has requested additional information regarding the Savannah Housing Authority's plans for Fellwood Homes.

13. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. LPA Group (consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report. A Public Information Open House was held on May 26, 2005, presenting three alternatives to construct high span bridges. Approximately 75 attended. The consultant has prepared responses to the comments received. They are being reviewed by GDOT for approval.

14. US 80/SR26

a. Lynes Parkway to Victory Drive. GDOT is preparing the EA. The GDOT schedule shows a public hearing in 2005 and award of a construction contract in 2007.

b. Bull River to Lazaretto Creek. GDOT is working on the EA. The GDOT hosted a PIOH on August 25, 2005, at the Tybee Island City Hall.

15. Local Roads

a. Dirt roads being designed by EMC Engineering for paving.

(1) Fountain Road. Final plans and ROW plats have been sent to Moreland/Altobelli for right-of-way acquisition which is underway. Due to the new alignment of the road, the USACE has determined that wetlands are impacted. Permit received July 12, 2005. GDOT executed the County Contract and gave notice to proceed on February 9, 2005. The contract, however, was apparently lost in the mail and was only recently received after staff inquired about it. Staff expected the solicitations for bids for a construction contract to be out by the end of August, however, right-of-way negotiations required some plan changes which delayed this process. It is now expected to have the right-of-way issues completed within the next few weeks after which the project will be advertised for bid.

(2) Bond Avenue, Heather Street, Betran Avenue, Shore Road, Mobley Street, Yucca Place, Perkins Place, Stone Street. Final plans were provided to GDOT on Mobley, Yucca and Perkins Place. They sent the preliminary estimate for the County Contract to Atlanta for these three streets on June 29, 2005. GDOT executed the County Contract for Bond, Heather, Betran and Shore, and gave notice to proceed on August 19, 2005. Solicitations for bids for a construction contract will be sent out during September.

b. Dulany Road, Cramer Street, Palm Drive and Old Pine Barren Road. On May 27, 2005, the Board of Commissioners authorized entering into contract with the consulting firm of McGee Partners to survey and design to pave these roads. The kick-off coordination meeting was held on June 23. The schedule calls for a construction contract to be ready for bidding on Old Pine Barren Road in December 2005, on Dulany Road in January 2006, and on Cramer Street and Palm Drive in June 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS
September 2005

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Ph 4	Construction	Sep 2005	GDOT	
Truman Parkway, Ph 5	Environmental ROW	Complete Dec 2006	County County/GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisition underway as of 7/1/05.
	Final Design Construction	Feb 2007 TBD	County/GDOT GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
US 17: Ogeechee Riv/SR204	Construction	Jan 2006	GDOT	Will be extended.
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	May 2006	GDOT	Will be extended.
Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy, Ph 2	Environmental ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI signed Feb 13 Preliminary plans on hold. ROW funded FY2005/06 COMMISSIONER STONE FY 2007
Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 25. ROW FY 2007 COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12.30.04 Change order or new contract needed for design to continue.
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW	Dec 2005	County	Draft EA pending approval by GDOT.
	Final Design Construction	Feb 2007 Apr 2007 TBD	County County GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR

US 80 Widening - Bull River to Lazaretto Ck - I-516 to Victory Drive	Environmental Environmental	Unknown Unknown	GDOT GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR COMMISSIONER STONE FY 2007
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental		County	Concept Report approved June 22, 2004.
Abercorn (Largo Drive to Rio Road)	Environmental		County	Concept Report pending approval.
NOTES: COMMISSIONER STONE = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2006-2008 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage**DATE: September 9, 2005****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 tidegate, and provide maintenance access.
 - i. Approximately 90 percent of the channel widening is complete and the new sluice gates are being manually operated by the Contractor.
 - ii. The date for substantial completion was delayed to September 2005 as a result of weather delays.
- b. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Double channel size and provide maintenance access.

- i. ROW acquisition is underway.
 - ii. The permit application package for this project has been returned to the consultant for corrections.
 - c. Kahn Mitigation Site. The final mitigation package for Phase 2, which includes the Kahn Site, is being designed concurrently with Phase 2 design.
 - d. Phase 1a (isolated areas within GPA up to SR21). A project to provide canal improvements that were not included in the Phase 1 Contract. This work was delayed until relocation of the water pipeline can be accomplished by the City.
 - e. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove the existing bridge (with the tidesgates) restricting the flow of drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Design is underway.
- 2. Hardin Canal
 - a. Phase 1 (From SR307 to I-16). Widen channel and replace bridge crossings.
 - i. Efforts to acquire necessary permits from the USACE are ongoing. Strong objections from various review agencies have not been overcome. As a result, Staff is considering withdrawal of the permit application for Phase 1. This will enable the County to apply for a separate permit to cover only the crossings at SR307. Staff understands that the review agencies will not object to a permit only for the SR307 crossings and allow that portion of the project to proceed.
 - ii. Crossings at SR307. Enlarging the crossings under Dean Forest Road (SR307) will be accomplished as a separate construction project. Design work is in progress.
 - iii. Permit for Phases 1 & 2 (From SR307 to Pine Barren Road). By combining phases, Staff believes that there is more opportunity to overcome agency objections to the canal widening portions of the project.
 - b. Phase 2 (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. Acquire flood-prone properties and convert the acquired land into a storm water retention facility to provide greater protection to remaining properties in the area.
 - i. Construction drawings and specifications for required drainage improvements are complete.

- ii. Property acquisition is complete except for one remaining parcel. Road pavement and utility demolition will commence upon resolution of the remaining parcel.
 - c. The railroad undercrossing Final Design Report has been approved. Construction drawings are under review by Staff. Plans have been reviewed by the railroad.
- 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.
 - c. Placentia Beautification Project: Correction of a drainage problem along Tennessee Ave. and to improve the appearance of the canal near the Bonaventure Bridge. Negotiations for the necessary rights of way and easements are pending.
- 5. Conaway Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal) Widen channel with road crossing improvements and a maintenance road.
 - a. Phase 1 includes channel improvements and crossing upgrades north of Main Street to Pipemakers Canal.
 - i. Preliminary construction and right of way plans have been returned to the Consultant for corrections. Coordination with GDOT for the crossing at Highway 80 is ongoing. The estimated construction cost exceeds the current available budget. Staff is considering options to address this issue. Application for approval of wetland delineation has been submitted to the USACE.
 - ii. Staff has approved recommended improvements of additional area requested by City of Bloomingdale. Consultant is working on preliminary construction drawings. Construction of these improvements to be funded by the City of Bloomingdale.
 - 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.
- 6. Little Hurst Canal Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR21. Revised hydraulic analysis and recommendations were completed in 2004. The impacts of proposed land development projects by GPA and a private development in the City of Port Wentworth are being investigated by Staff.
- 7. Wilmington Park Canal
 - a. Phase 1. (Construction of tide gate) Completed September 2002.

- b. Phase 2. Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road.
 - i. Received permit from USACE on July 5, 2002. Project is under design, incorporating changes to reduce cost while still attaining storm water goals. Surveying for alternative route is complete. Review of preliminary report and recommendations is underway.
 - ii. Design of a project to provide slope stabilization at Wilmington Island Road is underway, with preliminary recommendations now under review by Staff underway.

- 8. 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. Preliminary design and rights of way drawings are under review by Staff.

- 9. Romney Place Drainage
 - a. Phase 1. Improve drainage along Central Avenue. Completed October 2001.
 - b. Phase 2. Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Design is underway.

- 10. 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. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. Compilation of citizen drainage survey to help establish project need and purpose for permitting is complete.

- 11. 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 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. Conditions of revised Intergovernmental Agreement with GDOT to construct crossing under SR 307 as a County contract are not acceptable. The Agreement has been rejected. Staff is evaluating options. Staff is coordinating with Garden City on right of way issues to be worked out with developer of the impacted parcels.

- c. GDOT has approved new curb cuts at SR 307 to improve access to the canal for maintenance.
 - d. Extension of the wetland permit has been obtained from the USACE.
 - e. Staff submitted comments to the USACE on the Joint Public Notice related to proposed private commercial development on subject property.
12. Louis Mills Canal Widen channel from Veterans Parkway downstream to outfall at Westlake Canal and improve crossing under Marshall Avenue. Design is complete. Acquisition of Easements and ROW is underway.
13. Redgate/Rahn Dairy A project to provide larger underdrains at several road crossings, canal widening and provisions for maintenance access.
- a. This project will reduce stormwater flows in the Louis Mills system as well as provide improve drainage in the existing canal.
 - b. Preliminary design and Easement/ROW drawings are under review by Staff. Acquisition of Easements and ROW will begin upon completion of the review.
14. Diggs Avenue Drainage (part of Louis Mills) This drainage improvement project involves improving drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. Acquisition of ROW is underway.
15. Ogeechee Farms
- a. Phase 1. Improve internal collector system south of Vidalia Road. The project is substantially complete. The issue regarding sections of installed pipe determined by Staff to be unacceptable has been resolved. The Contractor's repairs to the pipe have been accepted. Completion of final punch list is underway.
 - b. Phase 2.
 - i. The County has received the Section 404 wetlands permit from USACE. Final paperwork utilizing the County's new banking instrument for mitigation is 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.
16. Fawcett Canal
- a. Phase 1. Widen channel and improve crossings from Georgetown downstream to crossing under Grove Point Road, and replace tide gate. Construction completed in August 2002. Other work to improve the function and appearance of the lagoons completed in May 2005.

- b. Phase 2. Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Design work is currently underway.
17. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 (Formerly the Ecosystem Restoration Project) Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. The work is expected to reduce the 50-year flood level by about 2 feet at US17 and at the same time restore a salt marsh ecosystem to its original condition.
- a. Efforts to acquire the permit from the USACE continues. Additional information is required to alleviate issues brought by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A permit from USACE is expected after SHPO agrees with the project.
 - b. Access agreements to the private property and acquisition of easements is underway.
18. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The Design Study Report final report is to be submitted in September. Based upon its recommendations, Staff is preparing a scope of work for design of the drainage improvements.
19. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. A construction contract was approved by the Board on December 17, 2004. Construction is underway. Construction progress is slower than anticipated, partially due to the Contractor's inability to provide adequate manpower on the project. Other significant causes of delay include the weather and slow responses by utility companies to relocate their facilities. Staff is working with the Contractor to address this concern.
20. 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. Approval by Health Department to proceed with acquisition has been obtained. Preliminary title searches of affected properties are underway. Right of way acquisition has commenced. Closing has been completed on 24 of 26 parcels.
21. Henderson Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
- a. Canal 1 (henceforth referred to as Brown Thrush Canal): 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. Staff is reviewing Consultant's fee proposal for design of recommendations.
- b. Canal 2 (henceforth referred to as Henderson Canal): Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE.
22. North Rice Mill Improvements to a local drainage system tributary to the Georgetown Canal. Improvements to the existing drainage system were requested by a local property owner to mitigate nuisance flooding on several area properties. New easements are required for construction and maintenance of the improvements. The property owner that made the request for drainage relief has expressed strong opposition to giving the easements and access to the site for maintenance. Staff is investigating available options, including abandonment of the project.
23. Georgetown Canal Upgrading roadway undercrossings to improve drainage capacity at St. Ives Way. Construction is underway.
24. Walthour Canal at Off Shore A small project to improve the undersized culverts under the entrance road to the Off Shore Subdivision. Final construction documents have been received. Permitting is underway.
25. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. A fee to prepare final design and Construction Documents has been requested from the consultant for drainage improvements to be based upon the Design Study Report.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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

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4. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON NEW RECREATION RESOURCES (RAP).

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2005

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Provide Board a status update on RAP.

BACKGROUND:

At the Board's request, staff has developed a Recreational Action Plan (RAP) that best utilizes the \$500,000 allocated to Parks and Recreation for FY 06. It is staff's overall commitment to improve the visibility of the recreation facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of this community.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To provide Board with a status update on RAP

2. The RAP is as Follows:

I. **Personnel**

Tasks:

1. **Hire the first 3 positions of 16 positions as Carpentry Crew:**

Hired 1 Lead Maintenance and 2 Maintenance Workers 1..

2. **Purchase equipment for Carpentry Crew:** Have purchased 1 crew truck, carpentry tools, and uniforms. A utility trailer and hand held radios remain to be purchase.

II. **Facility Repairs**

Task:

1. Lake Mayer

A. Replace roof on large pavilion

- Staff will continue their search to hire a structural engineer to certify existing supports can accommodate span of new roof

B. Renovate restrooms

- Staff recommend that this task be contracted out, and with seek qualified contractors.

2. Ambuc Park

A. Renovate restroom

- Staff is in the process of securing cost on all needed material.

B. Re-establish baseball infield

- Staff will began improving the infields at the conclusion of football season.

C. Install concrete walk at concession building

D. Install new back stop fencing

- E. Replace old wooden dugouts with chain link
- F. Replace score clocks

Note: To avoid construction during football season, staff will secure all material to have on hand at the conclusion of football season for the above.

3. L. Scott Stell Park/Jim Golden Complex
 - A. Renovate restroom
 - B. Re-establish baseball infield
 - C. Install concrete walk at concession building
 - D. Install new back stop fencing
 - E. Replace old wooden dugouts with chain link
 - F. Replace score clocks

Note: Staff is currently securing the material cost to began construction.

III. Recreational Programs

Task

1. Create a local sports panel of select coaches, parents, volunteers.
 - Staff is in the process of putting together a panel of 6 coaches, parents, and volunteers. To date we had 2 coaches to volunteers.
2. The panel will solicit and recruit more coaches with particular emphasis in the unincorporated neighborhoods.
 - For the up coming football season, we were able to recruit 2 teams from Wilmington Islands, 1 team from the Georgetown area, and 1 from the Ogeechee Road and Burroughs Community.
3. In baseball/softball programs, an open division will be offered along with the recreational league to create opportunities for youth to complete within their own skills and abilities.
 - Staff is in the process of formalizing plans to start a Select League in March 2006, with a Recreational League in April 2006.
4. Take advantage of public school facilities for programs such as basketball when available.
 - Staff will stay in contact with the Board to take advantage of any available dates.

Funding:

N/A

FOR BOARD INFORMATION ONLY

Various Districts

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REPORT ON HURRICANE OPHELIA

Mr. Phillip Webber said, I'm sorry to be —, I'm not trying to be dramatic. Ophelia is forecast to continue offshore a little bit and then look around and come right up the Savannah River as a Category 1 hurricane. Now that's about 100 hours out and the average error on that is 350 miles. Okay? So we can go anywhere. It can go south of us, it can go up to South Carolina, they just don't know. However, the models are laying down on us. Us, or Beaufort, or somewhere in there, so we have to go with the forecast tract that puts it right up the Savannah River as a Category 1 hurricane, 85 miles an hour winds. Category 1. So we've got to take some steps. I'm taking the steps to go into our Hurricane Plan. We'll do a pre-activation briefing at 4:30 this afternoon over at the Annex on the parkway. That will be the critical work, all your first responders, utilities people, like that. I'll have a partial activation of the EOC this evening of the Emergency Operation Center downstairs, talk to the concerned public, or whoever. We'll have a limited activation of the EOC tomorrow all day. We'll put on more phone talkers. We'll probably put on Red Cross or somebody like that. We'll have a meeting with our evacuation group. All the transportation is in place, all the school buses, the drivers, City of Savannah will ramp up the Civic Center for us, as you remember, Michael [Kaigler] saying yesterday in that meeting. We'll go through the whole process on Monday if we need to get people out of here.

Mr. Webber said, there's a lot of advisories between now and Monday. So just keep your fingers crossed and pray or whatever works for you, but we hope that we don't have to go through this whole process, but we could be in a voluntary evacuation by Sunday morning. On this tract and on this forecast, this are the numbers to remember: on this forecast tropical storm force winds 35 miles an hour and above could be reaching Tybee by Monday evening, five, six, seven o'clock. But whatever we do, we've got to have it done by then. We've got to have it done by about noon on Monday. So we look at a voluntary Sunday, maybe a partial mandatory on Sunday. It's not a Countywide full mandatory. That's going to be up to this gentleman and the Mayors of the municipalities to decide what they want to do on that. But right now I'm not even going to make a recommendation on it, but I know that we'll be at least a voluntary on Sunday.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, do you have any idea of the rain that's coming with? Mr. Webber said, no, I don't have that yet. I don't have it yet.

Commissioner Gellatly asked, is there a possibility that it could increase or decrease in strength? Mr. Webber said, always, but —, and I don't know what that is yet either. There's some information I just don't have yet. Commissioner Gellatly asked, is this one computer model? I noticed that on TV it looks like they've got a dozen models that show it going everywhere. Mr. Webber said, this is the National Hurricane Center that uses the sweep of models and then they lay down the tract that they think. As I said before, there's a lot of computer models out there, but most of them are laying right down —, when I do this, I'm bringing them down like this, you know, just like a spider, bringing them down, they're laying down on us and Beaufort.

Commissioner Farrell asked, where the center of the target is? Mr. Webber said, yes, which as you know just an antidotal thing, I mean, that's not really the worst place to be 120 hours out because usually it never goes there, but I'm telling you the models are laying down on us, and that's not good. If the models were just spread out and they were just picking us as the center, you know, I'd have a little bit

more hope. But if the models are laying down on us, that's not good. This is not Katrina, we're not going to have a 20-foot storm surge with this storm, there's not going to be bodies floating all around, you know, Savannah. But 85 miles an hour winds will tear some stuff up. It will be like a Hurricane David, maybe a little bit worse. Commissioner Farrell asked, what about storm surge? Mr. Webber said, I guess maximum could be 8 feet, it could be 10 feet, on top of whatever tide it is. So we could be looking at the possibility —, and we don't need to read this just yet —, we could be looking at a possibility of making some decisions about mandatory on Tybee or mandatory manufactured homes, low lying areas, mandatory on the Islands, but that's for the Mayors to decide. We don't need to make that decision just yet. We'll hit that decision point —, we will hit that decision point Sunday. Saturday night, Sunday we'll hit it. We don't have to make that decision yet. When they start hitting me up and saying people should evacuate, I'm going to say we're in a voluntary evacuation 365 days a year. People can choose to leave this town any time they want. I won't be flippant about it, but I'm going to tell them, "Look, if you're frightened and you want to go, you can go now, but we haven't reached the critical decision point yet." That's what I'll tell them.

Mr. Webber said, at one o'clock, Mr. Chairman, I'll have a conference call for you and the Mayors of the municipalities. Anybody got any other questions for me?

Commissioner Odell said, and Sunday you'll try to make contact with us Commissioners? Chairman Liakakis said, well, I'll make sure that everybody on the Commission is fully informed on what the situation is. So if you need to ask me a question, I'll make sure that they talk with me and you can call me at any time on anything concerning this because I will stay right with it and everybody will have the information that you need.

Commissioner Odell asked, Sunday, Phillip [Webber], will you all be downstairs? Mr. Webber said, yes. There's another way you can keep in touch with what we're doing is through the CEMA Alert that you can sign up on our website. If you do e-mail or if you do the internet, go to our website and sign up for CEMA Alert and we'll push the situation reports to you and so forth. I'd ask you for a favor and you can do and you can do —, you know, I serve at your pleasure and I'm always available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but Pete Nichols will be setting up press conferences for us and me, just being one person, it's easier to get up with you as a collective group than it is hour by hour. But please don't take offense to that, I'm available to you anytime.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Odell, the board recessed at 12:20 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005

PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, COUNTY CLERK