

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006, 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 9:10 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2006.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner James J. Holmes gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

- Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
- Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
- B. Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven (arrived approximately 9:52 a.m.)
- 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: Patrick Monahan, Assistant County Manager
- Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
- Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Liakakis welcomed the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Leslie Weaver, Executive Member, a Senior at Jenkins High School; Jameya Barnwell, a Junior at St. Vincent's Academy; and Roderick Bobbitt, a Senior at Beach High School.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. UPDATE ON CHATHAM-SAVANNAH YOUTH FUTURES AUTHORITY BY JACQUELINE ELMORE, DIRECTOR.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Jacqueline Elmore, who's the Director of the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, for her presentation please.

Mr. Julian Pafford said, Mr. Chairman, I'm Julian Pafford. I'm on the Board of Youth Futures Authority, and I'm standing in today for Dr. Carlton Brown, who couldn't be here. What we're going to do is update you on the status of children today. I'm going to go over a couple of our goals and then Jacqueline Elmore will actually go over some of the graphs that we think are loaded up in PowerPoint. Our report today will cover some statistics, goals and leave time for any questions you have. We have new priorities in place at Youth Futures. We're focusing our energies on improving education, juvenile justice — in fact, we have alarming information in that area today — and teen pregnancy. The Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority represents the voice of children in Chatham County. Therefore, its role is to advance the objective of healthy functioning for all children in our community. Over 15 years ago a compact formed by the Authority adopted this vision on behalf of the entire community. Every child will be born healthy, grow up healthy, be secure from abuse, and neglect and become literate, productive and economically self-sustaining citizens. The fundamental purpose of Youth Futures Authority in realizing our vision for the children of Chatham County is to facilitate community agreement on problems, focus attention on the need for crosscutting approaches and create more effective methods of achieving desired outcomes for family and children. This requires the development of new capacities in our community and a continued commitment to collaborative planning and evaluation. The Youth Futures Authority Collaborative also functions as the management system to monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of policies and strategies around children's issues. Specific benchmarks tracked in our annual report card have shown some alarming trends. Those of particular concern include the number of juveniles in the criminal justice system, rates of teenage pregnancy in certain demographics, and education success rates. So our news today is of great concern. We invite your participation and questions. Look at the Youth Futures Authority as a group of board members, some of which you have appointed, who are trying to provide the bully pulpit to this community to raise the issues that we can all work on. There are serious issues. I invite your interest. Thank you for your support in the past. The County Commission has always been behind us. We will come to you at some point to ask for

some financial assistance, but not today. I also want to tell you that I am appointed by the City Council at this point, but you appointed me for a term about three years ago, and I appreciate that. On behalf of the board, thank you and I want to turn it over to Jacqueline [Elmore] and will lead you through this PowerPoint.

Ms. Elmore said, thank you, Julian [Pafford]. Good morning. The Commissioners said, good morning. We're always very appreciative for your allowing us to have an opportunity to speak, not only to you, but to the consumers in Chatham County who really should have an understanding of the condition and families in our community. We have a brief slide presentation and I assure you that we're going to go through it more quickly than even looks on your report because there are some other areas that I want to mention to you in the short period of time we want to take. The statistics that were released in our Children's Profile, our 2005 Children's Profile, alarmed us. So we took for granted and I wouldn't say assumed, I think it was a safe bet that they alarmed you as well. First and foremost among them are the issues in juvenile crime, and as this is the profile for 2005, the data for the delinquent offenses that you see before you, and they're on the screen for the audience, but you have them in your packet, are those for 2004. However, I think a more pertinent issue for this community to wrestle with this year would be the understanding that Chatham County has the largest number of youth taken into the system in the State of Georgia. That resonated with us. You have had the opportunity to review the profile and we know it resonates with you. When you look at the total numbers, we rank number one. When you look at the commitment by population, we rank number two, and we will stop at this point and say that the other counties that have as equally as high commitment are surrounding Atlanta. So we must realize that even though those counties surround Atlanta, they have a much larger population than Chatham County. So I think that's an issue that the entire community should rally behind, and it's certainly one that the Youth Futures Authority is looking at this year.

Ms. Elmore said, in our summit next week, where the Youth Commission will be featured very prominently, on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning we're having our Juvenile Court judges, members of the police force, representatives of the Department of Juvenile Justice engage in a dialogue with residents of this community about what we need to do, and I emphasize we. It would be a naive approach to believe that the judges can do it alone or that the law enforcement can do it alone. It is clear for the Youth Futures Authority that the best approach would be from the preventive arena as our discussion on next week will be just in that area. For those of you who will be able to visit with us at the summit, this will be a very worthwhile discussion for you to be a part of.

The second set of indicators that we have for you today are those on teen pregnancy, and even though our numbers over the past 12 years, for the length of time that we have been providing this report card, have been reduced somewhat. There are spikes in certain populations, specifically the Hispanic population. Even though it's a smaller number of individuals, their percentages are higher. So overall that's a concern that we're going to continue to monitor, but we are pleased to report for the length of time that we have been monitoring it, that the teen pregnancy rates for the most part have been reduced. There are no good numbers for teen pregnancy rates, what we need to acknowledge that we're going to continue to work on further reduction there.

Educational success will always be a priority of the Youth Futures Authority. We have been tracking retention rates at certain intervals in the educational development of a child. We have been tracking suspension rates, we have been tracking overage for grades and graduation at certain levels. Wherein there have been some improvements with some populations, again we find the most alarming statistics among African-Americans, specifically African-American males. So even though this is in the report you received in April, it is presented before you again today in print form. Our mission is to make certain that every opportunity we have the community is aware of these numbers and that that knowledge will drive us to [inaudible] at a cohesive effort to make some corrections.

In addition to the data that we presented to you today, it is our responsibility to tell you what our activity has been for the past year. I have for you to read at your leisure a copy of our financial report. We're in good stead. There are absolutely no findings in our audit, so fiscally we are being managed very, very professionally and we're sound. There are other areas where we've had some activity over the past year, one being with the continuum of development in care. You allowed us to make the announcement here at your facilities when that strategy was complete, complete being the operative word. It will never be finished. The document itself is on our website. It includes an assessment of what's needed by children adolescent. It includes an extremely comprehensive resource directory, and I invite you to send folks to our website to look at that guide which says those things that are available here for children. The areas that we will monitor on a quarterly basis is updating that resource guide. For this next year, however, we're going to work on the area of child and adolescent behavioral health. We were successful, with the support of this Commission, through it's representative in the Chair, Chairman Liakakis, and the Mayor of Savannah in lobbying the Commissioner of Human Resources to have \$1.6 new dollars — a combination of new dollars in redirected monies put toward a system of care for children and adolescents in Chatham County. The role of the Authority is to ensure that these agencies that are overseen by the Commissioner of Resources is — that group is in fact looking to having a more integrated approach to delivery of services and recognizing those areas where we're not doing as well in having immediate access for youth and behavioral health and, of course, for looking at the ways that the children who are in our juvenile justice system are serviced by this human service entity.

Ms. Elmore said, so that is the focus of the Authority as far as our continuum is concerned for the next year. Our major priorities for the next fiscal year, of course, will be on looking at a reduction in juvenile criminal activity, and when I say looking at a reduction, it is never often enough that I say that the Authority is not engaged in providing services and running programs. The Authority is responsible for saying to the people who should do it on behalf of taxpayers we're not doing well enough in Chatham County, so we're going to be diligently steadfast in our job of being an evaluation and monitoring agency and reporting to you as we're required by legislation as the governing body of Chatham County, the Youth Futures Authority is a county-wide strategy and our responsibility is to bring to you in our opinion the status of children and families on an annual basis. Mr. Chair [Pafford], and Mr. Chair [Liakakis], we will now hear questions from you.

Commissioner Odell said, I've got a question. Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead. Commissioner Odell said, point of clarification. You said at Youth Futures you're not in the area of providing

service. Is that correct? Ms. Elmore said, that is correct. Commissioner Odell said, and there are organizations which you monitor to make a determination as to whether or not those numbers for juvenile crime offenders has been reduced. What are some of those organizations? Ms. Elmore said, the organizations and institutions who we find responsible by the State requirement are Juvenile Courts, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Family and Children's Services, both CSB's that are charged — Community Service Boards — that are charged with behavioral health service delivery throughout the State of Georgia and of course the school system. Commissioner Odell said, absolutely, and my only concern is that Juvenile Court comes in at the end of the procedure of —, I mean, a child does not come to Juvenile Court if he's an honor student, has no attendance record, is not trying to car-jack Mom and Pop, and so how do you evaluate what department's participation —, you know, I see the Board of Education. If you kick a kid out of school and your data probably would suggest that the vast majority of the juvenile offenders are kids who are not in school. Ms. Elmore said, absolutely. Commissioner Odell said, I would further suggest that the vast majority of juvenile offenders, if you did a self-concept study on them, if you looked at their self-esteem, their self-esteem tends to be relatively low. And my comparison would be like we have a large number of juveniles through Dr. Thomas' vision, the Chatham County Youth Commission, and these are some of the greatest kids in the world. Ultimately, it comes down to family and environment. We can place the responsibility on education. That impacts it some, but ultimately families have a greater impact on what happens to children than any other so-called agency, group or party. And I disbelieve that poverty determines the quality of your child. It does not. Everybody in our neighborhood is poor. We recycle clothing through the neighborhood, but they were not criminals and they had a set concept that believe that they were (a) honorable people and (b) there were some things they would absolutely not do. We didn't rely upon teachers, we relied upon parents. I guess my question becomes what are we doing or who are we — parents are the ones to be monitored. You can talk about the Board of Education. I taught for a while. I think we have to praise our teachers because some people send children to school not prepared for education and with a hostile attitude. Parents are the key. What's the Youth Futures doing to either re-education, re-orient the groups that impact crime more than any other body, and that is parents who have these children. What are y'all doing in that regard?

Ms. Elmore said, I want to address three things that you mentioned, and I'll start with parents since that was the last thing that you said. The Authority has the responsibility for every segment of the community in terms of assessing how well we're doing. I would be in total agreement with you that the family is the primary, the most significant influence in any child's life. So we are very aware that that's where most of the advocacy should be done by not only Youth Futures, but it elected officials, the media, and anyone else who comes in contact with family. However, the reality in our society is all parents are not doing a good job. That's an unfortunate reality. Therefore, there are circumstances too numerous for my personal taste. There are circumstances where agencies and institutions must be involved, and in particular the specific question about the courts. You're absolutely correct. When they get to the court, they will have committed crimes, but the Authority has been engaged in dialogue with the judges, who've been very supportive of the theory that we can reduce recidivism even at the court. We're beginning to look at community-based programs where the judges do have the authority to refer youth into community-based programs versus having them brought into custody. So on every level of society there are some

responsibilities that must be borne. It is never taken away from the parents as their primary role, but I do believe that in some instances, and like yourself, I am very aware that societal circumstances and economic circumstances sometimes are too often blamed, and if we had our personal preferences in this, there would be a different kind of dynamics going on in this community, but right now with all parents not living up their obligations relative to children, we do believe that the Department of Family and Children Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Community Service Boards, who have an entire division for children and adolescents, have some responsibility for making certain that those children who through no fault of their own have fallen through the cracks and do not have the right set of supports in place. So wherein we're not in disagreement in terms of where the primary responsibility runs, our concern is monitoring more those areas where the supports need to be put in place for children, and sometimes not only the children but their families because their families are equally in need. So I would agree with you, Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, you know, I see parents who want to help their children with their homework, but don't have the information, and I make no criticism of those individuals. I think it's in the societal best interest for us to have systems that can help them become better parents. You know, it's not good enough to move to a gated community and have high fences. That's not the solution, but I do think that if we can slow down the ... illegitimacy where one person is responsible, and often that person is a teenager, who has not been completed the child's role, but now they are a parent, and often they have to do their parenting alone. Teenage pregnancy, if we can stop the influx of that, I think, it slows down the other end and that other end is that —. At my office occasionally I'll look out of the window and I'll see kids who'll pass by because the Jenkins Boy's Club — it's not the Jenkins, it's the Delaware Center is directly in back of my office, and I see kids walking past and, you know, eat an ice cream sandwich and they will take the wrapper and throw it in my yard or throw it in David Saussy's yard and my point being is that I remember as a youth that would never have happened in our little country community because you were instructed, if not by a parents by teachers, and I think you all are the watchdogs and it's getting a little too rampant and I dread to think what would happen if we didn't have Youth Futures and other organizations, and I think y'all do an excellent job. Ultimately, we've got to change our strategy, even if that entails if you have a minor and that minor is accused of a violent crime and, say, the person is 16 years and younger, then there's certain parenting orientation programs that should be mandatory for the parent. I mean, should be mandatory for the parent. I don't think you have to be a genius to predict where the problems are coming for and why. I think most of us know who look at the numbers, look at the data, know the cause of the problem. I think we're going to have to be dramatic and creative and change what we're doing now is we get the sentence and we're monitoring it. It's going to the end game and try to make some dramatic changes. It's not going to be politically correct, we're going to be sued by the ACLU, but ultimately we're going to stop and change the lives of children who rather than having them costing us \$45 to \$50 a day, they can be taxpayers, and I think ultimately everyone wants to be a contributing citizen.

Ms. Elmore said, no, we cannot continue to do what we were doing. We've been tracking these numbers for twelve years, and if the numbers have been the same for twelve years then, as you said, I think it's pretty obvious that we've not been doing as a community the right thing to change

those numbers. So something dramatic, something very different and innovative has to come out of this community. I think you're absolutely correct.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll send you a private note on it. I don't want to publicly say, but as a student of psychology I've given a lot of thought about this. As a person who's been a personal victim of crime, I've given a lot of thought about this and it's not dispassionate, but it is concern and I will share those concerns with you, just my private thoughts on some things. Ms. Elmore said, I'll appreciate it.

Mr. Pafford said, thank you. Commissioner, just to make one quick comment to support what you said, is that we've got to do at least three things better than we're doing now. We've got to strengthen the neighborhoods because people live in the neighborhoods, we've got to strengthen the families, and we've got to strengthen the children. If any one of those things are not thriving, then the child is not going to be successful. One example right now is there's not enough dollars in the community centers to do what I call gap-time education. You know, from three to seven at night is when a lot of times they get in trouble. So when we look out in the community, we're going to be looking for dollars so that young men and young women have a place to go that's structured and some of it may be basketball and fun, but they get their homework done, they can get a meal and they can get through that three to seven time. That's just one antidote of many things that we need to be doing and finding the dollars for it.

Commissioner Odell said, and they'll also get some mentoring. You know, often if — it is popular to be ignorant today. It is popular not to be a good student. It is popular to have your pants down to your knees. It was also popular 20 years ago to smoke, but now you light up a cigarette in a place and it's like you just shot a priest. People are offended by it because what has happened is that we, as a society, community has changed the perception of what's cool and what's accepted. We can likewise do that as far as teen pregnancies, as far as keeping it real, meaning I've gone to jail at least once, Juvenile Court. That's not real for me. If we can change those perceptions, and I agree that time that you outlined is a crucial time.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Much of what I wanted to say has been said by both the presenters and my fellow colleague, Commissioner Odell; however, I do want to say that I'm very appreciative of what the Youth Authority has done over the years and continues to do. It is my challenge to this Board to get completely involved so that we can make a difference in the lives of our children and our youth. And if we do that, then I think we will be sending a positive message to the total community that it's going to take every entity, everybody to come to the table and not just talk, but we also have to put our finances, you know, with our mouths to support these different entities. And so, therefore, I want to challenge this Commission to continue to be on board and to help the Youth Authority to do its job and, therefore, I think we will far-reaching into our community and hopefully we can get all the other entities together, and not just come together just to talk. I mean, we have to be about doing something because a lot of things that are happening now, we're just not getting to Point B. You know, if Point A is not working, we have to have a Point B to go to. So I'm just asking that the community will get on

board because this is serious business, and we keep talking about crime, crime, crime and the only way we're going to make a dent in this is that everybody, everybody, every entity in this community has to come together and see a need to make this difference happen. So, I just want to thank you so very much for all of the hard work that you have done and to put into this, and I certainly will continue to commit myself to doing whatever I can to help make it happen.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Elmore, you just hit the nail of something that I've talked about in the last month ago, and that is bringing all stakeholders to the table to combat this project that we have. Juvenile crime is one of the most massive compensation among everybody from top to bottom of how we curtail it. Now I understand that you mentioned dollars just now, but I don't want anyone to think that dollars are going to solve all of these problems. If you look back in the City of Savannah and Chatham County, we have spent in the last 15 or 20 years billions of dollars toward youth, but we're still getting presentations like that and PowerPoint presentations saying nothing has changed. So when are we going to change? When are the people going to change? When is this group going to change? I have began to start a strategy and I've taken this manual and a DVD to Judge Beam. Once his staff put their eyes on it, he's going to do a strategy, and if we can come together in this community as stakeholders to put together a strategy to pass the SPLOST, then quite naturally we can come together and bring all the stakeholders to the table to curtail juvenile crime. When we talk about juvenile crime, everybody talks about it but nobody comes to the table. Everybody complains about it, but everybody don't come to the table. So when are the stakeholders in this City can come together and form some sort of strategy collectively? It is not what the church is doing, it is not what the school is doing, it is not what the judge is doing, it is not what the community is doing, it is what everybody collectively coming to the table the same way, ladies and gentlemen, that we did when we wanted to pass that SPLOST. We spent money to pass the SPLOST. We had everybody to the table coming up with a strategy how to pass that SPLOST. So now when we're talking about juvenile crime, when are we going to bring everybody back to the table and come up together collectively, and the same statement Ms. Elmore just made just now, we can't just bring one in today and try to resolve this whole massive problem. We have to come together collectively and I'm quite sure once we put some quality time in this together, we can see programs like this and our PowerPoint presentation what we just seen just now and what we have, let's work at increasing that number and I'm quite sure we all will be together in this [inaudible]. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, just real briefly. I agree with everything that my colleagues have said and these numbers are truly alarming and I know they're frustrating to you all. We've got to work harder and it's — my fellow Commissioner James Holmes just said, bring everybody to the table, every entity. I don't know what parenting classes are offered in the schools today, whether there are any social skills classes, ethics/morals classes. I don't know if any of those are taught in our schools to reach out to these children before they even think the idea of becoming parents, but maybe that's an area where we've fallen short. I'm not an authority on the subject, but I do think

that the youth in this community has not changed. It's the parents or the lack thereof. And that's the problem and it needs to start in the home and these individuals need to know once they become of age to have children or be parents what the true consequences are. But again, I'll put the burden mainly back on the parents and how do we teach our future parents how to be good parents, and that's where I think something that we've just sort of missed the boat.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Youth Commissioner Leslie Weaver.

Youth Commissioner Weaver said, I'd like to thank the Authority for coming to our Youth Commission meetings and giving us an opportunity to be a part of their summit, and I also agree with Commissioner Holmes and everyone else for saying a strategy has to be different. I remember looking back in elementary school and knowing certain things, learning certain things that I cannot do and, you know, certain strategies and certain just mannerisms that were not tolerated. I also remember a part that a village — it's take a village to raise a child, and I think the thing from — when I was in elementary school, I'm a senior in high school now, when I was in elementary school my Mom went back to school and my sister was in school, things are so different, like knowing what to talk about sex or pregnancy or crime. But we get it in elementary school or early on, I think we prevent it. Some people may remember in health class, you had a baby, an A, or a fake child that you had to take care of for a week. They don't do that any more. It's offensive. You know, it's against someone's religion, it's offending someone. I don't think it's offending anyone. It's just basic knowledge that people need to know. You can get back to education and try to get together with the board and possibly make some programs, some counseling programs, mentoring programs, get high school students and the middle school counseling programs. Possibly that could somewhat cut down or be one step towards the crime or teen pregnancy until it's devoured. That's what I think. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, just a comment. You know, I've had the privilege of living in Savannah since 1980 and crime and social conditions have been a topic every day and every week, every month and every year of that time, and we've talked and talked and talked, and occasionally we'll do long and expensive studies, which we put on the shelves shortly thereafter, and what has to occur in my opinion is the — and we're starting to do a really good job on that — we need to specifically spell out, identify what the problems are, what the challenges are, what things we want to have changed in our society, and then we have to put those in terms where the results can actually be measured exactly. The task that has to occur once we determine what the problems are, the task has to be specifically assigned to people and groups of people and organizations and then most importantly on an annual basis after they've been assigned to specific persons and organizations, they have to be held personally and collectively accountable, and in my opinion that's never happened in Savannah. Until we do that and do it intelligently, collectively, nothing is going to change. We're going to keep on talking about it, we're going to come to the table and we're going to talk some more, and occasionally we're going to do another study and nothing is going to change. And the problem is when you get the stakeholders to the table and if you start talking seriously about what the problems are and how they're caused and what have you, you get a whole bunch of this: it's not my problem, it's not my fault, and I'm not

really going to assume the responsibility for it. So I think that our challenge as a community is that these problems have to be identified, they have to be assigned to specific people and groups, and those specific people and groups have to be held accountable, and if they do a good job, they should be commended. If they don't do a good job, why something else has to happen. Thank you.

Mr. Pafford said, Commissioner, thank you for those comments. Let me make a brief follow-up. That's our new plan. We in the past have produced a report of numbers without who's responsible. Our new Chairman, Dr. Carlton Brown, and our board are committed to naming names. Next year when we come back and we talk in the community, going forward, you'll know who has the responsibility for this indicator, and they will have the responsibility to join us next year at this podium to talk about what they're doing to change that number. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In an effort to kind of elaborate and go ahead and throw something out there that's politically incorrect that I truly believe would help, as Miss Weaver stated earlier, we've become a society that we don't want to offend anybody. We know as political leaders what should be said, what's politically correct, what's not politically correct. I'm one that I don't care. I'm at a point in my life that I'm just going to flat out say what I believe, whether it's politically correct or not, because I believe it's correct. I think that we need to pick up lobbying, whatever it may be, through the State of Georgia, the Federal Government. I think that we have come up with the term deadbeat dad. We need to all understand the deadbeat parents. You don't have to qualify for anything, you don't take a test to birth a child, but that does not make you a parent. We have a structure within the judicial system that wants to keep children at, not all costs but it sure does push it, they want to keep them there with someone that they didn't have to qualify at all to bring that child into this world. We in the past had homes for boys and homes for girls. It's politically incorrect probably to say it, we need to bring them back. There's many productive children, now adults in this society now, that was raised in homes for boys and homes for girls. Orphanages — I'll say the word. If we bring those back, what children receive in those situations is structure, a life of structure. When you have structure in your life, that's where you have discipline in your life. If you have discipline in your life, you learn to respect. If there's consequences for your actions starting at an early age, you learn then and there that when you do something, there's consequences. There's rewards for good and there's negative for bad. We need to pick it up and stop all the, like she said, being politically correct. We need to bring some homes back for we know there's power in numbers also. I think that there's probably just so many great people that bring children into their homes — what's it called? Commissioner Odell said, foster homes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, foster home, but even at that there's just a couple of people watching. Power in numbers in a home is you have many people around to make sure that nothing improper is taking place and you've got that guidance. I think that y'all are in a powerful position to really take a look at something like that. You look at ours that we have out there, the boy's estate and all, look at — Mr. Pafford said, Bethesda. Commissioner Kicklighter said, Bethesda. These young men, look how productive. I mean, they're videoing this right now and for whatever reason they're there. They are making the most of it. They're a great example of what can happen and we need to bring them back, and I ask y'all

to look at that. We don't need to be politically correct anymore in this country, we just need to be correct. Do what's best for the children. Putting the children in a safe environment with structure and discipline is going to let them understand what it means to respect something, someone and that will run into the big picture of life in general. I asked somebody, you know, I feel like I know that's a Rush Limbaugh sounding statement, but it's said out of concern not out of let's throw children — no. Let's get ahold of the children's lives now that they have no one there. We've come to the point, we talked about a single family home and we've even passed that now. We're a single 95-year-old grandmother raising the child. A loving person — people, but they fiscally, in those cases they fiscally cannot discipline a teenager, no matter who it may be. And so, that's it. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Youth Commissioner Barnwell.

Youth Commissioner Barnwell said, I just wanted to ask at some point in time you said we needed structure. Would the parents be with the children at any time that together and they could work on that together instead of being separated and maybe it would help if they were together working on it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, in my opinion, if the parents were deemed unfit, unable to take care of their child, they're removed from that home and, yes, visitation should and could take place, and it should. They should remain in touch and maybe in turn the parent who grew up without discipline instruction in their life will learn and prove that there's consequences for their actions and in their case for no actions there was consequences. Youth Commissioner Barnwell asked, sort of like a mentor, kind of? Commissioner Kicklighter said, sort of like they were learn that if you don't care of a child when you bring it into the world, that someone else is, that we're not any longer going to leave our kids out there floundering around with taking care of themselves at five years old and six years old. And, yes, visitation should take place and if they prove over a period of time somehow, and that's where the people that do this stuff for a living can figure out that they've improved enough to be able to really take care of that child, then yes they should be able to go back.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Youth Commissioner Bobbitt.

Youth Commissioner Bobbitt said, I just wanted to add on for a suggestion, I think really what we need to stress out is to advise people to ask for help, not to just let them know this is what they should do. We need to let them be able to step forward and say we need help on this, we need help with our child or we need help with our grandchildren.

Chairman Liakakis said, the Youth Futures, we know, has been in operation for quite a number of years and all, and you identify things, you know, and bring out the statistics and all of that, but I think it's really good that we know the majority of problems that we have in the home, whether it's with the guardian or the parent or whatever it is, and what we need to do is like if a child goes into the Juvenile Court to find out something about that child, you know, put the resources in there and put the resources to help the family because if it's a one-parent family and they're working two jobs, unfortunately they don't have the ability always to be able to watch over the child or

children, whatever the case might be. That’s not always because some people pull their, as we say, pull their boots up by the straps, you know, and they work hard and to make sure that their children are in the right mode and they are brought up morally. But unfortunately we’ve got the situation where these juveniles, 40% of the students that drop out of school commit crime. That’s a terrible figure. What can the school system do to entice them to stay in there? Whether it’s technical training, whether they change their curriculum and put things in there, that’s what’s really important. But the thing that Youth Futures can really help is identify the resources and find out, you know, in that particular family about the problems so that if the available resources that we can put in there to help that parents, parent or guardian to change things because this is where, as members of our Commission have stated and others in the public, that we need to address that and get on with that as soon as possible. Okay, thank you. We appreciate Youth Futures coming today.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

An update on the status of the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority was given by Mr. Julian Pafford and Ms. Jacqueline Elmore, Director.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, in our audience today I see we have Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and Colonel Holmes, who heads up our inmate system, the District Attorney Spencer Lawton, Colonel Kaufman, who’s the Garrison Commander for Hunter Field, Bill Cathcart, who is Vice President of WTOC, Larry Lower, who is head of the Board for the Assessors Office, and a number of — Tom Thomson with the MPC, and a lot of others here. We appreciate you coming, you know, to participate in our County Commission meeting. Some of you will be called on, and of course Jason Buelterman, who is the Mayor of Tybee, and Shirley Sessions, who is also there with him today.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2006 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. CHERYL BRANCH WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Helen Stone for the proclamation declaring October 2006 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Cheryl Branch, I think, is here and some other members for the proclamation.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Stone then read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects millions of Americans, crossing all economic, racial and social barriers and causing emotional damage, physical harm or death to members of the family; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Savannah Area Family Emergency (S.A.F.E.) Shelter provided services to 944 victims of domestic violence, assisted clients with 114 Temporary Protective Orders and received 1,064 crisis calls; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department wrote 2,545 domestic violence reports, of which 76 were aggravated assault related, and investigated 6 domestic violence-related homicides; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote support for the shelters and programs designed to protect battered women and their families and to reduce domestic violence, the Georgia Network Against Domestic Violence is sponsoring special activities during the month of October 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Shelter Outreach Program has partnered with the Chatham County Youth Commission and Chatham County government to provide information and training in recognizing and reporting domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has ended lives, destroyed families, harmed children and has entered the work places, churches and schools of this community; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County government recognizes the decrease in domestic violence incidents in this community last year, we hereby condemn domestic violence in all of its forms and support the efforts of SAFE SHELTER and the SAFE SHELTER OUTREACH PROGRAM to make the home a safe place for all the citizens of Chatham County.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman of the Chatham County Commission proclaim the month of October 2006 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Chatham County, Georgia and encourage all citizens to be good neighbors in identifying and promptly reporting incidences of domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 6th day of October 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Frances Q. Rasmussen
Deputy Clerk

Ms. Cheryl Branch said, I'd just like to introduce the Outreach staff. This is Maria Hales, Rosemary Robinson, and Laura Singleton with Georgia Legal Services. I want to invite everybody on Candlelight Vigil. It's on October 14th in the Fragrance Garden, and I've already heard from the Chairman but I haven't heard from anybody else. We have plenty seats available for our luncheon on the 19th. It will be from 12:00 to 2:00 at the Hyatt Regency and our Georgia Commissioner of Labor Michael Thurmond will be our keynote speaker. So I really hope I'll see everybody there. I'm leaving the purple ribbons for the Commissioners and anybody else have a purple ribbon and wear it for the month. Thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Cheryl [Branch], we appreciate you and your staff being here.

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3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASSIE HERITAGE CENTER. EMMA ADLER WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Thomas will handle that.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Board of Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen, it's wonderful to see you once again and we'd like to present this proclamation. Commissioner Thomas then read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1841 Peter Massie, a Scotsman from Glynn County, had given the city of Savannah \$5,000 to build a school for "children of the poor" and the city invested the money in railroad and gas company stock; and

WHEREAS, in 1856, when the investment had reached \$14,008, noted architect John Norris was hired to build the school. Norris created Massie's central building on East Gordon Street at Calhoun Square; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the center's programs and exhibits have provided students with an orientation to the historic environment of the city and teachers with basic information for classroom teaching and outdoor experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Sunday, October 15, 2006 as:

MASSIE HERITAGE CENTER DAY

in Chatham County and join as they celebrate the center's 150th Anniversary and extend best wishes for continued success as they continue to educate the community of its rich history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 6th day of October 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Frances Q. Rasmussen
Deputy Clerk

Ms. Emma Adler said, thank you, Commissioner Thomas, and thank you, Chairman Liakakis, and members of the Commission. We're very proud of this resolution and thank you for making it for us. I want everybody to feel with the school system and the staff at Massie and the friends of Massie Committee, remember that Massie School is a symbol of the survivors early commitment to public education. Massie was a public school for ten years before there was even a state charter for public education, and through years it has educated our citizens of all sorts of diversity. It has had an African-American principal with its last principal and now it has a wonderful staff.

The entire history department, the social studies and staff at Massie and the history they teach is not politically correct history, but really fine history. And through the grants that they have gotten — they've gotten four \$1,000,000 grants from the Department of Education, and they bring scholars, nationally acclaimed scholars to do staff development with our teachers in service training. So I think we can be very proud of Massie and think of it as a symbol of this community to early commitment to public education. Thank you all so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Emma [Adler], stay there just a minute. I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Commission and the citizens of Chatham County because not only you participating in this Massie education program, which is great for our community, but you and your husband have been great in helping the historic district, many historic things and charitable things in our community, and it's wonderful that you and your husband are doing these things to help us in the, you know, in our overall community, and we thank you very much for that.

Ms. Adler said, thank you so much.

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4. RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS UNITED WAY PACESETTER.

Chairman Liakakis said, our Sheriff's Department has done an outstanding job with the United Way. In fact, they have earned the Pacesetter Award, and we do really appreciate that because they have worked hard and they've taken the lead, not only with the Sheriff's Department but the lead in some other parts in the community for their participation. Chairman Liakakis recognized Sheriff St. Lawrence.

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. I appreciate the opportunity for these people to be recognized because they've done something that ain't never been done before as far as the Sheriff's Department is concerned. I think last year we raised a little over a thousand dollars. This year we're up over \$25,000. You're right, we're set as a pacesetter organization. I can't take much credit for this. I have to give credit to these three ladies. First of all, there's Lt. Kim Middleton, who heads up our Professional Standards Unit. She's also a member of the United Way Board in charge of the of the government, and I have Angela Dorsey here who heads up our Programs Unit and Cpl. Pat Gardner. Now between the three of them, they're the ones who really did this work. I don't like to take credit for something I really didn't do. I know it makes it look good, but the Colonel keeps reminding me that they couldn't do it without the leadership of the Sheriff and the Colonel. In any event, I think that recognition is something that these three really deserve because they've done, again, last year a thousand and this year over \$25,000. That's 25% of Chatham County's goal. I'll ask Kim [Middleton] if she wants to say something.

Lt. Kim Middleton said, good morning. The President for the United Way Campaign for 2006 is Steve Eagle and I fall up under the Public Service Division, which is governed by Noel Black from

Georgia Power. I was appointed to this position earlier this year with the help of the Sheriff and Russ Abolt, I believe, and it's really been a challenge. It's the first time that I've had the opportunity to meet and greet with so many people in the community and to actually find out about what the United Way stands for. The United Way has 37 agencies and 90 programs throughout Chatham County, Bryan, Effingham and Liberty County that it supports. All of the money that is donated is donated by employees of businesses, both in public service, nonprofit and private sector, including doctors and lawyers. All of the money stays in the community. This is a great effort. The United Way Campaign is not over. It is not complete. The goal for the government division for this year is actually \$400,000. That includes the municipality donations. So far Chatham County's government has pledged to do \$100,000. The Chairperson for the United Way for Chatham County is Christian Kruse from Live Oak Public Libraries. Now, saying that \$100,000, the Sheriff's Department has already raise over 25% of that by raising over \$25,000. The credit goes to the two Campaign Managers for the Sheriff's Department, Ms. Dorsey, who represented the Corrections Bureau or Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Department, and Cpl. Patricia Gardner, who represented the Enforcement Division of the Sheriff's Department. Without these two women, their innovative ideas, the prizes that they offered, the encouragement that they gave — they even encouraged me to continue on when it felt like I was pulling teeth or trying to get honey from an onion. We did not get the hundred percent support that we expected from our employees, but we did get a greater support than we've ever had before from the Sheriff's Department, and truly Chatham County's Sheriff's Department has made history with over \$25,000, and I wanted to give Ms. Gardner, Cpl. Gardner and Ms. Dorsey just a moment to come before the Commission.

Cpl. Gardner said, I just want to thank the Commission again. As Sheriff St. Lawrence said that [inaudible], we do — it's our leadership. Without the Sheriff and the Colonel we could not have done it. They supported us. We appreciate the opportunity to work with everybody. I've even got more knowledge of it. I was able to come out and speak to some of the leaders of the County, and I think they were like, okay, she's very compassionate about it. I am. I do believe that we are our brother's keepers and if we hold true to that, I know that we can make the goal that we have established. Again, Commissioners, I think you and Sheriff St. Lawrence and Col. McArthur Holmes.

Ms. Dorsey said, good morning. I too was grateful for the opportunity to assist in helping such a worthy cause. As a result of the campaign and being picked as for — the campaign for the Sheriff's Department, Greenbriar, Red Cross, Hospice of Savannah, a number of other agencies, will benefit this year by having additional resources to work with. So it really wasn't that hard of a task to get our staff on board with division, and we're looking forward next year to an opportunity to look forward to it in a greater way. I want to also just take the time to recognize the other members that worked with the campaign. We dressed up in costume and we had — Cpl. Gardner and I had our interns assisting in being the Tin Man and the Scarecrow because their theme was a Wizard of Oz theme: There's no place like home. So Latoya Lawrence, Erica Eddington, Donald Crawford and Johnny Williams were are also with us every step of the way, going to the different briefings and making a presentation. So we want to also give them credit. And we truly thank Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and Col. Holmes for allowing us to have prizes for those teams that

raised the most money. So I just want Col. Holmes to come up now. Thank you for the opportunity.

Col. McArthur Holmes said, I can't really take credit for anything that has been done. We offer the leadership and support that the employees need to get a job done, and these ladies — these ladies — did the job and they did it well, so we congratulate them.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Thank you very much, ladies, for the outstanding job you did and the Sheriff and Col. Holmes, but, you know, the Sheriff's Department over the years I've seen what they've done in many charitable things where they've helped the homeless, they take toys over there to the Union Mission, there are many things that they participate in, the Muscular Dystrophy and all, so they're not only giving law enforcement service to our community, but they're reaching out, and that's why we're so proud of the Sheriff's Department and our other employees. Thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. TYBEE ISLAND MAYOR JASON BUELTERMAN ON NAMING TYBEE PIER.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll call on Mayor Jason Buelterman to come up. Shirley [Sessions], why don't you come up with him also? You're a councilperson; we don't want to shun you.

Mayor Jason Buelterman said, I want to thank Shirley [Sessions] for coming — she's our Mayor Pro Tem on Tybee — for coming out and supporting us. I'm here on behalf of the Council and myself to ask that the Tybee Pier and Pavilion to be named in honor of our former Mayor, Walter Parker. As you know, probably Walter [Parker] was on our City Council for two years back in the 70's and then subsequent to that served for 14 years as Mayor. And, as you all know, public service sometimes is very difficult, the pay is not very high, it takes you away from your family. He did it for a long time and did so very well. He represented Tybee very well for a number of years, and one of the things he helped with was to get the pier and pavilion rebuilt for Tybee. Of course, it's under the control of the County, but he was instrumental in working with the County to get that started. And we know that there is a policy, which I was informed by Mr. Abolt, that the County hesitates to name public structures for individuals who still are with us here on earth, but we really want to do this for our former Mayor. He's been very gracious. He and I had an election last year, which I was lucky to win, but the way in which he accepted the result of the election was emblematic of how he has always been, which served Tybee with grace and style and with a wonderful attitude, and we want to recognize him for all he's done. So we're here to ask for that, for permission to do that for him.

Chairman Liakakis said, there are some exceptions because some things have been named for living people in the County, so there is an exception in that. I'd like to hear, you know, a motion. Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to name the Tybee Pier for the former Mayor of Tybee. Any discussion?

Commissioner Shay said, please. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Shay said, as one of the two Commissioners by my arithmetic that was actually on this Board when we decided to take this project — I think Dr. Thomas and I were the two Commissioners that were on the Board — I wanted to share with you a little bit of history. Mayor Parker was a very, very good cheerleader for Tybee and helped us to make that decision. We actually took the money that was to be allocated for the pier and pavilion and created it by removing a little bit of the money that was designated for the Convention Center on Hutchinson Island. It was originally slated for \$40 million and we reduced that to \$37.5 so that we could have \$2.5 million, if my numbers are right —. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, that's right. Commissioner Shay said, — to build the pier and pavilion, and when the pier and pavilion turned out to be a little bit more expensive than that, the Commissioners found some additional monies and some ways to get that built. So, you know, I want you to remember that and in the upcoming considerations that Tybee has, for example, as to whether or not to continue using the one percent of hotel/motel taxes collected on Tybee to help subsidize the Convention Center, remember that that pier and pavilion is sort of a child of the funding that was originally for the Convention Center. Mayor Parker is a certainly worthy person. I think he's a person of such outstanding character that we need not worry about anything that will happen between now and his visit to the next world, so I heartily support that.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I seconded the motion, but I do have a question. When you name it, will it have something about Tybee in there in the name somewhere. Mayor Buelterman said, I think the intention is to name it Walter Parker Tybee Pier and Pavilion. Commissioner Thomas said, that's great. You know, I think he is a very worthy candidate to receive this recognition. He has worked real hard and if there is anyone to have this pier named after, I think he is the one, you know, to receive it. So I'm very happy to support that, and I'm just a believer, this is just my personal feeling, is that why wait until a person is dead before we recognize them? I don't really see the logic in it, but anyway I'm glad to be able to support this today.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. We appreciate you coming up because we know what a wonderful job that Mayor Parker has done.

Ms. Sessions said, I want to also mention not only has Walter [Parker] been a great ambassador for Tybee, he's also — has always made a special effort to include Chatham County, and I think that he appreciates what this Board has done for Tybee and has always been very supportive wherever he goes, not only for Tybee but also for the Chatham County and he's done a great job helping — working with Jason [Buelterman] and we're very excited to have a former Mayor who was fabulous and a new Mayor who is equally as good. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. All right, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Thank you very much.

Mayor Buelterman said, I do have one quick question with regard to the signage. We're looking — my goal is to have some kind of a ceremony in the Spring, and who would I get with, Chairman, about that issue. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, we'll start working on scheduling the name change on it. It's actually called the Tybrisia, the historic name, but we'll work on changing the name and we'll order a bronze plaque to commemorate the event, too. So we'll just coordinate with you on that. Mayor Buelterman said, thank you very much. We'll make sure y'all are invited to that ceremony.

Chairman Liakakis said, just keep in touch with Patrick [Monahan] because he does a great job. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, he knows my number. Mayor Buelterman said, I call him all the time. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, fine. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request of Jason Buelterman, Mayor of Tybee Island, to change the name of the Tybee Pier and Pavilion from Tybrisia to honor Walter Parker, former Mayor of Tybee Island. Commissioners Farrell and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. D.A. SPEAKING ABOUT PAROLE (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Farrell would like the District Attorney speaking about parole this morning.

Commissioner Odell said, before he starts, let's just say that he's also a Tulane graduate. Spencer [Lawton], you are a Tulane graduate, right? District Attorney Lawton said, I am. Commissioner Odell said, the big green way.

District Attorney Spencer Lawton said, the reason I'm here is because we had an historical event occur on the 25th of September, just what — 11 days ago, and that is that the parole board came to Savannah to meet individually with citizens here who had concerns about parole and wanted to learn more about what parole does and primarily as victims to explain to the board their concerns about the issue of parole particularly in regards to their individual cases. This occurred because of — well, there's a little bit of history behind it and I want to give it to you.

In June, at the instance of Burke Day and Commissioner Helen Stone, members of the board came to Savannah to talk to a group of interested citizens basically. These folks urged upon the board that they come back and basically make themselves available in a general way to citizens in our community had concerns about parole issues and, lo and behold, 11 days ago they did exactly that. And the reason that I'm here with you today is at Pat Farrell's instance.

Commissioner Farrell was at the meeting when the parole board came here, as was Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Kicklighter as well, and Jack Kingston was there, too. So we had a good turnout among people who are leaders in the community. The board met all day long from, what, I think nine in the morning and until well into the evening, something like eight o'clock, I think, by the time they closed up shop. They talked to 130 — more than 130 victims of violent crimes in our community. They took a lot of time doing it. The feedback was spectacular. I had more members say to me, "Now I get it, I understand this victim thing in a way that I did not before," and that's because they had come here and made themselves available and talked to victims directly.

At that meeting, I was talking to Commissioner Farrell and pointing out that there's a good deal of misunderstanding in the community about exactly what divorce policies are on the one hand and what the law is on the other governing the issue of parole. A lot of — a great misunderstanding on those points and that I had written a letter to the editor of the *Morning News* in order to try to clarify some of those issues and dispel some of that misunderstanding. The editors of the paper, for reasons best known to them, saw fit not to print the letter until the day after the parole board had left. It had been my anticipation that they might publish it before hand and get some of this clarification out into the public as well as to let people know that this meeting was going to occur. They for some reason were not able to do that. I have, however, distributed to you this morning the letter that I did write and that ran until the parole board was here. I just wanted — (a) I wanted to get this information out. It's important to me that you ladies and gentlemen know how the parole board operates and I had tried to focus on several issues that I think are of principal concern about the parole board's policies and the law that governs them.

The other thing I wanted to do is to encourage you to support Commissioner Stone in her efforts to have this a recurring event. I am confident that it will be. I had not formal but informal assurances from members of the full board that they do intend to come back here more often. It is also worth noting that the Commission — I'm sorry — well, that the local parole opt is — does have meetings with victims. This is something frankly not known to me until recently. This has been going on for some time. It is principally focused on inmates' concerns, interestingly, but they also [inaudible] to victims to come in and talk to staff members of the board. Now these won't be full board members as such, but it will be hearing officers from the full board. That occurs on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m., at the Savannah Parole Office. So I encourage people to take advantage of that and encourage this Commission please to support Commissioner Stone in her efforts to get the information out to the public on matters of parole.

District Attorney Lawton said, that is all I have. Are there any questions?

Chairman Liakakis asked, this headline, I'd like to read this because some people in the public might not have read this letter, and it says: "Parole is too often used to control inmate numbers, not to reward merit." And that's one of the problems that we have because 80% of the crime in this community is committed by some 20% of the repeaters. That's a bad, bad figure, and what occurs is when the parole board wants to control, you know, the inmate population and they get overcrowded, so they release people and if we look at the record and the history of this, they release people who have been violent even in the community and they release them back to come

to our community and around the State of Georgia, which is bad. In fact, when the Commissioner of Prisons, the Department of Corrections was here, I mentioned to him that I and maybe other Commissioners too, we will be lobbying the State Legislators to please make sure that monies go into the prison system so that they can educate and train the prisoners and help them with the skill so that when they get out they could get a job and setting things up in that order. That's what Savannah Impact has got a 83% success rate in that. A lot of criminals they can't read or write, they don't have a skill and they don't have a job. So what they have done is they have turned that around and put those things into place and it'll be great, you know, if we can enhance that and enlarge those particular programs, but the State has an obligation to do that also. So hopefully, you know, we can get enough people around the State so they put that in there because some criminals, you know, for whatever reason, social reasons or whatever reasons, commit crime. Now some people might be just absolutely mean and they don't want to work, that's a different story. But you've got a good percentage of people who fall into the crime area and we need to help them, and many of them have been turned around to be productive citizens and that's what's important because that even helps the safety for our citizens. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, first of all, I would like to thank our District — well, I'd like to thank Commissioner Farrell for getting our District Attorney here and thank our District Attorney for not only what he's currently doing, but for this Victims Witness Program that you have within your office, and I'd like to read real briefly, because it's very short, a letter that I received from Helen Bradley just the other day, and it says: Helen, I just —. District Attorney Lawton said, Helen Bradley being the Director of our Victim Witness. Commissioner Stone said, yes, I'm sorry.

I just wanted to let you know that the parole Victims' Visitors Day was a huge success. We had more than 130 victims or families in about 75 cases show up, some of them from years ago. And Mr. Nix, a parole board member [and I believe he's head of the parole board], told me and Spencer that he realized for the first time the huge importance of getting victims' input. He told Spencer they "would be back to do this again." Yeah! Mr. Nix sat in on 6 of the sessions with victims and heard firsthand what these victims have been through. The Parole staff was wonderful, often spending an hour with each victim. So it was emotionally draining but very worthwhile event.

Jack Kingston showed up at the opening meeting as did a few of the judges.

Commissioner Stone said, and I just wanted to share that and thank you because I've had an interesting Summer talking with our District Attorney Spencer [Lawton], our Sheriff, with the Department of Parole, the Department of Corrections, and some of our judges. And I would just like to say, we have so many needs in this community, and if we don't get the support and help from the State, we're not going to be able to make a difference as far as the crime and the youth and everything else that we need in our community, and this was an appeal as well as a cry to the State to help us, to work with us and to assist us in any way, shape or form because what I've learned over the Summer is phenomenal. Yes, we have some wonderful dedicated people in this community, but we need the support of the State and they need to continue to do things like this,

and I'm just very grateful that they listened to us and I hope that they will continue to do so because we can't do it alone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I want to thank our District Attorney for coming this morning and speaking to us. I'd also like to ask our County Manager to ask Pete [Nichols] to perhaps print this letter on our channel so that we can share this information with folks that watch the Chatham County government channel. It's really good information in a small package that is easily understood. I'd also like to thank the Prison and Parole Board for taking the time. We had three out of the five board members here in Savannah participating in this program that took place recently, and I think it's good that they're in Savannah and had some face time with the different folks, the victims especially and the other people in the law enforcement community. I'd also like to take this time to, knowing that we have a budget session coming up at the beginning of the year at the State level, to encourage our State Legislators to provide adequate space and staffing for the State prisoners statewide. It would be a wise use of the budget surplus money that they have enjoyed for the last two budget sessions, and I'm anticipating they'll have another robust budget year coming in '07, so to help the local communities throughout the State of Georgia to work on this crime. We've got to have a place to house convicted felons and to keep them there as long as they need to be kept there and not shoved out the back door because there's not enough space and staffing to look after them. Our local law enforcement is doing a wonderful job of pursuing and chasing down the criminals that roam our streets, but if they get kicked back out of the system somewhere, it's not doing us any good that we've got to go through that case scene all over again. So I encourage all of the State Legislators in the State of Georgia to give serious attention to adequately providing space and staffing for the State Prison System to help us locally and all local communities throughout the State. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Lawton, I want to thank you for an outstanding job. I agree with everything you said. The parole board being here can actually see — witness the feelings and all, the impact that crime had on all of the victims. It's something they never had and they can't read a piece of paper and experience 1/100TH of the emotions and turmoil and all that happens to a victim, and I think it's just outstanding, and I appreciate everything that you've done as far as all of that goes. I really do. You're doing a good job and I appreciate it. District Attorney Lawton said, thank you very much. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I want to state also, Commissioner Stone, outstanding job leading the charge. I admire your tenacity. When experiencing I guess being a victim yourself, the drive that you have to make a difference, I admire it, I appreciate it. And, Commissioner Farrell, I want to say to you I've always since I've known you respected you, but I truly admire you now because you've taken a lead in this and, as far as I know, you're not a — never been a victim as far as I know, and that just shows me that you're truly a good man and I appreciate it. It's easy to be passionate towards something like this when a good family — a family member or a good friend has been murdered or something bad has happened to them, that lights a fire that none of the victims ever wanted to have, but to be able to take the lead role without being a victim, I just want you to know I

admire, respect and appreciate you. You are a true leader and, more important than that, I think everybody needs to know you're truly a good man, and thank you. Thank all of you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I just would like to follow up on that, Mr. Chairman. The ACCG platform for the Public Safety Committee and the Courts, the per diem issue is still the number one issue going forward into the General Assembly for January. So we are staying on top of it from that end and, Spencer [Lawton], you and Helen [Bradley] have just done a phenomenal job and it's been a pleasure working with you, and I thank all the Commissioners for all the support with this.

District Attorney Lawton said, thank you very much. Can I — will you indulge me in just one observation here. A few things that, Mr. Chairman, you mentioned, the parole board is in fact — they've got their hands tied. They have no choice but to do what they do. They don't let these people out of course because they just want to. They let them out because every time we send somebody in, they've got to let somebody out. You just get to the point where there's no more capacity. The other thing is that I paid close attention to the presentation this morning from Youth Futures and I listened to all that you all had to say and these younger folks here on the point, and the way I perceive it there is this profound frustration among us all that we have to get together, we have to get the stakeholders to the table, we keep saying that, so they — and do something, not just talk about it. But we wind up talking forever about how we don't want to keep talking but we want to do something, but we don't know how to get it done. And I will just tell you, you know, that was the focus on the front end of things where we're talking about trying to get to young people in the community and instill in them some sense of personal responsibility and discipline and respect for human beings, all of that. At the back end, we have this problem, and this is something else that the Chairman alluded to very effectively and that is the so-called re-entry problem. At the back end we've got kids who we couldn't do anything for that did commit crimes, we did send them to prison and in the Georgia scheme of things we've got young people who have been sent to prison for under the two-strikes-and-you're-out. Now this is a tougher sentencing scheme than exists anywhere else in the country. Two strikes, not three. Mandatory ten-year minimum sentences on seven crimes basically, and if you commit those crimes again it's life without parole. So we've got a lot of folks who about ten years ago went to prison under this two-strikes rule. They have served their ten years and they're coming back into the community and we know because we know something about recidivism that there is probably like a 75% chance or more that any given one of them is going to re-offend, who's going to commit another crime and go through the whole drill again. So it seems that one place for it, if we go the long term, we need to be focusing where youth interest is because those are sort of the McDonald's theory of not of marketing, but of crime control. If you get them young, you've got them. So if we could make them into productive citizens or they climb that way when they're young people, then we don't have this problem when they get older. But for the immediate future, we have people who did bad things in the community, went away for ten years and now they're coming back only this time they've got an attitude. Commissioner Odell said, and they've got training. District Attorney Lawton said, and they've got some training, right. So, our immediate problem is to think of something to do about those people.

In the aftermath of an awful tragedy that befell Jennifer Ross and her family, there was a lot of talk. As usual, a lot of talk about what we need to do about crime in the community. Well, at one point I got a little frustrated myself and I wrote a letter to the editor and I say, in what I hope is a little bit more polite language than I'm using now, that people who are interested in doing something other than talking about it have an option. The option is — one particular option is that Pastor Thurmond Tillman of First African Baptist is very interested in this problem. He is trying to do something and, in fact, he is, and I won't go into a lot of detail about that, but he is addressing the matter directly and personally and he is willing to get his hands dirty doing it. So I write a letter to the editor and I say for those who are interested in doing something a little bit more productive than talking about this issue, you can call Thurmond Tillman, who is interested in it, and then I explained what the re-entry thing is and I put in the letter his phone number for people to call who want to do something about the immediate problem. Guess how many phone calls he got? Commissioner Gellatly said, zero. District Attorney Lawton said, zero is right. So I just mention that because there is the frustra—, we all feel it and it's a frustration of trying when we can't get parents to raise their children, it's a frustration in the back end when we can't get citizens in the community who are willing actually to get down and do something about our problem. Everybody wants to talk. Very few want to do.

Chairman Liakakis said, and — you know, and another thing, too, Spencer [Lawton], you know, and this is a hard job because the people that are repeaters and all, but the State of Georgia too doesn't take their responsibility. When they've got a \$600,000,000 excess over there and they make the counties pay for their prisoners, they don't pay the right amount. In fact, the State of Georgia for the year 2005 alone owed Chatham County taxpayers \$2,790,000 because they didn't pay what they were supposed to pay for the prisoners that we are housing, the State prisoners, and something we'll be discussing this about, you know, the Supreme Court because of some technicality, you know, where we were filing suits so that we could get the State to pay, we'll be looking to see what we can do there. But the State of Georgia, not training the prisoners or not paying what they're supposed to, and they're just, you know, are not doing the things that they are supposed to do. District Attorney Lawton said, I agree. If we were paid what we are owed, we would have some resources to put into something. So I agree with you on that one.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Mr. Lawton, y'all — you guys didn't just talk — I don't even know if y'all realize what you've accomplished here. I think by bringing those people down and hearing the victims that it's totally turned a light on and had to because — I mean, I sat there with my family and listened. My dad sharing his huge binder full of news articles through the years and the rewards to find the person, and I listened to my mother talk and I was able to attend the other meeting, and me, being not politically correct, share my thoughts on releasing murderers back out. Again, I'm not into political correctness, but — and they've probably never been told by a victim because they've never talked to one, I don't want to see the person that killed my brother standing in the street. I'm a law-abiding person right now, but I don't need to run face to face with them, and we talk of preventive measures in the future, these people now have heard it from one. Preventive measures is keeping someone off the streets that killed someone else's loved ones. And, you know, we who are law-abiding, we depend on the judicial system to punish and bring

justice for whatever crimes are committed against us or our loved ones. You know, it's — I think the part when it was explained that sometimes someone maybe in a wheelchair, 65 or 75 years old, and they may be released because they have medical problems, although they may have killed someone in the past and they may be released when they're old, but the part of the reality of the life I believe we all live in — now again everybody wants to pretend that we all, you know, and, hey, I admire what the folks on television now that can forgive and forget and whatever move on, but I'm not that — I am not that forgiving and I don't think that the most of the people in this world are. I commend them and I'm proud that they can, but as I told the parole board there in that meeting, if they release that man at 80 years old and he's in a wheelchair and he's sitting out on a fishing dock and I walk by, I will want to — I would not do it because I'm law-abiding, but I would desire to push him in. Preventive measures, preventive measures. We talked preventive measures. Let's keep someone behind bars, and I speak for a lot of people that's not crazy enough to say it, but if your loved one was killed by somebody, we don't need to run back into that person in society. If they're 90 and in a wheelchair, they need to stay off the streets. And it's that type of communication that may make them realize that there's a lot more to a release than funds and, you know, if someone's killed someone they need to — they voided their own life. They need to stay behind there, and I appreciate your efforts to keep people behind bars, but now y'all have opened the door. They're not just hearing the inmate's family cry and whine and they're too far away, they can't go visit them, they're this, that and the other, oh, they need medicine, they need this. They can hear the people that were affected, the people that they've ruined their lives because they took their loved one. That's what society needs to hear about, not the thug that committed the murder. We've got to switch back, and y'all started it in this State to caring about the victim and, you know, the people that can be rehabilitated that's done a small crime, yeah, I understand. We all have to set a budget here. Let's set the programs in place but, by God, if you kill someone, rape someone or molest someone, that's — you've voided your own life, throw them away, lock the door. I wish they would use the electric chair, but they don't seem to want to use that much here, but they need to stay behind bars forever, those crimes there, and the rest of them we'll work on rehabbing, but rape, murder, molestation, they need to go.

District Attorney Lawton said, well, your message got through, I can tell you that, I know that personally. Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I'm glad.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Spencer [Lawton], the bottom line, one in, one out, and the parole board can be compassionate, they can be sympathetic, and they can commiserate and have victims to re-tell their horror, but until we change the policy of one in, one out, it's just a feel good. District Attorney Lawton said, well, it isn't a policy, of course, it's a —. Commissioner Odell said, it's what they have to do. District Attorney Lawton said, exactly. Commissioner Odell said, until we devote funds to increase the number of prison cells, I think these efforts are good, especially for the victims to see the people make a decision, but in think in reality until we change the cell space, our hands are tied. And there is a way that we can do that, and we also need to do substantially more to analyze criminals or individuals who are convicted while they're in jail. Now the psychological evaluations that are done are basically a joke. They have as much predictability as witchcraft and it's not the psychologist's fault. It is — they have so few people in the area of

clinical psychology to analyze not only the propensity, but everyone is not going to spend forever in jail, and while it is a good — and politicians say tough on crimes and two strikes, the end result is that those people are going to start coming out, and if we don't take action as a society to prepare them to be integrated into the world at work, then they're going to be integrated into the world of crime. One thing for certain is that if you are 21 years old and you injure a police officer and you are thrown in jail, say you do ten years, you may only see the psychologist once a month, but you're going to see career criminals every day, 24/7 and they're going to learn skills that they did not know when they entered that hallowed place we call the state prison, and we are doing very little to counteract that. And you're absolutely right, there are some good people and I think the parole board generally are concerned about the victims, but this is a political decision and until we can convince the general public that for some crimes, many crimes — all except the deadly seven —, we're going to see this person again and it's in our interest from a community standpoint to try to de-criminalize that citizen accused to integrate that person back so that someone else does not lose a loved one. We're not doing all that we can do and I think it's because politically it's expedient to tell the educated masses something dumb and a snapshot. We're going to be tough on criminals, we're going to give them bread and water. When you release that person, you have a citizen who had a little bit of humanity and spent five years in there and by the time he is brutalized by other inmates, by the time he is trained by the other inmates, when he comes out there is a greater opportunity for him to commit an even more heinous crime, and we're not getting a handle on it. The State has elected to accept the easy solution. This is not an easy solution and revenge is not the answer. I am always amazed, especially when I drive through my district, I see all of these houses of worship and from eleven to two there's much praise. I don't see many of them getting involved in stemming the tide of crime. These people are going to come back into society. We can either try to change their new behavior modification, which we benefit. It costs every citizen for a criminal to be in jail. We pay for it. Everyone of you will have to pay for it. I would rather see this person be a taxpaying citizen who would come here and complain to us about raising the millage point-six, seven, eight or \$30 on a \$100,000 house. I can live with that, and you said that citizen is participating. But to see people who have their homes invaded and to be brutalized, to see young ladies who have been raped and terrorized, I think we can do something about that. And I think since you've grown your beard, you are writing better letters now.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you. We appreciate it.

District Attorney Lawton said, let me just state this one thing on the prison overcrowding thing. My assistant, Priscilla Russell, was going through a sheet of parole notices that we had gotten on one occasion and she said, you know, they turn these people back because they're overcrowded. She said, if I owned a hotel and it was constantly at 120% capacity, I wouldn't be turning people away, I'd be building another hotel. So, I leave that with you. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate it.

Commissioner Farrell said, exactly my point earlier. The State needs to build more hotels.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

District Attorney Spencer Lawton gave a briefing to the Commissioners on the meeting held in Savannah with the parole board and victims.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, what I'd like right now to do, and then we'll get on with Commissioners' Item 2 there, I'd like the Commission to make a motion to move Item 3 under Items for Individual Action. That's "Request Board approve a resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah." And the reason for that is that we have some people in the audience and we've got a number of other items and I don't want to continue to keep them here if something is going to change. So I'd like a motion to move this up now to Commissioners' Items, move up Item 3 now.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor, go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the order of business be changed to moved Item IX-3 to this point on the agenda. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS (Continued)

2. INVITATION TO TOUR ELBA ISLAND, CAROL WIRTH (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Chairman Liakakis said, Carol Wirth has been invited by Commissioner Stone. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In conversation with Ms. Wirth, she has offered for this Commission, and I certainly want to take her up on it, a tour of the Island facility, and I'll let you take it from there.

Ms. Carol Wirth said, thank you, Commissioner Stone, for the invitation to address you today and thank you to the Commissioners for having me here.

Chairman Liakakis said, explain for our Clerk your position with —.

Ms. Wirth said, I am a Consultant here in Savannah and I represent Southern Natural Gas in the Elba Island LNG Terminal for natural gas. My name is Carol Wirth. As you know, Elba is one of only four LNG Terminals currently operating in the Continental United States. Over 80% of the LNG that comes into the Elba Terminal directly services Savannah area consumers. Elba supplies natural gas to the four large power plants in the area so that they can generate electricity. In addition, Elba provides the gas that powers many of the industrial plants on the Savannah River. During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita if it had not been for Elba Island Terminal, it would have been difficult if not impossible to deliver natural gas to this area. As you know, natural gas shortages can show economic expansion, which I'm sure the Savannah Chamber and SEDA appreciates. Increasing natural gas supply to our area indicates mitigates the possibility of natural gas shortages and it moderates costs. We would appreciate the opportunity to have the Commission out to Elba Island to tour the facility, individually or as a group, and we are willing to work with your schedules accordingly. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you. She's made the request if anybody, you know, we'll get back in touch with you —. Ms. Wirth said, okay. Chairman Liakakis said, — and let you know, find out if the Commissioners would like to tour the facility, if it's one or the entire board. Ms. Wirth said, right, right. I apologize that Elba Island General Manager could not be here because he couldn't get back from Birmingham in time, but I appreciate the opportunity for you to meet him in person. Chairman Liakakis asked, and what number can we get in touch with you? Ms. Wirth said, 925-4345. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much. We appreciate you coming.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Ms. Carol Wirth, a Consultant with Southern Natural Gas, extended an invitation for the Commissioners to tour the Elba Island LNG Terminal.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Upon motion made by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 11:15 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority and upon motion made by Commissioner Gellatly, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and unanimously approved, the Board

reconvened at 12:20 p.m., as the County Commission. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Gellatly and seconded by Commissioner Stone, the board recessed at 12:21 p.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, and upon being motion made by Commissioner Shay, seconded by Commissioner Stone and unanimously approved, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1:10 p.m. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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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 Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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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 available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).

None.

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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: REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) A TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FROM THE SSD CONTINGENCY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND TO THE SKIDAWAY NARROWS EMERGENCY CROSSING PROJECT, (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 SERIES DSA BOND FUND TO INCREASE INTEREST REVENUE BY \$80,000 AND APPROPRIATE \$80,000 FOR THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM(CNT) HEADQUARTERS PROJECT, (3) A TRANSFER OF \$20,000 FROM CNT CONFISCATED FUNDS CONTINGENCY FOR THE CNT HEADQUARTERS, (4) A TRANSFER OF \$330,077 FROM GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP FOR THE NOVALIS PROJECT, AND (5) AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND TO RECOGNIZE THE \$330,077 TRANSFER IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND M&O.**

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the Board approve the following: (1) a transfer of \$200,000 from the SSD contingency in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project, (2) an amendment to the 2005 Series DSA Bond Fund to increase interest revenue by \$80,000 and appropriate \$80,000 for the Counter Narcotics Team(CNT) headquarters project, (3) a transfer of \$20,000 from CNT Confiscated Funds contingency for the CNT headquarters, (4) a transfer of \$330,077 from General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for the NovaLIS project, and (5) an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to recognize the \$330,077 transfer in from the General Fund M&O. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following: (1) a transfer of \$200,000 from the SSD contingency in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project, (2) an amendment to the 2005 Series DSA Bond Fund to increase interest revenue by \$80,000 and appropriate \$80,000 for the Counter Narcotics Team(CNT) headquarters project, (3) a transfer of \$20,000 from CNT Confiscated Funds contingency for the CNT headquarters, (4) a transfer of \$330,077 from General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for the Novalis project, and (5) an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to recognize the \$330,077 transfer in from the General Fund M&O.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) At their meeting held on September 22, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a change order to the contract to construct the emergency access ramp for the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project. A transfer of \$200,000 from the SSD contingency in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund is required to fund the change order. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 2) An additional \$100,000 is requested for the CNT headquarters. Funding will come from two sources: an amendment to the 2005 Series DSA Bond Fund utilizing \$80,000 in interest revenue, and a transfer of \$20,000 from CNT Confiscated Funds contingency. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 3) The ICS Director is requesting additional funding for the Novalis project. A transfer of \$330,077 from the General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to CIP is necessary to provide funds. An amendment to the CIP fund to recognize the transfer in is also required.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Program Fund contingency and the CNT Confiscated Funds contingency for the transfers. The budget amendments will create funding in the 2005 Series DSA Bond fund, and the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

(1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

a contingency transfer of \$330,077 to Transfer Out to CIP for the Novalis project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2007

- a) a SSD contingency account transfer of \$200,000 to the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project.
- b) an amendment to increase revenue by \$330,077 transfer in from General Fund M&O and appropriate \$330,077 for the Novalis project.

2005 SERIES DSA BOND FUND FY2007

an amendment to the 2005 Series DSA Bond Fund to increase interest revenue by \$80,000 and appropriate \$80,000 for the Counter Narcotics Team(CNT) headquarters project.

CONFISCATED FUNDS FY2007

a transfer of \$20,000 from CNT Confiscated Funds contingency to expenditures for the CNT headquarters.

2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SO THAT CHATHAM COUNTY MAY BE REIMBURSED

FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES NECESSITATED BY HARBOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor?

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve an agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation so that Chatham County may be reimbursed for mosquito control services necessitated by harbor maintenance activities. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director
Henry Lewandowski, Mosquito Control Director

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an Agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation so that Chatham County may be reimbursed for mosquito control services necessitated by harbor maintenance activities.

BACKGROUND: During its fiscal 2007 budget process, the State allotted a \$400,000 appropriation for mosquito control services provided by Chatham County in the Savannah Harbor.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County has provided mosquito control services in and around the Savannah Harbor for a number of years. The disease risk and nuisance created by the mosquito populations are a direct result of the harbor maintenance activities. The management of these mosquitoes limits the likelihood of West Nile Virus transmission within and around the dredged material sites.

2. Execution of the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Georgia is required to receive the State's budget allocation of \$400,000 and reimburse the County for part of the program's cost for fiscal 2007.

FUNDING: Revenue budgets were established in the General M&O Fund 2007 budget.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is the policy of the Board to promote efficient and cost-effective operations and to diversify its sources of revenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation so that Chatham County may be reimbursed for mosquito control services.
2. Provide staff with an alternative recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COMMUNITY AGENDA REPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like right now to do, and then we'll get on to Commissioner' Items 2 there, I'd like the Commission to make a motion to move Item 3 under Items for Individual Action, that's request Board approve a resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, and the reason for that, we have some people in the audience and we've got a number of other items and I don't want to continue to keep them here if something is going to change. So I'd like a motion to move this up now to Commissioners' Item, move up Item 3 now.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Item 3, as I just mentioned: Request Board approve a resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the

City of Savannah. As we know, this is the land use plan and all of that, but what has occurred is the — under Appendix B, there have been a number of meetings. They've met with Colonel Kaufman, the people from Hunter Field and all, and there has been some discussion so that we can get into this further to table this for the next meeting. So if that's the case, I'd like a motion on the floor now to table this for the next meeting, which would be the 20th of October.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting in Executive Session I requested that we get some legal advise. I don't know what the status of that is, but I don't have a problem with tabling this, but I want you to understand that I'm not going to be excited about untabling it until we have the advise of legal counsel. I was on the Commission before when we got involved with a piece of land called SouthChase and there were some zoning restrictions placed on that land that we didn't adopt, but the consequence of the controversy surrounding that the County ended up having purchase a piece of land that we spend four and a half million dollars on. I don't want to see us get back in that jeopardy again. I'd like to understand where we are. I know we discussed this in Executive Session, perhaps I shouldn't go any farther. I just want to point that out.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we'll direct the County Attorney to make sure that you get that information right away, the Commissioners get that that haven't received it.

Commissioner Odell said, I don't think anybody's received it and I share Pat's [Shay] concern. When this came up I whispered in his ear and said that I looked at what had been presented and the modifications that we had spoken about, I'm very concerned about that.

Commissioner Shay said, also, you know, I don't know that I want to continue to hold up the entire Tricentennial Plan Agenda Report over just this Appendix B. I think the Appendix B is something that we need to get a little better informed on. I know there were some discussions that were had long before it came to us that had to do with Chase realignment and closure and other things, but frankly we're, you know, I just don't know enough information to just wonder about where we stand legally on that. I mean, could we not adopt the agenda report minus Appendix B and table the consideration of Appendix B?

Chairman Liakakis said, I just want to make sure of that. Pat [Monahan], do you know where our County Attorney went? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, he had to excuse himself. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Commissioner Odell said, well, we've got another attorney. Chairman Liakakis said, well, let's do this then. No, let's wait until he gets back and hold this, and I'll ask to hold this and let's go back right now to the Commissioners — wait a minute, here he comes right now.

Commissioner Odell said, he won't come back in, but the bottom line is if the issue is whether or not we can adopt a plan minus Appendix B —. Chairman Liakakis said, that's what I —. Commissioner Odell said, — my impression is that, yes, we can do that and maybe Mr. Thomson would differ but, I don't know, he might agree.

Mr. Tom Thomson said, Mr. Chairman —.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Monahan], would you go out there, I just saw him pass by, would you ask him to please come in here. Commissioner Odell said, Emily [Garrard] will help us. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, she's on her way. Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Mr. Thomson said, Mr. Chairman, to respond to the question, the MPC didn't take a specific vote in terms of whether or not they felt comfortable with having the Commission pass this without Appendix B, but I think I'm speaking consistent with their perspective on this in that there's an important public policy decision to be made by this Commission and I would recommend that you continue the entire document until that issue is resolved. The issue of the effect of the land use plan on the continued healthy operation of the Hunter Army Airfield is important. I think we need to make sure we have something in the plan that sets standards for that and is fair to the property owner that they may be — or owners that may be affected by this. I think it's been indicated that this might be considered a taking and I think the legal advice on that question is appropriate. Our point of view is that a taking, we lose all reasonable economic use of the property and what's proposed allows almost all kinds of uses of that property —.

Commissioner Odell said, but it makes it less valuable. Mr. Thomson said, with conditions —. Pardon me? Commissioner Odell said, it makes the property less valuable. If I owned something that's a dollar and because of someone else's action it's now worth 50¢, the end result is that the owner of that property has lost 50¢. I'd agree. I think we table that. That is a serious [inaudible].

Chairman Liakakis said, so your recommendation, Tom [Thomson], is to table it? Mr. Thomson said, until we can —. Chairman Liakakis said, until the next — the whole thing. Mr. Thomson said, right. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Helen [Stone] was next.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, as much as I seen this document start in 2002, I'm anxious to see it completed. I think that we've got to hold it for two weeks. I don't want to set a precedent of if somebody doesn't like one thing in the land use plan to pull it out and then vote on it later. I think this thing needs to be voted on in its entirety and so I think that if we can make it a date certain for two weeks from now and get all the proper legal information that we need and then go ahead and vote, that would be the appropriate thing to do because I don't want to start setting a precedence of pulling things out of this land use plan. Too much work has gone into it and I appreciate all the efforts of the MPC staff for getting this thing forward, but we've been working on this since 2002 and it's time.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to table until the next meeting. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor to table this for the October 20th meeting. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, that's good legal advice. Emily [Garrard] came in and we solved it.

Chairman Liakakis asked, Emily [Garrard], would you do this also? Would you get the information that the Commissioners wanted to know the legal status of this, you know, of that Appendix B, that information, and make sure it is distributed right away to all of the Commissioners. Ms. Garrard said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to table to the meeting on October 20, 2006, the request for a resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

DATE: October 6, 2006

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

Subject: Revised Staff Report Comprehensive Plan – Community Agenda Report

Attached is a revised staff report (dated October 6, 2006) It replaces the one previously submitted as part of your October 6 meeting agenda package.

Subsequent to the submittal of the original staff report to the Chatham County Commission, the MPC Board discussed the alternate Appendix B (the version dated September 28) and reached a consensus to recommend the original version contained in the August 15 draft of the Comprehensive Plan – Community Agenda Report, which was previously distributed to the Chatham County Commission.

The attached revised staff report and recommended action reflects this change.

If you have any questions please call me at 912/752-1446.

TLT/hb

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners
DATE: October 6, 2006
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director
RE: Revised Submittal
Comprehensive Plan – Community Agenda Report

Issue:

Resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah.

Background:

At the Chatham County Commission meeting on August 25, 2006, the Commission requested that the MPC again formally recommend adoption of the Community Agenda Report of the Comprehensive Plan incorporating any changes from its first recommendation on March 7, 2006.

The Commission also requested that the MPC notify property owners whose property may have been affected by changes to the Land Use Map between the time the Community Agenda was submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on April 21, 2006, and August 25, 2006. The County Commission approved the notification procedure at their regular meeting on September 8, 2006.

On September 19, 2006, during its regular meeting, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission held a public hearing to invite comments on the changes to the report. During the meeting the MPC unanimously approved the Resolution (attached) to recommend that the County Commission adopt the Community Agenda report with the changes outlined in Attachments 1 and 2.

Facts and Findings:

The Community Agenda of the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center (CGRDC) on July 11, 2006. The agencies approved the document without comment. The City of Savannah voted to adopt the Community Agenda on August 17, 2006.

Between April 21, 2006, when the Community Agenda was submitted to the DCA and July 11, 2006 when the DCA approved the document, Mr. Will Ingram submitted comments to the CGRDC on behalf of Hunter Army Air Field regarding development in the vicinity of the installation. Based on his comments, the text of Appendix B of the Community Agenda was revised.

The CGRDC has determined that the modifications are minor in nature and do not require additional review by the CGRDC or the DCA.

As a result of the Commissioners' invitation for additional public comment on August 25, 2006, three issues have been raised:

One property owner asked that "Industrial" be included in the list of possible land uses in the "Planned Development" classification. There are several tracts in unincorporated west Chatham County that are adjacent to land that has recently been zoned for industrial development in Bloomingdale and Effingham County. There is no good reason that a limitation should be placed on adjacent tracts in Chatham County. A Master Plan will be required for any land that is zoned as "Planned Development." The MPC recommends that the "Light Industrial" be added to the list of uses permitted within the "Planned Development" land use classification (Attachment 2).

Another property owner requested that land that is currently zoned for surface mining be classified "Industrial" rather than as the proposed new "Surface Mine" classification. Because many parcels zoned for surface mines are relatively small and are located within residential areas, uses on these parcels should be limited to residential or recreational uses when the mining operation is complete. An "Industrial" land use classification may suggest that future zoning should permit industrial uses within these residential areas. The MPC recommends that the "Surface Mine" land use classification be retained.

Funding: No funding is required.

Policy Statement:

Board action is required to adopt the Community Agenda document.

Alternatives:

- (1) Board approves the Resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Document as Recommended by the MPC with "Light Industrial" added to the list of possible uses within the "Planned Development" land use classification.
- (2) Board approves the Resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Document with no changes.

(3) Board not to approve the Resolution to adopt the Community Agenda Document.

Recommendations:

Board approve Alternative #1.

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4. BRIEFING ON DRAFT RECREATION EVALUATION PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FOR BOARD'S INPUT.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Mr. Robert Drewry.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, good afternoon. Robert Drewry, Chatham County Public Works and Parks Services Director. I'm going to be extremely brief, but I just wanted to remind you of what's happened in the past. The County Manager has given us the task of identifying what's available and what's lacking in our recreational program, so we've outlined a set of goals, it's four goals to this program to get us kicked off on it. Those goals are to approve the visibility for recreational facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of the community. Goal #2: To increase recreation services in the unincorporated area. Goal #3: To establish programs that are not a duplication of services provided elsewhere; and Goal #4 is to tap into those citizens that are not currently participating in any of the recreational programs. The reason we're here today is at the request of the County Manager to seek your input and [inaudible] we get a consensus and that's the way we'll move forward with this. I'm open to any questions or any comments.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Robert [Drewry], it has come and we brought it to you and to Al [Lipsey] about some people that live in the County not being able to participate or there was some conflict of them not being able to use County facilities, and of course y'all worked on that to get it done, but we want to let people know, make sure that the people in the County understand, you know, that those facilities belong to them and it's usable if it isn't already scheduled, you know, for that. And then sometimes we do have that protection factor because the great job that y'all have done on the Charlie Brooks Park, that you're trying to bring it back up, and so there is certain times that you have restricted playing on it so that that grass, you know, will come back up and continue to have a good playing field there. But anyway, that's one of the things that I'd like to see and we can see if there's anything else that any of the other Board members would like. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, Robert [Drewry], number three under the goals to establish the program that are not duplicated, explain that for me please. Mr. Drewry said, what we're trying to do is we've got several programs, and we're talking about your traditional youth recreational, where a kid may be participating in two different leagues or — well, that's exactly what I mean

— participating in two different leagues. They'll come to the County league and play, they'll go to the City's league or they'll go to another municipality's league and play, and we consider that to be somewhat of a duplication of services. Commissioner Holmes asked, so should that be team duplication or program duplication? Mr. Drewry said, it can be either one of those; it can be either one of those. Certainly teams, but if we're also providing an open league youth team, as with one of the municipalities, then maybe there does not need to be two of them.

Mr. Al Lipsey said, this past year we started a six and under program in the middle [sic] schools. No one has tried that in the past and we were very successful in doing that. We plan to bring that back next year. That is a different service that we're providing that's not been duplicated by the City. We're also looking at the Pop Warner, that certain age group, not all the age groups. We recommended that we begin with that. And those are the types of services that we're talking about. You're not going to eliminate duplication, but what we wanted to address is the different service that has been provided by the City and other municipalities that we can provide that they don't have, I should say.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, as soon as he's — he's not finished.

Commissioner Holmes said, the newly formed Sports Panel that was put together, I think I was present when you all was putting that one together, how often since that was put together have they met? Mr. Lipsey said, we took a break during the Summer months. As a matter of fact, we have been approached by one of the members to go on a tour of our facility that would better help them assist us in coming in — coming up with different programs that will be unique for the County. But just like I said, we usually try to meet every 30 days, but during the Summer we took a break because of the vacations and things of that nature. Commissioner Holmes asked, but we are listening to that group up to input? Mr. Lipsey said, oh, right. We plan to get their input and, if I'm not mistaken, they're supposed to go on a tour next week of our different facilities.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter — oh, excuse me, go ahead.

Commissioner Holmes said, one more thing. The Boys and Girls Club played at Brooks field this month — no, last month, last month, and usually they tell me when they're playing, and I went out to Brooks Park to watch them play, and I noticed there's a clock on that field. Mr. Lipsey said, right. Commissioner Holmes said, but I've also went to Ambuc and I didn't see any clock up on Ambuc field, where they're playing football. Could you explain that to us and why the clock is not up on Ambuc? Mr. Lipsey said, the only thing that is left for Ambuc is the installation of those clocks. We have them, it's just the installation of them. We used — currently using portable clocks. Commissioner Holmes said, right, I saw the portable clock. Mr. Lipsey said, but we do have clocks and it's just the amount of installing them. Commissioner Holmes asked, did we have them clocks before the season began? Mr. Lipsey said, yes, we did. Commissioner Holmes asked, and we got the one up in Brooks, but we didn't put the one up at Ambuc? And you say because —? Mr. Lipsey said, different contract. For that contract was about \$13,000 to put those up. It's running about the same thing at Ambuc. Commissioner Holmes said, well, Pat Farrell and I came from a workshop last January and he asked me to sit in in the conference room. There

was some concerned parents and citizens threatening to come out of our program, and that was one of the concerns that I've heard at that meeting. Now we had the clock before the season started and we didn't put it up. Are we getting any feedback from the citizens because the clock's not up? Mr. Lipsey said, I'm not aware of any. Commissioner Holmes said, okay — of what? Mr. Lipsey said, of any feedback from not having the clocks installed. Commissioner Holmes said, well, I usually go out there and two of the coaches came to me and asked me why the clock wasn't up, and I'm just feeding it back to you all now. Mr. Lipsey said, we have on hand at least three bids to put those clocks in and, again, it's expensive. But we do have them on hand and we're planning to put them in. Commissioner Holmes asked, how did we get the one up at Brooks? Commissioner Odell said, we paid the money. Mr. Lipsey said, yeah. Commissioner Odell said, we paid the money. Mr. Lipsey said, it came out of SPLOST funding for that project. Commissioner Odell asked, which project? Mr. Brooks said, Brooks. Commissioner Odell said, I wonder if this is the contract? Mr. Lipsey said, installation for Ambuc, if you remember, is part of our RAP Program and installation for Ambuc comes out of operating the park, but Brooks was out of SPLOST. Commissioner Holmes said, I just don't want them parents and coaches to attach me and Pat Farrell anymore, the way they attacked us last year. Mr. Lipsey said, the initial purchase for those clocks was part of the \$500,000 received last year. So we had a deal for purchasing all of them at one time. It was cheaper so that's why we did that. Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I'm happy to report we don't have any problem with clocks on the west side because we don't have any recreational programs on the west side. Duplication of services, that's almost a fancy way of pawning off our own responsibility to provide recreation to the public in those areas. If we're not going to provide the service, we need to compensate and designate a service specific area that provides that portion of recreation. Currently, we have nothing as far as recreational programs for the entire west side. We pawned them off to the neighboring cities. We do not compensate. Pooler is overflowing. They're in dire need of a huge recreational facility, but this no duplication attitude has just pawned it off. All they're doing there, nobody's raising cane and they're not. I mean, the citizens are happy, but it's not fair to put that expense on the City of Pooler when they pay us to provide the services through their SSD tax. Fine, again, eliminate duplication of services, but that is — that's a fancy little way to word that we're going to pawn our responsibility off. If we eliminate duplication, we need to compensate the cities that's providing that service and we need to designate a specific area in which we are compensating or a specific government and let those folks, the unincorporated area know this is where you play this sport. I have no problem doing it. They do a great job out there. Bloomingdale, Pooler, Garden City, all of them, Port Wentworth, they gladly with open arms take in the unincorporated area residents, and thank goodness because my phone would be ringing off the hook constantly because we don't have a program out there. I asked that if y'all are going to eliminate duplication of services in those areas, because you could say I'm not putting football on the west side because you have five cities providing it, we need to come up with a compensation program. I suggest like we did before, and Commissioner Odell and I think we had little consensus, but we need somebody to move along here. We need to get together with Pooler, help them in their planning and financial responsibilities to build this amazing huge

recreation site that we can designate the recreational facility for unincorporated also. If we pay our part, then that's the thing to do. So I ask without a vote or anything that you guys take it upon yourselves to step up to the plate and provide some recreation for the unincorporated area on the west side, and you can do that by working with Pooler and helping build the facility that they need.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, I would like to see our Recreation Authority meet and to address the issues presented by both Dean [Kicklighter] and James [Holmes]. We have the ability to solve a lot of problems with our Recreation Authority. We really do, and Dean [Kicklighter] is absolutely correct. Pooler is carrying the load on the west side and technically it's unfair to the residents of Pooler for Pooler municipality to be paying for recreational services which are in the unincorporated area which are in fact Chatham County's responsibility. My only point in this is that, that's not their problem. That is our problem and I think it's — we need to fashion a solution and we can do that through our Recreation Authority. And Pat [Farrell] and James [Holmes] and, Helen [Stone], are you on their? Commissioner Stone said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, okay. That needs to be on the next agenda and when you all have completed your work, you need to get back with us and let the Chair, Vice Chair and Chair Pro Tem know the status of this work, but we can do this and, Robert [Drewry], I know what you all are doing and I applaud you. I think that it's very good. It might be good if we had you all to participate with the Recreation Authority. There's so much potential there that is untapped that could solve some of our substantial# SSD the people in Dean's [Kicklighter] district, Priscilla's [Thomas] and David's [Gellatly]. At some point we're going to have to really have a definitive method of providing the services or subcontracting the services on that side because we don't have anything, and you all need to participate in the Recreation Authority board members, which should be meeting within the next 30 days? Commissioner Stone said, we don't have a set —.

Commissioner Holmes said, we don't have a set date to meet, but probably in January. From what I'm hearing, we probably need to call a special meeting.

Commissioner Odell said, you really do and what I —, you know, I personally don't want us to set limits of what kinds of things — limits based upon money. That's not a decision that we need to make. We need to make a decision as to whether or not there's some parity as far as services that are rendered across the County, Wilmington Island, Inner City, Helen [Stone], your district, Dean [Kicklighter]. Once we make that determination as to parity, that will get us to cause, but this committee should not try to make a determination as to how you finance it. That's step two because if you do, then you're going to set up artificial limitations which you may not know about at that committee level.

Chairman Liakakis said, another thing we need to consider though, there are a lot of people who live in those other cities six — those other seven cities that use County recreation and pay us absolutely nothing, like the Soccer Field for one. I mean, you see them —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the Soccer Field is paid for out of the M&O portion of the budget, which every resident in this County pays for. Chairman Liakakis said, I understand. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so they do fund that, so I disagree that.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, okay, for that but there are other places in the County where they use that. In fact, some of them when I was there a couple of weeks ago, I guess they just started up, the people just went on the field and started playing there at the Charlie Brooks as one of the places they played.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, our entire recreational program is funded through the M&O, which is funded by every taxpayer in this County. It's not funded as it should be through the SSD portion of the budget, it's funded through the M&O, which is everyone here. So if someone living outside chooses to use it, it's fine because they own it. The other cities fund their recreation programs through their own taxes. The County's recreation is funded by everyone living in this County that pays property taxes.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Anything else. Mr. Drewry said, no sir. Chairman Liakakis asked, any other questions for the Recreation? Then y'all are going to see about getting together for a special meeting?

Commissioner Odell said, we just want to thank these two guys for coming here causing trouble. Mr. Drewry said, it's late in the afternoon.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Robert Drewry and Mr. Al Lipsey gave a briefing on the recreation evaluation proposal and requested input from the Board. Commissioner Odell suggested that a special meeting of the Recreation Authority be held and the action taken at that meeting be brought back to the Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

DATE: September 25, 2006

TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

RE: Study Design and Outline for County-Wide Recreation Evaluation
(Response to your fax dated August 11, 2006)

Staff and I have discussed a methodology to evaluate our recreational programs, the facilities and how they relate to the other programs in the municipalities. As a reminder, RAP (Recreational Action Plan) was created to improve the visibility of the

recreational facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of this community. The Board funded RAP for \$500K.

To evaluate our programs, we plan to solicit assistance from the newly formed Sports Panel that was created from RAP and we expect to utilize the Recreation Authority particularly if bonds need to be issued.

It is anticipated the goals staff has drafted will meet the expectations of the Board per your memo. But first, we acknowledge that in order to offer quality programs, our facilities must meet the expectations of the users. There is no question that our facilities are approaching critical maintenance needs. The Board has graciously recognized this and provided some funding both operating funds and capital funds for RAP. In addition, we have hired a consulting firm that will solicit naming rights to our facilities. We anticipate this program will not only provide additional funding but also prioritize improvements based upon the contract obligations with selected marketing vendors. Also note that there is a commitment for park improvements in the next SPLOST that was recently approved by the voters.

Secondly, depending on the outcome of this plan, the goals as drafted will more than likely necessitate the expansion of our recreational staff.

The attached is in Draft form for feedback from the Board with a proposed schedule. The first task of the plan will have to be to develop a matrix of all the County-wide recreational programs and the municipality that provides that particular program.

GOALS:

1. To improve the visibility of the recreational facilities and the quality of the recreational programs for the citizens of this community.
2. To increase recreation services in the unincorporated area.
3. To establish programs that are not a duplication of services provided elsewhere.
4. To tap into those citizens that are not currently participating in any recreational programs.

PARTICIPANTS:

County Recreation Staff
County Commissioners
Sports Panel
Recreation Authority Chairman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

ACTION	SCHEDULE
Obtain feedback from the Commission on Draft Plan	6 October 15, 2006
Finalize goals	October 25, 2006
First meeting with the Participants	November 1, 2006

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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, this is the Action Calendar. We've got Items 1 through 12 and under the alphabetical order A through E. Are there any particular items that you want to pull out of this Action Calendar to discuss? [Pause.] Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to pull out 12-E, for one. 12-E, any other items that anybody wants to pull out?

Commissioner Odell said, I make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor to approve all items except 12-E. Let's go on the board. The Clerk asked, who did the second on that? Commissioner Odell said, David [Gellatly]. Commissioner Farrell said, David [Gellatly]. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 1 through 12-D. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

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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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2006, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2006. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2006.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period September 14, 2006, through September 27, 2006, in the amount of \$6,714,446. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

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3. REQUEST FROM COLONIAL TERMINALS, INC. AND BARRIER ISLANDS ENTERPRISES, LLC, FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE PORTIONS OF THE RIGHTS-OF WAY FOR HOPEWELL STREET AND HUNTER (A.K.A. HOWARD) STREET AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE PROPERTY TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS.

[DISTRICT 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a request from Colonial Terminals, Inc., and Barrier Islands Enterprises, LLC, for the County to declare portions of the rights-of-way for Hopewell Street (approximately 840 feet by 50 feet) and Hunter (a/k/a Howard) Street (approximately 280 feet by 40 feet) as surplus and to quitclaim the property to the adjacent property owners. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3**AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To present to the Board a request from Colonial Terminals, Inc. and Barrier Islands Enterprises, LLC for the County to declare portions of the rights-of-way for Hopewell Street and Hunter (a.k.a. Howard) Street as surplus and to quitclaim the property to the adjacent property owners.

BACKGROUND: Colonial Terminals, Inc. ("Colonial") and Barrier Islands Enterprises, LLC ("Barrier") own all properties bordering the two subject rights-of-way (ROW). The subject portion of Hopewell Street is approximately 840 feet long by 50 feet wide. The subject portion of Hunter Street is approximately 280 feet long by 40 feet wide. Neither of the ROWs appear to have ever been opened as a road.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The locations of the two requested ROWs are shown on the attached map.
2. Neither of the ROWs appear to have ever been opened as a road. Staff has verified that there is no likely County use for these ROWs.
3. There are only two property owners involved: Colonial and Barrier. The two have jointly requested the quitclaims and they desire to divide the ROWs as shown on the attached map. If approved, the light gray ROW portion will be quitclaimed to Colonial with the dark gray ROW portion going to Barrier.
4. If approved, the petitioners must pay the County the fair market value for the ROWs to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisals, deeds, and plats at their expense. The appraisers are selected by the petitioner and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia.
5. Staff reviews the submitted appraisals, deeds and plats for completeness and reasonableness before the deeds are sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment checks are sent to Finance for deposit.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Declare the requested portions of Hopewell and Hunter (a.k.a. Howard) Streets as surplus and quitclaim the ROWs to the property owners, to be divided as shown on the attached map. The petitioners must pay the County the ROWs fair market value to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisals, deeds, and plats at their expense.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must declare County property surplus and approve all quitclaim actions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Alternative No. 1

District 8

Prepared by: Vincent Grevemberg

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4. REQUEST FROM SOUTHEAST ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, REGAL BUILDERS, FOR THE COUNTY TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR GEORGETOWN PLACE TOWNHOUSES, INITIATE THE TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND ACCEPT A REDUCED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a request from Southeast Engineering & Environmental, engineer for the developer, Regal Builders, for the County to approve the constructed improvements for Georgetown Place Townhouses, initiate the twelve-month warranty period and accept a reduced financial guarantee. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve the constructed improvements for Georgetown Place Townhomes, initiate the twelve-month warranty period and accept a reduced financial guarantee.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Southeast Engineering & Environmental, for the developer, Regal Builders, requests that the County approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve-month warranty period for Georgetown Place Townhomes and accept a reduced financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Georgetown Place Townhomes is a private townhome development (multi-family residential) on the east side of King George Boulevard, north of State Route 204. The paving, drainage, and streetlighting will be privately maintained by a homeowners association. The water and sewer improvements will be maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. The required site improvements are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer submitted a letter of credit issued by SunTrust Bank in the amount of \$80,662.88, which is 50% of the cost of the paving and drainage improvements. The City of Savannah has accepted the water and sanitary sewer improvements for maintenance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the constructed improvements for Georgetown Place Townhomes, initiate the warranty period and accept the reduced financial guarantee.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulation regarding warranty of dedicated improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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**5. REQUEST FROM KERN-COLEMAN & CO., ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, COASTAL GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MILLS RUN, PHASE 1.
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a request from Kern-Coleman & Co., engineer for the developer, Coastal Georgia Development Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Mills Run, Phase 1. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Mills Run, Phase 1.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Kern-Coleman & Co., for the developer, Coastal Georgia Development Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mills Run Subdivision is a single-family residential community located on Louis Mills Boulevard. Phase 1 consists of 43 lots on 33.86 acres. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by the City of Savannah. Paving and drainage will be maintained by Chatham County.
2. Construction of the required subdivision infrastructure is complete and was inspected and found to be acceptable.
3. The required warranty period is complete.
4. The letter of credit issued by Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$113,157.05 will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Mills Run Subdivision, Phase 1.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 5

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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6. REQUEST FROM KERN-COLEMAN & CO., ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, COASTAL GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MILLS RUN, PHASE 2. [DISTRICT 5.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a request from Kern-Coleman & Co., engineer for the developer, Coastal Georgia Development Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Mills Run, Phase 2. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Mills Run, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Kern-Coleman & Co., for the developer, Coastal Georgia Development Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mills Run Subdivision is a single-family residential community. Phase 2, consists of 48 lots on 14.22 acres. It is located on Louis Mills Boulevard. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by the City of Savannah. Paving and drainage will be maintained by Chatham County.
2. Construction of the required subdivision infrastructure is complete and was inspected and found to be acceptable.
3. The required warranty period is complete.
4. The letter of credit issued by Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$482,710 will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Mills Run Subdivision, Phase 2.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 5

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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**7. REQUEST FROM KERN-COLEMAN & CO., ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, HALLMARK DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE COUNTY TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR HERON CREST VILLAS, PHASE 2B, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, AND WAIVE THE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to Kern-Coleman & Co., engineer for the developer, Coastal Georgia Development Group, for the County to record the subdivision plat for Heron Crest Villas, Phase 2B, accept the subdivision construction agreement and financial guarantee, and waive the streetlight assessment requirement. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To record the subdivision plat for Heron Crest Villas, Phase 2B, accept the subdivision construction agreement and financial guarantee, and waive the streetlight assessment requirement.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Kern-Coleman, for the developer, Hallmark Development, requests that the County approve the final plat for recording, accept the subdivision construction agreement and financial guarantee, and waive the streetlight assessment requirement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Heron Crest Villas is a private multi-family residential townhome development. Phase 2B of Heron Crest Villas consists of 39 lots on 9.72 acres. The paving and drainage will be privately maintained. The water and sewer improvements will be maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. Staff approved the construction plans and issued a permit for construction of the improvements. Construction of the required site improvements is underway. The developer has submitted a letter of credit issued by SunTrust Bank in the amount of \$386,445.80, which is 100% of the cost of improvements as determined by the developer's engineer.
3. Heron Crest Villas has a private streetlight system as previously approved by the Board. The developer has requested that this phase be combined with that private system and that the Board waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district. The developer has submitted an approved streetlight layout from Georgia Power that meets the County's requirements. Once the streetlights are installed, they will be privately maintained by the homeowners association.
4. An Environmental Site Assessment was previously conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on the site.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the recording of the subdivision plat for Heron Crest Villas, Phase 2B, accept the subdivision construction agreement and financial guarantee, and waive the streetlight assessment requirement.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulation regarding the creation of lots through recording of the final plat.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 6

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO SELL, ASSIGN AND ENDORSE FOR TRANSFER SECURITIES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a resolution for Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC, granting Cheryl N. Deariso, Assistant Finance Director, to sell, assign and endorse transfer securities. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

DATE: September 26, 2006
TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:
Authorization to sell, assign and endorse for transfer securities.

BACKGROUND:
Chatham County currently has a brokerage services relationship with Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The Finance Department in an effort to promote cross-training within the department has realigned the duties regarding investments to Cheryl N. Deariso, Assistant Finance Director.
 2. Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC requires a Certificate of Authority Resolution be adopted by the Board of Commissioners granting Mrs. Deariso the right to sell, assign and endorse for transfer securities with its firm.
 3. In accordance with the Investment Policy and applicable state laws and regulations the Finance Director, under the supervision of the County Manager is responsible for ensuring that County investments are managed.

In discharging her duties under this Policy, the Finance Director or designated Finance staff may directly assist in managing the County's investments.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The authorization is consistent with the Chatham County Investment Policy.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the resolution for Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC.
2. Disapprove the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

Prepared by:
 Cheryl N. Deariso, Assistant Finance Director

[Replica Document]

Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC
 Institutional Brokerage & Sales

Certificate of Authority - General

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CHERYL N. DEARISO, ASST. FINANCE DIRECTOR
 (Name and Title of Officer)

is hereby authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing

stocks, bonds or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of

this COUNTY GOVERNMENT
 (Type of Organization)

I, PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN
 (Name and Title of Officer)

of CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 (Name of Organization)

hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 (Name of Governing Body of the Organization)

BACKGROUND:

We are required by law to compensate victims and witnesses who do not reside in Chatham County for their traveling expenses. The per diem for them is \$10.00 per day and \$18.00 per day for meals. We have always paid the minimum amount allowed by law for mileage which is \$.20.

We would like to increase only the mileage using the same rate as the county does for employees which is \$.445 per mile.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

We have many witnesses who prefer not to fly. On some occasions, witnesses have driven to Savannah from Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana and other remote locations. Due to the current cost of fuel, \$.20 per mile does not reimburse a person for the use of their vehicle and the time spent traveling to attend court.

We would like to increase the witness mileage amount to the current County and federal guideline which is \$.445 per mile.

These witnesses perform an invaluable service to our community. We hope to compensate them, as nearly as possible, at least for their actual expenses.

FUNDING:

In last year's budget, we requested approximately \$121,000 to cover witness travel expenses. Of that amount, we spent \$85,000. We had a surplus of \$36,000.

We always request an amount in our witness travel account to cover cases that may require a change of venue, extreme increases in air fare, expert witness fees, etc.

We do not anticipate the need to request any additional funding to cover the increase in the witness mileage.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Board approve the requested increase.
2. Board reject the requested increase.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The requested increase is consistent with the County's current travel policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

Spencer Lawton, Jr.
District Attorney

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- 10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL PACKAGE SHOP LICENSE FOR 2006. PETITIONER: RASHMIKANT CHANDUBHAI PATEL (OWNER'S NAME CHANGED), D/B/A SAM'S PACKAGE SHOP, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Rashmikant Chandubhai Patel, d/b/a Sam's Package Shop, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, due to change in owner's name for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor retail package shop license for 2006. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES
WILLIE LOVETT, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

ISSUE

Request transfer of beer, wine and liquor retail package shop license for 2006, Rashmikant Chandubhai Patel, d/b/a Sam's Package Shop, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Patel requests approval for transfer of beer, wine and liquor retail license in connection with a package store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with code requirements and approved the facility.

- 3. The application is in compliance with all requirements.
- 4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

The Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.

District 7

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- 11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2006. PETITIONER: JUDITH ANN HORNICK, (OWNER'S NAME CHANGE) D/B/A LUCY NACHOS, LOCATED AT 4700-E HIGHWAY 80 EAST.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Judith Ann Hornick, d/b/ Lucy Nachos, located at 4700-E Highway 80 East, due to change in owner’s name for a transfer of beer and wine pouring license for 2006. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES
WILLIE LOVETT, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

ISSUE

Request transfer of beer and wine pouring license for 2006, Judith Ann Hornick, (owner’s name change) d/b/a Lucy Nachos, located at 4700-E Highway 80 East.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Hornick requests transfer of beer and wine pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The applications were reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned applications were reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The request has been advertised per ordinance requirements.
4. This application is in compliance with all requirements.
5. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.

District 1

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12. 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. Declare old vehicles unserviceable surplus and approve to sell at public auction or dispose as scrap material	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	Revenue Producing
B. Material, labor, equipment and supervision to install water and sewer lines at Sheriff's Complex	Detention Center	Consolidated Plumbing Services, Inc.	\$11,805	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
C. Renew contract for right-of-way acquisition services	SPLOST	Moreland-Altobelli Associates, Inc.	\$4,825 per parcel	SPLOST (1985-2008) - Various Roads and Drainage Projects

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
D .Change Order No. 1 to the contract for janitorial services for Juvenile Court and Police Annex for additional services	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Quality Cleaning Contractors, Inc.	\$9,600 per year	Reimbursable Funds for Savannah Police Department
E. Agreement to complete the NovaLIS computer automation project	ICS	ACS Government Systems, Inc.	\$553,806	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Capital Assets •CIP - NovaLIS Project •General Fund/M&O - Contingency (pending Board approval of transfer)

As to Items 12-A through 12-D:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 12-A through 12-D, both inclusive. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]

As to Item 12-E:

Agreement to complete the NovaLIS computer automation project; ICS; ACS Government Systems, Inc.; \$553,806; SPLOST (2003-2008) - Capital Assets; CIP - NovaLIS Project; General Fund/M&O - Contingency (pending Board approval of transfer)

Chairman Liakakis said, we have ICS here and some other people. Lewis [Leonard], do you want to go ahead and go over this with us?

Mr. Lewis Leonard said, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, a number of us representing all of the departments that are mentioned in your agenda item have been meeting with the company, ACS Governmental [sic] Systems, which purchase the intellectual property, NovaLIS Corporation, when it went bankrupt. We have been negotiating the terms and conditions of what will be delivered, when it will be delivered and how much we will pay for it on each and every item for each department. So we have finally over a period of many weeks ended those negotiations. The departments have all signed off on the agreement with ACS. The ACS proposal includes a performance bond, which will be for the entire amount of the agreement so that the County would be protected. There will be a number of milestones. Each milestone will have a payment objective associated with it. I will be reviewing each of the milestone requests for payments and meeting with the departments and making sure that every item is delivered before it's paid for. We think we have a good agreement. ACS is a large corporation with 50,000 employees in

several countries. So this is quite a different organization than the one we were dealing with before.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, and we put safeguards in there that when we have situations like this, it comes before you, Lewis [Leonard], and then also our Attorney gets involved. Lewis, how much is the additional because the additional software is going to help the Inspections Department, of course it will help the Assessors' Department, you know, these different things in there, and so that's why it costs additional money, but how much was the additional money with ACS that it costs over what was already that we had to pay for the old NovaLIS software that was never completed? Mr. Leonard said, I think it was — if I understand the question correctly, it was 314—.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, no, let me answer the question because I knew the Chairman was going to ask, is it's \$223,000.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. In other words, what we don't want to happen ever again in this community, hopefully, that with the safeguards that we've put in here, that we won't be paying out \$223,000 again for work that was not completed. Mr. Leonard said, correct. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, so we've got a full understanding on that because that's not fair to the citizens of this community by the way that contract was done and the way it was paid, it was way out of order, and, you know, so thankfully we've got these things with the County Attorney, with you working and other people working together so that it will be, you know, the right phase. Okay.

Mr. Leonard asked, any other questions?

Chairman Liakakis asked, any other questions? Any questions?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to approve Item 12-E. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present when this vote was taken.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 12-A through 12-D, both inclusive. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present when this vote was taken.]
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Item 12-E. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present when this vote was taken.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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.

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. ADOPT A RECORDS RETENTION ORDINANCE FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.

Chairman Liakakis said, we'll call on the County Attorney to adopt a Records Retention Ordinance for Chatham County.

County Attorney Hart said, yes sir. This is an ordinance that's been suggested so that we have some kind of a document that basically sets up criteria for how long we keep things, when we dispose of things, so that our department heads have an idea in judging. As you know, we generate an awful lot of paper around here and an awful lot of documentation, and what we've essentially done is adopted the rule format used by the State Archives, and they have a series of recommendations and we've tried to adopt those and bring them into the County so we can use it as a guideline, and our hopes are that we can slowly but surely get ourselves in a position where some Documents A and they're not longer necessary, we can dispose of them, and perhaps control the amount of storage that we need for these type of documents.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, that information was furnished in your book. Any questions on that? Any questions? Okay, make a motion on the floor to adopt the Records Retention Ordinance for Chatham County that has been proposed.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll make that motion. Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present when this vote was taken.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the proposed Records Retention Ordinance for Chatham County, which adopts the State Division of Archives and History’s records retention schedule for local governments as the policy for Chatham County and abolishes the existing Local Records Retention Board. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

~~**AGENDA ITEM: XI-1**~~
~~**AGENDA DATE: September 22, 2006**~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Lewis L. Leonard, ICS Director

ISSUE: To Adopt a Records Retention Ordinance for Chatham County

BACKGROUND: This proposed ordinance abolishes the existing Local Records Retention Board and adopts the State Division of Archives and History’s records retention schedule for local governments as the policy of Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The existing Records Retention Board has not met since approximately 1987.
2. The Division of Archives and History and State Retention Board revise the Records Retention Schedule for local governments every two years.
3. The proposed ordinance does not include judicial Records that are regulated by State statute.
4. State retention requirements will be the minimum retention requirements.
5. All County departments have been given an opportunity to comment on this proposed ordinance.

FUNDING: Not Applicable

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This Records Retention Ordinance brings Chatham County’s practices in line with other counties in Georgia and utilizes the administrative effort of the Division of Archives and History in the creation and maintenance of the retention schedules for non-judicial local records. This Ordinance replaces a system that is currently not working.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Adopt Records Retention Ordinance
- 2. Direct Staff to devise alternative strategies for managing records retention.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative # 1

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

(Draft Two)

RECORDS RETENTION ORDINANCE

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY TO ADD ARTICLE V, "RECORDS RETENTION ORDINANCE"

WHEREAS, since at least the 1970's, Chatham County has had a records management program for the purpose of maintaining and storing County records and following approved retention schedules for these records; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief the Chatham County Board of Commissioners ("Commission") established a Records Retention Committee in the past and this committee has not met since approximately 1987; and

WHEREAS, Title 50, Article 5, of the Official Code of Georgia is known as the "Georgia Records Act;" and

WHEREAS O.C.G.A. § 50-18-99 authorizes records management programs for local governments and requires such programs to be established by resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-99 states that the Division of Archives and History of the Office of the Secretary of State shall provide local governments with a list of common types of records maintained together with recommended retention periods and shall provide training and assistance as required; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-99 excludes court records as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-18-91; and

WHEREAS, Georgia counties are abolishing local records retention boards and following the Retention Schedules for Local Government Records as recommended by the Division of Archives and History of the Office of the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the retention schedules recommended by the Division of Archives and History of the Office of the Secretary of State are the minimum length of time that records must be retained; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and security of records is essential for the efficient operation of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to have a current records management program and to follow the State's recommended retention schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 4, Administration, of the Code of Chatham County be amended to add Article V, "Records Retention Ordinance," to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith and for other purposes:

§ 4-501. Title. This ordinance shall be entitled "Records Retention Ordinance."

§ 4-502. Records Retention Committee Abolished and Prior Records Management Ordinances, etc. Repealed.

The Records Retention Committee is hereby abolished. Any ordinances, resolutions or policies pertaining to records retention which were in existence prior to the effective date of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

§ 4-503. Retention Schedules, Georgia Records Act and Georgia Law.

The County hereby adopts the Retention Schedules for Local Government Records which are applicable to the County or become applicable to the County in the future as recommended by the Division of Archives and History of the Office of the Secretary of State. It is the express intent of the County to follow applicable State laws and guidelines regarding records retention and any amendments to State laws and guidelines regarding records retention.

§ 4-504. Administration of Records Retention Ordinance.

The County Manager or his designee shall be responsible for the administration of this Ordinance.

§ 4-505. Severability.

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

§ 4-506. Effective Date.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Sybil Tillman, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

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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). *Note: None for this meeting.*

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

No status report was submitted for this meeting.

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Status reports were attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

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 GDOT allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and the balancing of funds in the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on June 22, 2005. The new TIP was approved on June 28, 2006. Key milestone events are summarized in the attached table.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Right of way (ROW) plans were approved on June 30, 2005. The acquisition process has started and will take until mid-2007 to complete (26 parcels acquired by early acquisition; 65 parcels to acquire). Design is underway.
2. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204: The GDOT awarded a new contract to complete the project. Work is underway. The completion date has been established for March 2007.

3. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. Construction has resumed. The GDOT approved a change order with APAC to continue work setting a completion date of May 31, 2008.

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, County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the joint final inspection on June 14, 2005. A punch list was compiled (129 items) and given to APAC on June 21, 2005. Some punch list items remain to be corrected. A water valve manhole under the pavement at Forest Park Drive and Stephenson Avenue needs to be raised. APAC was notified by letter that the City of Savannah wanted to make a final inspection on the storm water system when their subcontractor (Dixie Excavating) said all corrective work was complete. Due to the lack of response from APAC, staff coordinated with the City of Savannah to do a final inspection on the new storm water system. The City of Savannah cleaned the storm piping of debris that would interfere with the televising of the system on August 28, 2006. The televising has now been done and reviewed. A detailed report from the City of Savannah of corrective work needed is pending. All sanitary sewer work has been accepted by the City of Savannah. APAC is now handling project close-out through their attorneys.

5. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004. Preliminary design was 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 median with landscaping causes four additional residential displacements and increases GDOT's ROW acquisition costs. The revised Concept Report was submitted to GDOT on July 6, 2005. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on February 28, 2006. As a result of a meeting with the GDOT Project Manager on May 2, 2006, the GDOT provided (by email) written guidance as to an acceptable minimum landscaped median width (not less than 40 feet) and a design speed (45 mph). The consultant received additional comments from GDOT on July 19, 2006, and responded on August 17, 2006.

6. Diamond Causeway Widening. Because of issues regarding the impact of changed design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) on approval of the EA, the GDOT has taken over design and management of the project. In the meantime, the County offered to do the improvements on Skidaway Island by permit. As of the end of September, the final design for the portion on the Island has been revised to incorporate the latest comments from GDOT and is awaiting their approval.

7. 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 FHWA on February 1, 2006. FHWA comments were transmitted March 28, 2006. The County's consultant has addressed the FHWA comments and returned to GDOT on July 7, 2006. When the Draft EA is signed, a public hearing can be scheduled.
8. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). The FHWA approved the Final EA on March 3, 2006. On September 22, 2006, the Board approved a change order for the engineering services contract to continue the design.
9. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A PIOH was held on August 12, 2004. The Need and Purpose Statement was 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. It was submitted to GDOT January 19, 2006. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side. GDOT has transferred management of the project from Atlanta to the Jesup District Office. The revised need and purpose has been approved by GDOT, and is being sent to FHWA for comments.
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 ROW costs (over \$22 million -- local cost), the City of Savannah, County and consultant proposed reductions in the project. The proposal was sent to GDOT October 28, 2005. This project has also been transferred to the Jesup District office to manage, and on August 17th, GDOT requested more information on the impact of the proposal.
11. Abercorn Widening from Largo Drive to Rio Road. The project is on hold. A letter has been sent to the consultant indicating the County intends to cancel this contract because GDOT has included the concept development and environmental permitting in their Abercorn project from U.S. 17 to Truman Parkway.
12. Skidaway Widening. The Final EA was approved by the FHWA on December 30, 2004. The County's consultant submitted another proposal which staff still has 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 ROW. The GDOT has agreed to fund, award and manage the construction project.
13. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. LPA Group (consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report. A PIOH was held on May 26, 2005, presenting three alternatives to construct high span bridges. Written

responses to the comments are complete. The last utility estimate was received and the consultant submitted the Concept Report on August 8, 2006.

14. Abercorn Intersection Improvements (DeRenne Avenue, Mall Boulevard, Apache Drive, Tibet Avenue). The County has certified the right-of-way to GDOT for DeRenne, Apache and Mall Boulevard. Tibet is still on hold pending resolution of right-of-way issues with the City of Savannah.

15. Local Roads

a. Fountain Road. Board approved the construction contract on June 12, 2006. NTP was issued July 24, 2006. Completion is expected by January 30, 2007. Georgia Power poles in the middle of the newly aligned road has the project delayed. These poles were on private easement and Georgia Power is in the process of obtaining a new easement on which to relocate the poles.

b. Mobley Street, Yucca Place, Perkins Place. GDOT executed the County Contract on March 1, 2006. The Board approved award of the construction contract on April 7, 2006. Work was temporarily delayed due to the Bell South underground phone lines relocation (now completed) and a revision in the storm drain piping as a result of pleas from residents to eliminate the planned ditches. Scheduled completion date of October 22, 2006 is problematical due to the delays. A new completion date will be established.

c. Heather Street, Shore Road. GDOT executed the County Contract and issued NTP on August 19, 2005. The Board authorized the award of the construction contract for Heather and Shore on April 7, 2006. NTP was issued on June 21, 2006. Utility conflicts on both streets have delayed any land disturbing activity. Staff met with the contractor and a representative of Georgia Power Co. on August 28th on site. They completed their relocation on September 28, 2006. Bell South and Comcast must now relocate on the new Georgia Power poles. There is also underground water and gas that will have to be relocated. The appropriate owners of these utilities have been notified to relocate. The scheduled completion date of December 28, 2006, is problematical due to these utility delays.

d. Bond Avenue, Betran Street. GDOT executed the County Contract and issued NTP on August 19, 2005. Complications in the ROW negotiations on Bond and Betran Avenues are taking much longer than originally believed.

e. Dulany Road. The request for County Contract with GDOT was approved by the Board on October 21, 2005. ROW and construction plans are not complete due to ongoing ROW negotiations.

f. Cramer Street. The consultant (McGee Partners) met with staff on February 21-23 to discuss plan development on Cramer Street. During this visit a second

field trip to Cramer Street was made to listen to property owner concerns. The Department of Engineering received a petition from property owners in the neighborhood requesting that any design for paving take into consideration the historic sensitivity of the area and trees that may incur root damage as a result of construction activity.

g. Palm Drive. The consultant (McGee Partners) met with staff on February 21-23 to discuss plan development on Palm Drive. Final construction plans are near completion. ROW plats are being prepared. One parcel of ROW will be required.

h. Old Pine Barren Road. The request for County Contract with GDOT was approved by the Board on October 21, 2005. ROW negotiations are underway and final construction plans should be ready in October.

i. Stone Street. The property owners on this street originally did not want the street paved and submitted a petition to not pave the street. After several meetings, they changed their minds and submitted another petition with 20 of 22 property owners requesting that the street be paved. The Board authorized entering into a County Contract with GDOT on February 24, 2006. The request (GDOT Form 532) was sent to GDOT on March 1, 2006. Final construction plans will be ready in October, 2006. Right-of-way acquisition is needed on 2 parcels.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS

October 2006

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Ph 5	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete Aug 2007 Feb 2007	County County/GDOT County/GDOT GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisition underway. CST FY 2009
US 17: Ogeechee Riv/SR204	Construction	March 2007	GDOT	
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	May 2008	GDOT	Change order with APAC signed May 31, 2006.
Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy, Ph 2	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Mar 2006	County County County GDOT	Final EA approved by FHWA. CST LR

Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI approved. Preliminary plans on hold. ROW funded FY2006/07 CST FY 2008
Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	GDOT GDOT GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 05. ROW FY 2007 CST FY 2010
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. CST FY 2010
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Mar 2007	County County County GDOT	Draft EA pending approval by FHWA. R/W (Local) FY 2008 CST LR
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	CST FY 2010
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental		County	Concept Report approved June 22, 2004. CST FY 2010
NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2007-2009 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

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. Construction work is complete and the new sluice gates function automatically. A final pay request from the contractor and a summary change order are outstanding.
 - ii. A project to make adjustments to the equipment to improve operation was approved by the Board and will be accomplished within the next several months.
- b. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Double channel size and provide maintenance access.
 - i. The permit application documents have been submitted to the USACE for approval. The Consultant and staff are working to address preliminary comments.
 - ii. A contract to install an access road between Phase 1 and SR21. Work is complete.
- c. Kahn Mitigation Site. This site will provide the necessary wetland mitigation for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement project. The project is being reviewed by the USACE on a parallel track with the Phase 2 permit application.
- d. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove an existing bridge that restricts drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Design work has been temporarily suspended while options with the Georgia Ports Authority are discussed, including removing the Cold Storage Warehouse from the middle of the canal.

2. Hardin Canal

- a. Phase 1 (SR307 bridges). Widen channel and replace bridge crossings. The USACE has provided review comments on the permit application. The consultants and staff are working to address these comments which may include shifting the proposed alignment in order to avoid areas under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
- b. Phase 1 (Southbridge bridges). Replace bridge crossings. The owners of the Southbridge Golf Course have offered to cooperate in a project to replace two bridge crossings with wider structures. The existing structures are too small and often collect debris which further reduces drainage capacity. Staff is working to acquire the necessary rights of way that will be required for the bridge replacements and for channel widening to be accomplished under the Phase 2 project.
- c. Phase 2 (From 307 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date. Staff is working to acquire

canal rights of way for the future improvements on property owned by the Georgia Ports Authority.

3. Westlake/Springfield Canal
 - a. Acquisition and removal of flood-prone properties are complete. Construction of a project to improve access for maintenance of the canal is underway as a part of the Larmarville-Diggs drainage improvement project.
 - b. CSX railroad undercrossing. Final Design is complete. Staff is working to acquire access onto Hunter Army Airfield property which is required to facilitate project construction. Easements and environmental permits are complete. The project is currently being delayed by HAAF by not allowing access onto the military base in order to construct the improvements.
4. Placentia Canal Phase 2 A project to correct drainage problem along Tennessee Ave. and to improve the appearance of the canal near the Bonaventure Bridge. Work is underway to secure easements. Construction documents are complete. The County has received the necessary permit from the USACE. A project to clear the site, and advertisement of the construction project is on hold pending resolution of required easements.
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. Phase 1A extends from Pipemakers Canal to Conaway Road. Right of way acquisition is underway. Coordination with GDOT for the crossing at Highway 80 is ongoing. Wetland delineation approval and a Provisional Wetland Permit have been received from the USACE.
 - ii. Phase 1B extends from Conaway Road to Main Street. Construction of these improvements is subject to available funding.
 - iii. Phase 1C includes the area west of Maple Street. Construction costs are to be funded by the City of Bloomingdale. Recommended improvements have been provided to the City of Bloomingdale.
 - b. Phase 2 includes improvements to system south of Main Street to Hardin Canal. These improvements are the responsibility of the City of Bloomingdale.
6. Little Hurst Canal Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR21. A project to acquire rights of way and easements, and to acquire the required permits is underway. An alignment for the needed access road has been verbally approved by the Georgia Ports Authority (property owner).

7. Wilmington Park Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road. The permit from USACE was received 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 complete. Staff expects to begin acquisition of easements and rights of way in the near future.
8. Kings Way Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and enlarge culverts from Kings Way Court to the Truman Parkway. Design work and acquisition of easements are proceeding.
9. Romney Place Drainage Phase 2 Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Final design drawings are complete. Permitting has been completed and acquisition of rights of way and easements is underway. The project will connect to the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvement Project which will include improvements to the roadside ditch.
10. Village Green Canal, Phase 2 A project to improve the outfall. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. Staff is soliciting engineering proposals for design of Phase 2 improvements.
11. Port Industrial Park Increase the capacity of the crossing under State Route 307 and improve the channel downstream to Pipemakers Canal. Design of the project to improve the canal downstream from SR307 to Pipemakers Canal is complete. Staff is working with Garden City staff and the property owner to coordinate plans for future development with the needs of the drainage improvement project.
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. The permit from the USACE has been obtained.
13. Redgate/Rahn Dairy A project to provide larger undercrossings at several roads, canal widening and provisions for maintenance access. This project will reduce storm water flows in the Louis Mills system as well as improve the drainage in the Rahn Dairy canal. Preliminary design is complete and the permit from the USACE has been obtained. Acquisition of easements is underway.
14. Diggs Avenue Drainage (part of Louis Mills) This drainage improvement project involves improving drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. Notice to proceed with construction was issued to the contractor on June 9, 2006. Construction is approximately 95 percent complete.

15. Ogeechee Farms Phase 2 Improve road crossings at various locations. The permit from the USACE has been received. Mitigation requirements have been met. A fee proposal from the Consultant for design of drainage improvements in additional areas identified by Public Works has been requested.
16. Fawcett Canal Phase 2 Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Acquisition of the remaining easements is underway.
17. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. Agreements have been reached with the property owner. The permit from USACE has been received and required easements have been acquired. Staff will prepare the bidding documents necessary to solicit proposals for construction.
18. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The County's consultant has been directed to proceed with the design work based upon selection of most effective solution.
19. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction is approximately 50 percent complete and has been inspected. An opinion from the design engineer regarding acceptance of the completed work is pending. Construction of the second half of the project is expected to begin by October.
20. Golden Isles Subdivision Phase 2 Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Approval by Health Department to proceed with the project has been obtained. Right of way acquisition is complete. Options to provide access for maintenance of the outfall are being evaluated. Staff is negotiating a fee proposal with the consultant to provide surveying services.
21. Georgetown Canal Upgrading roadway undercrossings to improve drainage capacity at St. Ives Way. Construction work was completed in February 2006. Minor cleanup and an inspection report for the sanitary sewer work remains to be completed.
22. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. Design work is completed and

necessary easements for construction work have been obtained. The permit application to the USACE was made in September 2006.

- 23. Henderson Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
 - a. 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 is soliciting engineering proposals for design and permitting services.
 - b. Little Neck Crossing: Replacement of the undersized culvert. Proposals for professional services to include final design and permitting are being evaluated to select a consultant for Board approval.
 - c. Henderson Canal: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. No target construction date. A consultant has been selected for negotiation of a final design scope of work and cost, which staff will present to the Board for approval.

- 24. Walthour Canal at Off Shore A project to improve the undersized culverts under the entrance road to the Off Shore Subdivision. Final construction documents have been received. Efforts continue to secure the necessary permits for the project.

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).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2006

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 additional funds allocated to Parks and Recreation for FY 07. 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 the Board with data on RAP
2. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:
 - In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms
 - Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park
 - Hired nine Maintenance Workers
 - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
 - Purchased three new vehicles
 - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
 - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
3. With remaining funds allocated for FY 07, staff established a priority project list and anticipate proceeding with the following:
 - Pre-bid for replacing the pavilion roof at Lake Mayer was held on 9/28/06 with bid opening on 10/12/06.
 - Pre-bid for repairs/replacement of the tennis courts at L. Scott Stell is scheduled for 10/4/06 with the bid opening on 10/18/06.
4. Projects identified on previous RAP reports that are still unfunded:
 - Back stop fencing and dugouts replacement at L. Scott Stell
 - Resurfacing of tennis courts L. Scott Stell
5. Staff was successful in securing a Board of Education facility for the upcoming basketball season.
6. Staff is working with the Sports Panel to establish an outline to present to the Board that identifies recreational shortfalls and duplication of services with other governmental jurisdictions.

FOR BOARD INFORMATION ONLY**Various Districts**

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Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to ask a question under Information Items. The Compensation Study, what is that?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, the — you might recall that the Board, based on the recommendation of Commissioner Odell, authorized us to proceed with seeking requests for proposals for — to take a look at the County’s Compensation and Classification Plan to see if any market adjustments are necessary to bring the County to the same level as other area governments.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2006

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION