

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 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 9:20 a.m., Friday, March 10, 2006.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Patrick Farrell introduced Father Patrick O'Brien, who 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
- Helen L. Stone, District One
- James J. Holmes, District Two
- Patrick Shay, District Three
- Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
- Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
- David M. Gellatly, District Six

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

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. ST. PATRICK'S DAY GRAND MARSHAL (CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS).

Chairman Liakakis said, we are honored this morning to have a group from one of the great organizations in our community that have done great things over the years from the — helping the founding of our colony and moving on on many civic, many governmental and many successes of our community have been because of the Irish Catholics who have come into our community and works with other faiths and all to see that we grow. And what I'd like to do right now is present to our Chatham County, to the people that are in our audience today and to the Chatham County citizens, the Honorable Tony Ryan. Tony [Ryan], would you come forth to the microphone. And just for a little bit, I think a number of people already know something about the history: Tony Ryan's family, his father was a great Chief of Police. He served the citizens for many years as a police officer and then attained the rank as Chief of Police and did a great job and retired from the Police Department. He was also a Grand Marshal of the parade, just as Tony's brother and his uncle was also a Grand Marshal. We do appreciate, you know, the St. Patrick's Day Parade for all the things that they have done. You've helped boost the economy and a lot of people don't really realize this. People have come over the years to this parade. They have loved Savannah, they have moved here, a number of people, and a lot of them have opened business in our community. So a lot of things have occurred, you know, over the years and I'd like for Tony if you will introduce right now your staff and we have a couple of presentations.

Grand Marshal Tony Ryan said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, we've got our Chaplain, my Chaplain, Father Patrick O'Brien, who did the invocation. We've got Parade Chairman, Mr. Jay Burke, we've got my aides. I've got two sons, Kevin and his brother Reid; I've got two brothers, Michael and Richard; and I've got two close friends, Walter Corish and Nick Burke. Also with us is Tommy Mahoney, who's our attorney, Frank Baker, Vice Chairman John Forbes, members of the Executive Committee; I've got Mike Brady, who is in charge of the bands. We've got 45 bands so far coming into the parade. I've got a member of the committee and a former past Grand Chairman —, Marshal and Chairman, Jimmy Burke. If I've forgotten anybody, I'm sorry. We appreciate the opportunity to come here and welcome you to join us and thanks for having us this coming Friday for a great parade.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any other members of the committee who would like to speak, any aides or anyone? Do you have a few words? Jay Burke.

Mr. Jay Burke said, thank y'all for seeing us this morning. I would like to extend a special invitation to y'all. We do have a special reviewing stage set up at the end of the parade, and we're going to welcome back the 3rd ID in the parade and we'd be honored if y'all sat up there during that time and help us welcome back the soldiers to the community. That would be great. Thank you. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Jay.

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do right now is do a proclamation. Mr. Ryan said, we understood there was going to be some entertainment. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, yeah. Well, we'll get to that. You know what, we were supposed to have Irish dancers here today, but unfortunately it's the final exam or midterm examination, so they were unable to come from St. Vincent's today. So we'll look into this in a few moments. Mr. Ryan asked, you aren't going to sing, are you, Pete [Liakakis]? Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Tony [Ryan].

Chairman Liakakis read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have among its citizenry many fine sons and daughters of Ireland and among them is the 2006 Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Anthony T. "Tony" Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Tony Ryan has been a member of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Committee since 1971. He served on the executive committee for ten years and as secretary of the committee from 1979 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, the legend of the Ryans continue as he joins his father, Leo Ryan; his brother, Michael Ryan; and uncle, Vestus Ryan, as serving as grand marshal; and

WHEREAS, the same fine sons and daughters of Ireland and their illustrious ancestry have given to Chatham County their labor, their love, and their dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Friday, March 10, 2006 as:

GRAND MARSHAL ANTHONY T. "TONY" RYAN DAY

in Chatham County and salute him for having this prestigious title bestowed upon him and feel assured that Irish eyes will be smiling as he leads the 182nd St. Patrick's Day Parade.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of March 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Grand Marshal Ryan said, thank you very much. Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome. And, Tony, a little Irish flag, a special emerald Irish flag for you. Grand Marshal Ryan said, thank you, sir. Thank you again.

Chairman Liakakis said, and stand by just a minute. I don't know whether we can call this entertainment or not, but here we go. Chairman Liakakis sang, "Oh, his name is Tony Ryan, he's the leader of the

band, although they're few in number, they're the greatest in the land." The Commissioner, County Manager, County Attorney and County Clerk joined in and, blowing their windpipes, sang: "Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah. Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah. Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah. Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah." [Phonetic.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay, that's it.

Commissioner Shay said, oh, Mr. Chairman. Where you lead we will follow.

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MONTH OF MARCH AS "PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. PRESENT TO ACCEPT: PAT MOONEY, PRESIDENT OF THE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION OF SAVANNAH.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices; and

WHEREAS, social workers connect individuals, families, and communities to available resources; and

WHEREAS social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live; and are positive and compassionate professionals; and

WHEREAS social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS social workers help people help themselves, whenever and wherever they need it most.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do here proclaim the month of March 2006 as:

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in recognition of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through legislative advocacy, service

delivery, research, and education and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers Southeast Georgia Unit and the Clinical Social Work Association - Savannah in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of March 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Mr. Pat Mooney said, thank you so much for this proclamation. We look forward to continuing to serve for another year until next Social Work Month, when we'll come back again if the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, and thank you for your support for some of the programs that we are on the front lines for in terms of the delivering services to the people of Chatham County.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Pat [Mooney]. On behalf of the Chatham County Commission, we thank you and the other social workers in our community because you have made a big difference in many people's lives for over the years. Mr. Mooney said, thank you.

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3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MONTH OF MARCH AS "PURCHASING MONTH" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. PRESENT TO ACCEPT: MARGARET S. DISHER, CPPB, PRESIDENT OF THE COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF N.I.G.P. (CHATHAM COUNTY); ANN TRAMMEL, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF N.I.G.P. (CITY OF SAVANNAH); KATHLEEN SCOTT, SECRETARY OF THE COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF N.I.G.P. (CHATHAM COUNTY); JOAN CARTER, TREASURER OF THE COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF N.I.G.P. (SAVANNAH-CHATHAM BD. OF EDUCATION); AND VERONICA EARLE, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR OF THE COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF N.I.G.P. (SAVANNAH-CHATHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION). ALSO ATTENDING, SPECIAL GUEST DEBBIE GREENE, CPPO, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER (N.I.G.P.) AND

REGION 5 CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE (DEBBIE IS THE PURCHASING AGENT FOR GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA).

Chairman Liakakis said, if you would all come forward. And Commissioner Holmes will read the proclamation.

Commissioner Holmes read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the purchasing, contracts and materials management profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, public purchasing, contracting and materials management professionals, through their combined purchasing power, spend trillions of dollars in goods and services every year and so have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the public purchasing, contracting and materials management profession engages in or has direct responsibility in executing, implementing, and administering contracts; developing forecasts and procurement strategies; supervising and/or monitoring the flow and storage of materials; and in developing working relationships with suppliers as well as other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Division has contributed significantly to the needs of the County by providing customer services in a professional, ethical, open, and honest manner to ensure that the procurement of all goods and services are the best value for the taxpayers of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, it's Coastal Georgia Chapter, Savannah and other professional purchasing associations throughout the United States and the world engage in special efforts, during the month of March, to promote public awareness of the vital role of purchasing within business, industry, and government.

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

PURCHASING MONTH

in Chatham County and encourage the appropriate recognition thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this 10th day of March 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Ms. Margaret Disher said, good morning. It is always an honor as a County employee to represent our agency as President on the local Board of Directors of the Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP. We have had a very exciting —, oh. On behalf of the Coastal Georgia Chapter, we thank Commissioner Holmes, Chairman Liakakis and the Board for presenting us again with this prestigious document. We have had a very exciting month as Purchasing Month. Yesterday we conducted our first quarterly meeting under the direction of a new board and we had present a representative from the national and regional levels to conduct the installation of officers ceremony, Ms. Greene. Ms. Greene extended her stay in Savannah so that she could be here this morning representing the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. Last week we were also acknowledged with the other two chapters of Georgia at the State Capitol with a similar proclamation from Governor Sonny Perdue. Prior to introducing you to your County staff members, I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of all Chatham County for the support and promotion that you give toward education, training and certification at each of the department levels. Now I would like to introduce you to our executive board and Ms. Debbie Greene from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. Ms. Greene is the Purchasing Agent for Gwinnett County, Georgia. This is Joan Carter. Joan Carter is with the Savannah-Chatham Board of Education, and next to her is Veronica Earle, and she is also with the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education. Ms. Scott, one of our colleagues, is also a executive board member, but she's had a death in the family so she was unable to be here today.

Ms. Disher said, now I would like to introduce you to your Purchasing and Contracting staff, who, through their dedication and service, assures that the taxpayers of Chatham County receives the best value for their tax dollars. The first is Mr. William Parson. He is your Purchasing Agent. Next to Mr. Parson is Syrina Mitchell. She is your Fixed Assets Manager. Next to Ms. Mitchell, is Alton Peterson. Alton Peterson is a Buyer II. Next to Alton is Leslie Prouty. She's your Lead Buyer, and next to Ms. Prouty is Mr. Robert Marshall. He's your Contract Administrator, and again I am Margaret Disher, your Senior Contractor Administrator. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We do appreciate you and, Ms. Greene, we thank you very much for coming to Chatham County to help in the presentations and all, and we do thank all of our people in the Purchasing Department. We've got one of the best there is and they do a great job. In fact, the procedures they put into place, we save a lot of taxpayers' money because of their diligence and hard work, and we do appreciate that. On behalf of the Chatham County Commission, we thank you very much to all of you.

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4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 18, 2006, AS “MASTER GARDENER APPRECIATION DAY” IN CHATHAM COUNTY. PRESENT TO ACCEPT: GAYLEN YOUNG, PRESIDENT OF THE COASTAL MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Farrell will do the proclamation. Ms. Gaylen Young said, my Commissioner.

Commissioner Farrell said, welcome. Good to see you, Ms. Young. It is my great honor this morning to present this proclamation to Ms. Galen Young, and it reads as follows. Before I can start reading, I have to pull out my glasses.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener Program is a national volunteer horticultural educational training program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and counties of the cooperating states; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener Program, sponsored by the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and implemented through the County Extension Offices, provides avid gardeners with intensive education in research-based horticultural principles and pest control practices; and

WHEREAS, new Master Gardeners must provide at least 50 hours of community volunteer service through their County Extension Offices, working on community and school beautification projects, conducting garden clinics, and answering questions; and

WHEREAS, 195 Chatham County Master Gardeners in 2005 volunteered 5,363 hours representing \$27,620 in labor, traveled 27,465 miles, answered 1,387 telephone calls, provided technical information/service to 9,032 citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of volunteerism, Master Gardeners have provided and continue to provide valuable services to Georgia communities through education and training programs; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Master Gardener Association, which represents Master Gardeners in Chatham, Bryan, Bulloch, Liberty, Long and Effingham Counties, coordinates many of the projects in these counties to foster civic pride in their surroundings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, March 18, 2006 as:

MASTER GARDENER APPRECIATION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of March 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Ms. Young said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to introduce members of my executive committee that are here today: Louise Katty Smith and Jay Voelker, who have come down to help celebrate this moment with you all, and I also would like to recognize Jackie Ogden, who is the Coordinator of the Chatham County Extension Service and Dave Linvill, who has been our teacher and our mentor during this educational and volunteer process — and don't laugh, Dave — and thank you very much on behalf of the more than 400 Master Gardeners in the area for recognizing their work to unify the community.

Chairman Liakakis said, we thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission for all the great work that the Master Gardeners have done because we can see the results of their work over the years, how they have helped make this area very beautiful. And, again, thank you very much for that, and, of course, you know, we've got Jackie Ogden back there who works with us at the Bamboo area and helps our County in many things, and she's a great employee and, again, good luck to all of you. Ms. Young said, thank you very much.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. \$7,500 USO WELCOME RETURNING TROOPS.

Commissioner Holmes said, we have a USO representative, Ray Gaster, who will make a presentation for us.

Mr. Ray Gaster said, I understand that we have a real tight schedule for y'all getting ready to go to a dedication up the street, so I'm going to a [inaudible] type thing real quick on behalf of the USO. First of all, I want to thank the Commission. In October of 2003 we had a welcome home and y'all donated \$10,000 to our 70-some thousand dollar budget that we had on River Street to welcome home. This is another welcome home that started in October and they were still in Iraq. General Webster and his staff got in touch with us and other people in the community and we're doing a welcome home for the 3rd ID. There's a little handout there. It's going to be on the 25th. Our budget is less than half, about \$30,000, and we do need the money to put on a first-class show. Basically, what the USO is starting — the

entertainment is free, you know, as far as the entertainers. We have Jeff Foxworthy, Chely Wright and Sean Valentine who's going to MC and he's a top-rated DJ in LA, and we're basically picking up the production costs. I'm just going to state just a few things. We all know what the 3rd ID did over there this last time. On the 16th, we're going to have a tree dedication down there and we're going to be approaching KIA's. So these people deserve it. The next thing, the economic impact. We have over a billion dollars in payroll and about a two billion dollar economic impact in this part of Georgia. The last thing, everybody's familiar with the BRAC. Y'all participated. I was one of the members of the Chamber BRAC Group. The thing, I think, that saves facilities like this is community support and involvement. To a person, when I run into a green-suiter — I'm talking about the olive-drab green-suiters, not the bright St. Patrick's Day guys —, but when I run into them, they all say they've never been stationed a place such as Savannah and Hinesville to where they get the support of the community. So on behalf of continuing our community support, I put this request to the Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, Ray [Gaster] —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion —. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Stone said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second. Discussion? I'd like to thank you Ray [Gaster] as a leader with the USO for your hard work and volunteerism over the years to show the appreciation to our military in our area and, of course, the hard work that has been done by you and the committee to keep our two military bases here, which means a lot to us, you know, not only having friends and family, but also the economic value of it, like you mentioned, two billion dollars. And this thing, too, we really need to recognize and let these Army 3rd ID people know that we really care about them because of number of them fighting for our freedom where we are here today, they have lost their lives. So, again, thank you on behalf of the Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, will everybody go on the board please. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Thank you. Go ahead, Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, I would also like to personally and publicly thank Mr. Gaster for all he's done to the military families in this greater community we call Savannah and thank you for all the good works that you've participated in that probably a lot of people don't know about, but I just want to let everybody know that you're doing a great job and that we very much appreciate all the things you do for our community.

Mr. Gaster said, I want to thank you for approving this and, of course, I appreciate your kind remarks, but it's our volunteer we need to thank.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to contribute \$7,500 for the celebration by the USO welcoming home the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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RECESS/RECONVENE MEETING

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor. What's going to occur right now, we're going over a few blocks from here to the Telfair Art Academy for the new dedication. We have our Legislators from around the State that are coming for this. They have invited us there. We'll be adjourning for approximately 30 or 40 minutes at the most. We have transportation in front. We want to hurry down there folks to get in the bus to be transported. I'd like a motion on the floor —.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second to adjourn for this Telfair —. County Manager Abolt said, recess, recess, recess. Chairman Liakakis said, excuse me, recess. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. The meeting was recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to reconvene the meeting. Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Commissioner Shay said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present when this vote was taken.]

The meeting was reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS (Continued)

2. SCHEDULING CIP WORKSHOPS THE WEEK OF THE 20TH OF MARCH.

[NOTE: This item was heard immediately following the meeting of the Chatham Area Transit Authority.]

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to hear from the Commission for that particular week. We want to have two days of workshops in that week, which is next week. Do we have any preferences of dates from the Commission? Commissioner Stone said, he will be the week after —. County Manager Abolt said, week after next, sir. Commissioner Stone said, week after next. Chairman Liakakis said, we've got the next one.

County Manager Abolt said, so you're reminded, this is to familiarize yourself with CIP and of course it's critical to SPLOST, so we'd like to — we think two days, two afternoons, possibly three, but for planning purposes it would be convenient for you to set aside two afternoons during the week of the 20th. It would be here in the Commission Chambers. It would be purely workshop, but I think it's important the critical time schedule we're on right now.

Commissioner Odell asked, how much time do you anticipate? County Manager Abolt said, sir, an hour and a half. That's a guess, sir. We will respond to your time schedule. I just need a couple of dates. Commissioner Odell said, the 21st I'm out of town on that date.

Chairman Liakakis asked, the 24th you're out of town? Commissioner Odell said, the 21st. Chairman Liakakis said, the 21st. Commissioner Odell said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. How about the 22nd and 23rd? How does that sound to the Commissioners? Patrick, you've got a pretty heavy schedule, Patrick Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, yeah, I have a pre-bid conference at two o'clock on the 21st, but I am generally good. So schedule around, that will only take me 15 or 20 minutes. Commissioner Thomas said, we're talking about the 22nd and the 23rd. We're talking about the 22nd and the 23rd. County Manager Abolt said, we're not talking about the 21st. Commissioner Shay said, you know, if we can start them maybe at three so that it doesn't take the middle out of the day, I would appreciate that. Commissioner Odell said, oh, God, yes.

Chairman Liakakis asked, three o'clock on the —. County Manager Abolt said, Wednesday, the 22nd, and Thursday the 23rd. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Is everybody in agreement with that then? County Manager Abolt said, for the purpose of public meetings, sir, you have to entertain a motion. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, entertain a motion —. County Manager Abolt said, these are workshops. These are workshops. Chairman Liakakis said, — for the CIP Workshops the 22nd and 23rd at 3:00 p.m., in the afternoon. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Odell said, I'll second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The Clerk said, I'm sorry, I did not hear who made the motion. Commissioner Odell said, I think Stone did, didn't see. Commissioner Thomas said, I second it. The Clerk said, thank you. The motion carried the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the Board schedule CIP Workshops for Wednesday, March 22, 2006, and Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. Commissioners Odell and Thomas 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

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Upon motion made by Commissioner Shay, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:58 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Commissioner Odell moved to reconvene the meeting of the County Commission. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and the meeting was reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).</p>

1. **REVISION TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE BOOK, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CIVIL DEFENSE). AT MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2006, ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006. AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006, ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL MARCH 24, 2006, MEETING.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board.

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- * 2. **REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2006. PETITIONER: COBY GARRETT BROOKS, D/B/A HOOTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC., LOCATED AT 4 GATEWAY BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 7.] AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006, ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED. COMPLETE INFORMATION PROVIDED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board.

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- * 3. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2006. PETITIONER: RAYMUNDO L. JAIME, D/B/A EL POTRO MEXICAN RESTAURANT #14, LOCATED AT 1 FORT ARGYLE ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.] AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006, ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED. COMPLETE INFORMATION PROVIDED.**

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board.

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Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman. I need to state —, maybe it was an oversight — on the Tabled Items, I think it's only fair to state that under #2, one was in total compliance and I don't want to hold them up, and that's El Potro, who was in total compliance of the issue that I was concerned about. And so, we want to take that off the table and vote on that one. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, you're talking about where we did both of those items for the other license. Commissioner Stone said, yes, we did both, but one of them is in compliance and I don't want to hold them up. Commissioner Shay said, make a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Stone said, I make a motion then to take #2 on the — El Potro's off the table. County Manager Abolt said, #3. Chairman Liakakis said, no, no, Item 3. County Manager Abolt said, VII-3. Commissioner Stone said, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, #3.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, you make a motion now to —, Item 3 under tabled items to put that back. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, now the motion — we need to approve that license.

Commissioner Farrell said, I make the motion. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Odell said, I'll second, but just for comment. This was approved by the County? The County had no questions about this? Chairman Liakakis said, no, we —. County Manager Abolt said, the issue was the weakness of the form. Commissioner Odell said, and we got all of those issues resolved? County Manager Abolt said, I misunderstood the comments from Commissioner Stone. I thought she wanted to make sure we had every blank filled in. There are [inaudible] El Potro's there's some that aren't filled in. There's no violation, but the form designates after they read the statement to acknowledge that they've read the statement and usually write "yes," which they have not done.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, the motion has been made to approve this and there's not the same situation that we have with the other.

Commissioner Stone said, El Potro's —, the issue that I was concerned about, they have checked the correct boxes. Chairman Liakakis said, correct. Commissioner Stone said, and they have —, they haven't been charged with a felony. I think that in light of the crime in this community, we need to be

vigilant about these forms and how they're filled out and if these people have prior records. That's all.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes on Item 3 under Tabled Items.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Stone moved to take this item from the table for consideration by the Commissioners. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the petition Raymundo L. Jaime, d/b/a El Potro Mexican Restaurant #14, located at 1 Fort Argyle Road, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2006. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) AN APPROPRIATION OF CONFISCATED FUNDS FOR THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) OF \$675, (2) A TRANSFER OF \$3,060 WITHIN THE PROBATE COURT BUDGET TO FUND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS, (3) TRANSFERS TOTALING \$208,850 FROM FUEL CONTINGENCY TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS FOR FUEL USAGE: BOARD OF ELECTIONS \$150, ICS \$300, TAX COMMISSIONER \$2,500, TAX ASSESSOR \$2,800, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE \$7,000, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES \$3,300, DISTRICT ATTORNEY \$1,800, SHERIFF \$60,000, DETENTION CENTER \$23,000, MOSQUITO CONTROL \$6,000, RECREATION \$15,000, TRANSFER OUT TO SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT \$87,000, (4) AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER IN OF \$87,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND INCREASE THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR FUEL USAGE: COUNTY ENGINEER \$1,000, PUBLIC WORKS \$86,000, (5) A TRANSFER OF \$2,000 WITHIN THE FLEET OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR OVERTIME, AND (6) A TRANSFER OF \$262,968 FROM THE COLA CONTINGENCY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (\$105,438) AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS/PUBLIC SAFETY (\$157,530) FOR OVERTIME/FUEL.**

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve the following: (1) an appropriation of Confiscated Funds for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of \$675, (2) a transfer of \$3,060 within the Probate Court budget to fund position reclassifications, (3) transfers totaling \$208,850 from fuel contingency to the following departments for fuel usage: Board of Elections \$150, ICS \$300, Tax Commissioner \$2,500, Tax Assessor \$2,800, Facilities Maintenance \$7,000, Administrative Services \$3,300, District Attorney \$1,800, Sheriff \$60,000, Detention Center \$23,000, Mosquito Control \$6,000, Recreation \$15,000, Transfer out to Special Service District \$87,000, (4) an amendment to the Special Service District Fund to recognize the transfer in of \$87,000 from the General Fund and increase the following department budgets for fuel usage: County Engineer \$1,000, Public Works \$86,000, (5) a transfer of \$2,000 within the Fleet Operations budget for overtime, and (6) a transfer of \$262,968 from the COLA Contingency to the Sheriff's Department (\$105,438) and Special Appropriations/Public Safety (\$157,530) for overtime/fuel. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: March 10, 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) an appropriation of Confiscated Funds for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of \$675, (2) a transfer of \$3,060 within the Probate Court budget to fund position reclassifications, (3) transfers totaling \$208,850 from fuel contingency to the following departments for fuel usage: Board of Elections \$150, ICS \$300, Tax Commissioner \$2,500, Tax Assessor \$2,800, Facilities Maintenance \$7,000, Administrative Services \$3,300, District Attorney \$1,800, Sheriff \$60,000, Detention Center \$23,000, Mosquito Control \$6,000, Recreation \$15,000, Transfer out to Special Service District \$87,000, (4) an amendment to the Special Service District Fund to recognize the transfer in of \$87,000 from the General Fund and increase the following department budgets for fuel usage: County Engineer \$1,000, Public Works \$86,000, (5) a transfer of \$2,000 within the Fleet Operations budget for overtime, and (6) a transfer of \$262,968 from the COLA Contingency to the Sheriff's Department (\$105,438) and Special Appropriations/Public Safety (\$157,530) for overtime/fuel.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The Board of Commissioners approved an appropriation of Confiscated Funds for the MPD for surveillance equipment at their meeting held August 12, 2005. The amount requested was \$35,000. The final pieces of equipment are being ordered. The cost exceeds the original estimate. A transfer of \$675 from the Police Contingency in the Confiscated Funds Special Revenue Fund is requested. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 2) The Probate Court Judge has requested reclassification of two positions. Funds are available in the adopted FY2006 budget. A transfer of \$3,060 within the Probate Court budget is necessary. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 3) The FY2006 budget includes a restricted contingency of \$391,770 for increases in fuel prices. Board approval is requested for transfers totaling \$208,850 from fuel contingency to the following departments for fuel usage: Board of Elections \$150, ICS \$300, Tax Commissioner \$2,500, Tax Assessor \$2,800, Facilities Maintenance \$7,000, Administrative Services \$3,300, District Attorney \$1,800, Sheriff \$60,000, Detention Center \$23,000, Mosquito Control \$6,000, Recreation \$15,000, and Transfer out to Special Service District \$87,000. The suggested transfer amounts are based on a mid-year analysis of budget-to-actual fuel usage.
- 4) The recommended transfers require an amendment to the Special Service District Fund to recognize the transfer in of \$87,000 from the General Fund and increase the following department budgets for fuel usage: County Engineer \$1,000, Public Works \$86,000. The suggested transfer amounts are based on a mid-year analysis of budget-to-actual fuel usage.
- 5) The Fleet Operations Manager has requested a transfer of \$2,000 within the department's budget for overtime. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 6) The Sheriff's Department budget requires additional funding for overtime and fuel. A transfer of \$262,968 from the COLA Contingency to the Sheriff's Department (\$105,438) and Special Appropriations/Public Safety (\$157,530) is requested. The \$157,530 represents the overtime/fuel for augmenting the Metropolitan Police Department patrol through the pay period ending March 10, 2006. Staff is exploring City reimbursement for services going forward. Copies of correspondence are attached.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Police Contingency in the Confiscated Funds Special Revenue Fund, in the Probate Court budget, in the Fleet Operations budget, and the Fuel Contingency and COLA Contingency in the General Fund M&O.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

CONFISCATED FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

an appropriation of \$675 to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for surveillance equipment.

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) a transfer of \$3,060 within the Probate Court budget to fund position reclassifications.
- b) transfers totaling \$208,850 from fuel contingency to the following departments for fuel usage: Board of Elections \$150, ICS \$300, Tax Commissioner \$2,500, Tax Assessor \$2,800, Facilities Maintenance \$7,000, Administrative Services \$3,300, District Attorney \$1,800, Sheriff \$60,000, Detention Center \$23,000, Mosquito Control \$6,000, Recreation \$15,000, Transfer out to Special Service District \$87,000.
- c) a transfer of \$2,000 within the Fleet Operations budget for overtime.
- d) a transfer of \$262,968 from the COLA Contingency to the Sheriff's Department (\$105,438) and Special Appropriations/Public Safety (\$157,530) for overtime .

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

an amendment to recognize the transfer in of \$87,000 from the General Fund and increase the following department budgets for fuel usage: County Engineer \$1,000, Public Works \$86,000.

- 2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES STATED AT THE GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 24, 2006.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, as promised after your workshop, staff did attempt to capture everything that was said of relevance to your goals and ranked them in the priority for which your votes were given. This will be a formal setting. If you wish either to modify or amend, you had that opportunity. If not, a motion to adopt the goals will carry us into budget process. I think it's understood, particularly as you go down the line, that though staff will try to do as much as we can, as the numbers become larger it will become more and more difficult if not impossible to do everything.

Chairman Liakakis said, and those goals and priorities were listed in your book that we went over which we had discussed earlier at the retreat. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, there's only one item that I'd like to just pull out for discussion under Public Works, and that's having some funds available locally for repaving streets in our area in addition to LARP that we're currently participating in. We've become very dependent on the State for repaving our roads, but there's so many miles of roads that could use some attention that we should in our budget process going forward give it some consideration that we look into a funding source and a priority to resurface in addition to the LARP some of the roads in the County.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I suggest that you [inaudible] what amounts to an eighth bullet under Number 7 and just put down [inaudible] a better definition, it's "Local LARP looking at funding options." That way I think we understand what Commissioner Farrell wants and you agree with that as a board.

Chairman Liakakis said, we just go ahead and add that to it. County Manager Abolt said, a simple motion. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. A motion on the floor to add the additional paving resources for the roads.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Shay said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

County Manager Abolt said, now you need a motion to adopt. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, I move to adopt the Commissioners goal setting session recommendations. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Farrell moved to add as an additional item to the goals and priorities of the Board set on February 24, 2006, an eighth bullet under "7. Public Works improvements" entitled "Local LARP – looking at funding options." Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Farrell moved to adopt the goals and priorities of the Board set on February 24, 2006, and as amended on March 10, 2006. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**AGENDA DATE: March 10, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: Board review and confirmation of the goals and priorities stated at the goal setting workshop on February 24, 2006.

BACKGROUND: On February 24, 2006 department heads and elected officials presented their top five goals to the Board at the Bamboo Farm meeting. On February 24, 2006, the Board met to discuss its goals. Commissioners were asked to select their top four goals. Points were tallied to produce the attached goal list.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On February 24, 2006 each commissioner stated his/her goals for the next fiscal period. Goals were summarized, and commissioners were asked to vote on their top four goals. Points were tallied to achieve the attached list of 20 goals.
2. Staff requests that the Board review the attached goal listing to verify priorities and ensure that all goals have been noted. The Board may wish to consider combining some of the listed goals or splitting summarized items out into separate goals. Direction should be provided to staff in this regard.
3. The County Manager will utilize the direction provided by the Board during the formulation of his budget proposal.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Effective goal setting provides strategic direction for the formulation of annual budgets and operational plans.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Upon review, confirm the goals and priorities as listed to use in the development of the fiscal 2007 budget proposal.
2. Provide staff with other direction through amendment of the goals and priorities listed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

Commissioner's Goal Setting Session
February 24, 2006

1. Expand Parks and Recreation Facilities, services and programs (13 points)
 - Westside Community Center
 - Use Recreation Authority for park facility financing needs
 - Support Tybee Beach re-nourishment initiative
 - Mother Matilda Beasley Park completion
 - Engage young people through structured programs for youth
 - Youth programs county-wide
 - Use SSD resources to expand Westside programs and provide field maintenance at Scott Stell Park
 - Use M&O resources to provide capital improvements and maintenance at Scott Stell Park
 - Improved facilities
 - Earmark sales proceeds from Pine Barren Road property sale for land for the Westside Community Center
2. No new taxes (13 points)
 - M&O
 - SSD
3. Streamline & improve the building permitting process / foster business-friendly environment (10 points)
4. Traffic improvements near mega-site at Pine Barren Road & Highway 80 – right turn lane (9 points)
5. Salary/Job classification study for all county employees (8 points)
6. Crime reductions initiatives/programs; meet CNT staffing and resource needs (7 points)
7. Public Works improvements (7 points)
 - Enhance appearance of public works vehicles
 - Adequately fund public works staffing needs
 - Improved drainage
 - Improved canal maintenance
 - Additional mowing cycles – pursue State reimbursement
 - Improve existing services / maintenance
 - Grass / landscaping needs around Truman Parkway - Henry and Anderson

- Local LARP- look at funding options in addition to State funds
8. Disaster Planning (5 points)
 - Records retention in judicial areas
 - Need for a weather survival facility
 9. New Arboreal Program in the SSD Fund (5 points)
 10. Health Care cost and benefit stabilization (4)
 - Stabilize the County's costs
 - Stabilize premiums for employees
 - Conclude benefit review
 11. Develop a master plan for parks and recreational facility and service needs (4)
Note: this item is also included in the first goal
 12. Develop alternatives to inmate incarceration / Establish programs to decrease recidivism (2)
 - Ankle monitoring
 - Training programs for offenders to reduce recidivism.
 13. Fair evaluations of property by the Tax Assessors office (2)
 14. Job incentive programs for county employees (2)
 15. Management engineering / systems engineering program
 16. Maintain or pursue additional funding for juvenile programs and facilities
 17. Long-term budget stabilization
 - Forecasting models
 - Healthy economic growth = digest growth
 18. Stabilize police operating costs in the SSD fund
 - Leave flat from FY 2006 to FY 2007
 19. Improved contract monitoring and contract management capabilities – staff needs
 20. Animal Control Issues/Facilities

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**3. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR COUNTY INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF MONTGOMERY CROSS ROAD AND LABERTA BOULEVARD.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe there's some individual in the audience that would like to speak. Ms. Roberts, if you would like to come up, and I did have the opportunity to ride down there in the dark and it is very dark at night, so —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I want to give credit to Commissioner Stone and saying whoever's out in the audience them having to beg and harass or whatever for something. Commissioner Stone's already gotten that job done for you. I believe we have approval from everybody, so —.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. We've discussed that earlier that, you know, not only Commissioner Stone but there have been other Commissioners going in that area and it needs these things to make it safer. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. I would —, I'm also familiar with that intersection and I would like to speak in favor that we install that street light.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We need a motion —. Commissioner Stone said, I make a motion to install the street light. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Do we have a second? Commissioner Farrell said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, a motion has been made and seconded. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate your attendance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now if you want to come talk, come on and talk. I just didn't want you to have to stand up and —.

Chairman Liakakis said, we understand the necessity and those kind of things. We do appreciate that. We appreciate our Commissioner Stone, you know, looking into that, as she always does, because it's important that we make our County as safe as we can for our citizens.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the Board approve the installation of streetlights at the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Laberta Boulevard. Commissioners Farrell and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**AGENDA DATE: March 10, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer**ISSUE:** To consider a request for County installation of streetlights at the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Laberta Boulevard.**BACKGROUND:** A request to install streetlighting at the intersection was made by a citizen.**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff conducted an investigation and concluded that streetlights at the subject intersection were not warranted in accordance with the criteria in the County Streetlight Ordinance. The Ordinance stipulates that "These criteria are to be used **as a minimum** or threshold authorization level."
2. For major street intersections, streetlights may be authorized by the County Commission in accordance with the Streetlight Ordinance when the following minimum criteria are met:
 - A. Both streets must be classified as collector streets or above; **and**
 - B. Traffic volumes on the major road must be greater than 10,000 ADT (Average Daily Traffic); while on the minor road volumes must be greater than 5,000 ADT; **and**
 - C. Two nighttime accidents occurred within a twelve month period that could have otherwise possibly been avoided had intersection visibility been provided; **or**
 - D. When an intersection exists not meeting the minimum volume or road classification as outlined in (A) and (B) above, but which has four nighttime accidents that could have been prevented; **or**
 - E. Geometrics of the intersection, man-made or natural obstacles, or vision impairments are present at the intersection and streetlighting of such problems is necessary to improve safety at the intersection.
3. To qualify for County installation, both warrants A & B must be met along with one of the last three. Warrants A and B are met.
4. The accident history for the intersection has been reviewed. There were no nighttime accidents at the intersection recorded by SCMPD from March 2003 to December 2005, so neither warrants C or D are met.
5. Warrant E is not met.

- 6. If the Board approves the request, staff will determine the amount of funding required by consulting with Savannah Electric and Power Company. Board approval of the funding source will then be requested.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the installation of the streetlights at the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Laberta Boulevard.
- 2. That the Board not approve the streetlight installation.

FUNDING: Funds are not needed at this time. If approved, the amount needed and the fund source will be presented to the Board for their approval at a future meeting.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must authorize the installation of streetlights.

RECOMMENDATION: For Board consideration

District 1

Prepared By: Vincent Grevemberg
Senior Engineer

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, following general procedure, Point 4 is going to take 15 minutes, whereas we have the Action Calendar, which will take about five minutes, and unless there is strong opposition what I would like to do, because there may be department heads here who have items on the Action Calendar, is to resolve the items on the Action Calendar because we can do that quicker and first, and then do the personnel which will allow the departments to go back and do whatever they do in their department. Commissioner Farrell said, I agree.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move to amend the agenda as stated. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, to move Item X. We have a motion on the floor and it's been seconded. Let's go on the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter move Item X up on the agenda. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

[NOTE: Item X was considered at this point on the agenda.]

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION (Continued)**4. VERBAL UPDATE BY EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE/BENEFITS CONSULTANT.
(15 MINUTES)**

Chairman Liakakis said, would you identify yourself please, sir, for the Clerk.

Mr. Michael Kaigler said, good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. Michael Kaigler, Director of Human Resources and Services. This morning we're going —, we're here to provide you with a brief update on the work of our Health Care Consultant. He's been working for us for a number of months and we thought it would be a good idea today to have him come before you to give you a brief verbal update. We also got some handouts that we've provided to you, and once he's finished with his presentation we'll be more than happy to entertain any questions that you may have. So I'm going to have Mr. Hamilton Henson, he's with Buck Consultants, he's also got Mr. Charles Atkins with him today, and he's going to be making his presentation and we'll answer any questions you may have.

Commissioner Odell said, Michael [Kaigler], just —, may I, Mr. Chairman, ask Michael [Kaigler] a question? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, in consideration of time, we have this excellent handout. He's not going to read this? Mr. Kaigler said, no, he's going to be brief. Commissioner Odell asked, he's not going to read us the handout? County Manager Abolt said, he understands —. Commissioner Odell said, he understands. County Manager Abolt said, — to get to the point right quick. Commissioner Odell said, I love that when you talk that way, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt said, it's a manly love. Commissioner Odell said, a manly love.

Mr. Hamilton Henson said, I understand. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, in the spirit of getting right to the point, jump to page two. Our real intent here is very briefly to tell you where we are and what we've accomplished so far and entertain any questions you have. I'll point out on page two the date of collection effort, we've been through the date of collection effort that we have here. I do want to reiterate that at this point that Blue Cross and Blue Shield, we understand, made you some promises that acquisition —. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can you be a little louder? Mr. Henson said, I'm sorry. With Blue Cross and Blue Shield, they have been responsive to us. Since our engagement in the project we have received information as requested from them during the process of our project thus far and don't expect any further problems in that area. We conducted under Precipitant Feedback, we have actually conducted a public's groups. They were conducted over a week's period of time with County employees and also with some of the Commissioners in preparation for a survey that has been distributed and actually this Wednesday was the last day for turning in of responses. We'll still received those and then process any that were postmarked as of the close of business on Wednesday. At this point we have 493 responses and I expect that to be in the 550 to 600 range, which will give you a good representative sample. Once those responses are tabulated, we'll prepare an initial report by the 17th, or I expect sooner, and have those — that initial response back to you which we'll tabulate on the folk's group and the survey responses from your participants. As far as the funding is concerned, I don't want to go through the detail here. If anybody has any questions about it, I think those are pretty self-explanatory. I have had a discussion with the Manager and he's asked me to sort of iterate a numerical discussion that I had with him on the telephone, and it was a discussion about what the concept was as far as the

funding promise that was made by Blue Cross and Blue Shield versus you think you bought and what they think they sold. My analogy to him on the telephone was really very simple. He [inaudible] simple numbers, because I'm not an Actuary. You thought you —, you had 10 when you thought you bought a — for the following year [inaudible] —, you came in at 10 and they thought they had done a good job, according to their records, because they were projecting that it would have been 12, and that split is where the differential lies. Is that a fair assessment, Mr. Manager?

Chairman Liakakis said, explain that so everybody understand that.

County Manager Abolt said, you have been — and I don't want to use the term bombarded —, but you certainly have been told this plan saves money, but it was always saving money in the future supposedly. When the previous County Commission embraced Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the sales representative told them he could save money, but then the County Commission said we'll take those savings and we'll balance the budget. So the assumption was this: \$10,000,000 in one year will save us \$2,000,000. They assumed they would have \$8,000,000 in expenditure next year when the Blue Cross and Blue Shield people were saying, no, it's going to cost you \$12,000,000, but we're going to save you \$2,000,000. So, it was a —, I don't want to say it was a shell game, but it was spending futures that really were never realized. So, pure and simple, what the sales people represented was never delivered and the County Commission didn't see —, when they made a decision to balance the budget on these savings and the savings never materialized.

Commissioner Odell asked, can we have the minutes from that attached to those statements, and my concern is that

often folk when confronted with logic will deny. There was no way an Actuary, in Heaven or Hell, that we could have saved \$2,000,000 with the numbers. It was just an impossibility. I think I made that clear. Only having been a Director of Personnel for a \$50,000,000 organization at one time, and having some experience with that, but the Board voted against it and budgeted \$2,000,000 in savings off of \$10,000,000. Not off of \$12,000,000, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. That was —, those are the significance of the numbers. The policy was sold based on savings that the then-seated Board interpreted they would realize immediately, and where everybody gets lost in this, and I'm certainly not one to exclude myself from that, they the salesmen kept saying our numbers show you're going to save money. And it's future growth. Also what happened that year, as you all remember who were on the Board, when it was obvious that —, I don't want to say the Board was sold a bill of goods —, but what they thought they bought, they didn't receive. We had to freeze positions and for six months the M&O particularly had to freeze positions to make up over one and a half million dollars so that the books would balance at the end of the year.

Chairman Liakakis said, so what you're saying is basically is that we had no savings and we want everybody to fully understand that —. County Manager Abolt said, no savings for real. Chairman Liakakis said, there's no one and a half million dollars, there's no two million dollars savings right here. We know that Blue Cross and Blue Shield is a very good company, but the selling point was that we were going to save money. Correct? County Manager Abolt said, that's correct. Chairman Liakakis said, and we were not saving money. So, we need to look at that when — as we go from here because

we want to give good benefits to our employees, but certainly we want to save the taxpayers money, too, when we do this. County Manager Abolt said, I think it also will be helpful as you prepare yourself for obviously potential controversy on this as a consultant comes forward and we look at options of different carriers to always hold the feet to the fire of anybody that comes before you and talks about savings.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, and I'm not certain when you say savings if it was not, if you look at the growth of our health care, it was not realistic to say you're going to be at \$12,000,000, if that was not a realistic —. County Manager Abolt said, we never were there. Commissioner Odell said, right. You're going to be in a year \$12,000,000. I think what we did was we, as a Commission, wanted to believe in the impossible and, yes, Dorothy, you're not in Kansas anymore, and we assumed figures which no person of any reasonable responsibility would have been assumed if they were correct. But that's not where we are now. What I'd like to see us do, I'd like to see us do is not just look at going with different companies — I think we need to do that —, but also look at adjusting the benefit structure, that is how much we pay to solve some of the financial deficit, and that would be my only comment to the consultant. I was upset last time when we shifted because we shifted a health care program without consulting the employees, without consulting the Human Resources Department, we just didn't move —, we're going to save \$2,000,000 and we did not save \$2,000,000, when we had an excellent program which we could have modified, and most employees would have agreed to pay more towards their deductible, thus increasing or reducing the deficit as planned. But it's good to have a consultant on this, because there are going to be a lot of people upset.

County Manager Abolt said, the consultant is —, and I apologize, sir —, the consultant is kind of modest on what he said a few moments ago. Staff operating on its own had a great deal of difficulty in getting information from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The consultant brought many things to us, one of which he not only knew how to ask the right questions, but knew how to get the information.

Commissioner Odell said, I want that to be a consideration in the bidding process. If we need to verify information and you want give us data to verify information, that needs to be a factor in whether or not we do business with you. Commissioner Thomas said, exactly. Commissioner Odell said, because you're going to come in and tell us, no, you're going to save \$2,000,000, but you didn't save \$2,000,000 but we told you you were, it's your rate of growth, and it looks like a showman, and I'm not saying that it was, but if they're not going to provide information I'm strongly concerned that if we are the people who pay that \$10,000,000, they are the employees. It is their obligation to give us the information and not give us a runaround. And that needs to be a factor in how a company is evaluated. You can't do business —, we're not all stupid.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, just for clarification. This savings was to be realized in the 04-05 budget? County Manager Abolt said, that was —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, that was like first smack, right in the face when we walked in the office, 2000-2001. We opened to the door to a \$13,000,000 deficit and prayed to God that the \$2,000,000 was there those of us who did vote for it at that time. Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to know what budget this was supposed to be able to take —.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, all right. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, all this information is very important and always looking backwards to your history prepares you for a better future. My biggest concern is in today's market you [inaudible] those terms, you have the cost of services, the services that the employees use, and going forward it would be a great interest to me to know or have a reasonable assurance is that if we stay with this firm or go with another firm that they are a quantifiable ways to evaluate that the cost of services are going to be at one price or another, and there's always the unknown factor of how sick are we going to be going forward for the next 12 months, how many hospital visits, how many —, I mean, these things — I don't think anybody can predict to any great certainty how much actual use is going to be there. So it gets down to, you know, for each particular use whether it's pharmaceutical or a doctor's visit or whatever, are we getting the best prices for those services at the lowest cost, and that would be a particular interest to me when I look at — going forward, you know, we're looking at making a change or staying with the same firm or whatever, some verifiable, quantifiable data to help me in making that decision.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And we understand now, Mr. County Manager, the request that has been made by a Commissioner that wants those minutes, and please underline those areas right there so that, you know, it might be a little voluminous, but underline those particular areas where that particular subject about, you know, the savings and all of that. County Manager Abolt said, Ms. Tillman and I will do that.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm sorry. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I had my hand up and I just want to say that I want to reaffirm what Commissioner Odell has said because that has been one of my primary concerns. I, for one, and I'm only speaking for me, and the fact that I was very satisfied prior to our going to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and I, for one, had several problems in the past and at some point now I still have some problems. For instance, with the medication portion of it. There are some medications that I used to be able to get, maybe paying a portion, you know, a portion of it and the company paying a portion of it. I had one medication that I am just now paying complete, you know, in full for it, and I don't think that's right either. And that's just my personal feelings about it because, I mean, the cost of the medication is very, very high and the company assumes no responsibility in terms of, you know, helping to offset that. So that's a great concern. So I will be really looking at this very, very keenly.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, I just wanted to thank you for the service that you're providing. I was skeptical about your contract when it came before us because I was hoping that maybe somebody local would be able to provide that service, but even though you're from Atlanta, I think you're doing a great job for us. Mr. Henson said, I was born here. Commissioner Shay said, okay, good, you were born here, but as I read the next steps in what you've given to us, I think we're all very anxious that when we get to that point that your expertise and impartiality — you're not a salesman, you're not somebody's who's making a commission off of whatever the recommendation is. We very much appreciate that and we look forward to your impartial advice as a result of your studies.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Mr. Henson said, thank you. And if I could just address the concerns of Commissioners Farrell and Odell have. We will assist you in building in performance guarantees. They will give you the appropriate matrix, the appropriate reports, and the way we build them, we like to build them as very simply. If you don't perform, you don't get paid. Commissioner Thomas said, good. Mr. Henson said, and it's built into the contract.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right, thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Hamilton Henson of Buck Consultants gave a verbal briefing on employee health care and benefits.

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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, you've seen all of these items, Items 1 through 7 and alphabetical items A through J. Is there any specific items under the alphabetical numbers that you would like to withhold? Commissioner Odell said, C and D. Wasn't it —? Several Commissioners said, D and E. Commissioner Odell said, D and E. Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Shay. Any others? Commissioner Stone said, F as well. I need to ask a question about Cramer Street. Chairman Liakakis said, sure. Okay. All right, we have a motion —, we need a motion on the floor to approve all items, 1 through 7-A through J, holding back Items D, E and F.

Commissioner Odell said, I make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Stone said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 1 through 7-J, except Items 7-D, 7-E and 7-F. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE PRE-MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2006. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2006.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period February 16, 2006, through March 1, 2006, in the amount of \$4,002,884. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**3. REQUEST FROM DOWNER DAVIS, ENGINEER THE DEVELOPER, JAMES WRENN, TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR HOLLOW OAK SUBDIVISION, INITIATE THE WARRANTY PERIOD, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Downer Davis, engineer for the developer, James Wrenn, to record the subdivision plat for Hollow Oak Subdivision, initiate the warranty period, accept the subdivision agreement and accept the financial guarantee. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: March 10, 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 Hollow Oak Subdivision, initiate the warranty period, accept the subdivision agreement, and accept the financial guarantee.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Downer Davis, for the developer, James Wrenn, requests that the County approve the final plat for recording, initiate the warranty period, and accept the subdivision agreement and financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Hollow Oak is a private, single-family residential subdivision located off Highway 204. The subdivision consists of 13 lots on 17.41 acres. Paving and drainage will be maintained by the Hollow Oak Property Owners' Association. Water is provided by Wrenndorosa, Inc, a private water system.
2. The required site improvements are complete. All improvements have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer has submitted a letter of credit issued by the Health Employees Chatham County Credit Union in the amount of \$32,000, which is 50% of the cost of paving and drainage improvements.
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. To record the subdivision plat for Hollow Oak Subdivision, initiate the warranty period, accept the subdivision agreement, and accept the financial guarantee.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the Subdivision Regulations regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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4. REQUEST FROM DOWNER DAVIS, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, H&L DEVELOPERS, LLC, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR

**MOSSWOOD SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1B, INITIATE A TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Downer Davis, engineer for the developer, H&L Developers, LLC, to approve the constructed improvements for Mosswood Subdivision, Phase 1B, initiate a twelve-month warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee by 50%. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: March 10, 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 Mosswood Subdivision, Phase 1B, initiate a twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Downer Davis, for the developer, H&L Developers, LLC, requests that the County approve the constructed improvements, initiate a twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mosswood Subdivision is a private, single-family subdivision located on Burton Road. This phase of Mosswood Subdivision consists of 32 lots on 12.25 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the Mosswood Homeowners' Association. Water and sewer is maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. The required site improvements are complete. All improvements have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer previously submitted a letter of credit issued by Darby Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$600,000. He is requesting that the financial guarantee be reduced by 50%.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the constructed improvements for Mosswood Subdivision, Phase 1B, initiate a twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the 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: Suzanne Cooler

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ADDITIONAL COUNTY ROADS BEING ADDED TO THE COMBINED SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE TO UPDATE IT.
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve and adopt the additional County roads being added to the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance to update it. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: March 10, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: That the Board approve and adopt the additional County roads being added to the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance to update it.

BACKGROUND: The City of Savannah and Chatham County maintain a combined Speed Zone Ordinance which lists the roads and their associated speed limits that the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police enforce with radar pursuant to Georgia Code 40, Article 9, Section 40-6-183 of the Uniform Rules of the Road Act. Any change to the road system or in driving patterns of the public may require the ordinance to be revised to incorporate these changes and/or additions to the existing speed zones.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police requested three County roads be added to the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance. The County has also accepted several subdivision roads since the previous ordinance update in February 2005

that need to be added. Finally, there is an error in the existing ordinance that needs correcting. In order for the request to go to the GDOT and the new radar permits to be issued, the Board must approve and adopt the proposed changes to the ordinance.

2. The attached tables list County roads that need to be added or revised to update the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance. Table 1 lists additional roads that the County has accepted and should be added to the ordinance. Table 2 lists three roads that are on the current ordinance, but the distance for permit enforcement is increasing. Table 3 lists a County road that is currently on the ordinance but had an error that needed correcting (should be SR 26, not SR 36).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve and adopt the proposed changes to the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance.
2. That the Board not approve the changes.

FUNDING: None required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Police Department can only enforce speed limits listed on the Speed Ordinance approved pursuant to Georgia Code 40, Article 9, Section 40-6-183 of the Uniform Rules of the Road Act.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Districts: All

Prepared by: Nathaniel E. Panther
Civil Engineer I

Table 1 - Additional County Roads that need added to the ordinance.

Road Name	From	To	Distance (miles)	Speed Limit (mph)
Berwick Blvd.	Southbridge Blvd.	Highway 17	1.96	25
High Tide Lane	Runner Road	Cul-de-Sac	0.2	25
Sweet Bailey Cove	Oemler Loop	Oemler Loop	0.2	25
Wimbledon Drive	Westminster Dr.	Cul-de-Sac	0.32	25
White Oak Bluff	Southbridge Blvd.	Cul-de-Sac	0.66	25
Egret Point	Southbridge Blvd.	Cul-de-Sac	0.19	25
Grand Lake Circle	Southbridge Blvd.	White Oak Bluff	0.43	25

Road Name	From	To	Distance (miles)	Speed Limit (mph)
Heritage Way	Traffic Circle	0.16 miles past Split Leaf Court	0.3	25
Park View Road**	Grove Park Way	Oak Grove Lane	0.13	25
Park View Court	Oak Grove Lane	Cul-de-Sac	0.22	25
Leeward Drive	Stockbridge Drive	Cul-de-Sac	0.33	25

** Park View Road listed above will increase in length as additional phases of the Legacy Subdivision are accepted.

Table 2 - Current County Roads with permits, but the length of enforcement needs to increase.

Road Name	From	To	Distance (miles)	Speed Limit (mph)
Southbridge Blvd	SR 307	Berwick Blvd.	4.39	25
Teakwood Drive	Walthour Road	Fish Hawk Road	0.47	25
Truman Parkway	Montgomery Cross Road	Whitfield Avenue	1.41	55
Truman Parkway	Montgomery Cross Road	Whitfield Avenue	Final 0.4 miles	45

Table 3 - A correction that needs to be made to the existing ordinance.

Road Name	From	To	Distance (miles)	Speed Limit (mph)
Penrose Drive	Bryan Woods Rd.	SR 26	0.77	25

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6. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL PACKAGE LICENSE FOR 2006. PETITIONER: MAHESH B. PATEL, D/B/A SHIRM FOOD, LOCATED AT 7361 SKIDAWAY ROAD. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Mahesh B. Patel, d/b/a Shirm Food, located at 7361 Skidaway Road, for a new beer and wine retail package license for 2006. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2006

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE

Request for new beer and wine retail package license for 2006, Mahesh B. Patel, d/b/a Shirm Food, located at 7361 Skidaway Road.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Patel requests approval for a new beer & wine package license, in connection with a convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Inspector inspected the site for compliance with the safety codes and approved the facility.
3. This application is in compliance with all requirements.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the time and date of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

The County Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.

District 3

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW PURCHASE THRESHOLDS OF \$10,000 OR MORE HAVE BEEN

ENACTED; HOWEVER, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS OF A LESSER AMOUNT STILL WILL APPEAR.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Eight (8) LED screens with wireless remote control scoreboards	Public Works and Park Services	Varsity Scoreboards (Sole Source)	\$28,588	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
B. Nine (9) Motorola 800Mhz digital radios and associated components	CEMA	Motorola Communications (Sole Source)	\$46,020	CIP - CEMA Radio Equipment
C. Declare as unserviceable surplus and authorize sale at public auction or sell as scrap material older vehicles	Fleet Operations	N/A	Revenue Producing	No Funding Required
D. Annual software maintenance agreement	Assessor	ESRI, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$16,265	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
E. Annual software maintenance agreement	Assessor	Radiant Software, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$27,325	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
F. Change Order 1 to the contract for Design for Improvements to Unpaved Roads Group E Dulany Road, Cramer Street, Palm Drive and Old Pine Barren Road for costs related to the design of stormwater drainage and roadway improvements along Skidaway Road on Isle of Hope	SPLOST	McGee Partners, Inc.	\$56,410	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Romney Place/Parkersburg Project
G. Fill material for the Jail Expansion Project	SPLOST	Warner Construction Services	\$58,500	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jail Expansion Project

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
H. Change Order No. 4 to the professional services contract for design of Abercorn Intersection Safety Improvements for additional work	SPLOST	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$18,700	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Abercorn Safety Project
I. Confirmation of Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the waterproofing and repair of copper work and gutter systems for the Old County Courthouse for additional metal work	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	The House Doctor	\$8,700	CIP - Old Courthouse window repairs
J. Purchase and installation of electrical systems and components for the relocation of the Elections Board within the Citizens Service Center	SPLOST	All Electric and Specialty Systems	\$42,800	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Project

As to Items 7-A through 7J, except Items 7-D, 7-E and 7-F:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 7-A through 7-J, with the exception of Items 7-D, 7-E and 7-F. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 7-D:

Annual software maintenance agreement; Assessor; ESRI, Inc. (Sole Source); \$16,265; General Fund/M&O - Assessor.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead with your discussion on that.

Commissioner Shay said, well, Mr. Chairman, this is an item that the Board of Assessors have requested and I need to know, first of all, what was the reason for the request, what is the reason why it's a sole source, and then also in this — has this been fully vetted by our ICS Department, and has it also been researched to find out whether or not there is adequate funding within the Assessors budget this year to spend this much? That's four questions, I'm sorry.

County Manager Abolt said, let me answer the latter. We have a budget signature on that, so that takes care of that. We need somebody from the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Odell said, no one is here. Commissioner Kicklighter said, let's table it. County Manager Abolt said, table it.

Commissioner Odell said, I move that it be tabled. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any discussion —, let's go on the board. Commissioner Kicklighter asked are we tabling D and E? Chairman Liakakis said, no, just D right now. We haven't discussed E yet. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, then. That item is tabled. Mr. Manager, if you'll advise them that action's been tabled so that they will have a representative to explain to this Commission, you know, what has been requested. County Manager Abolt said, it will be done [inaudible]. Before Mr. Kaigler leaves the room, I'll have him contact Ms. Snider both on D and E. I assume E's coming up.

Commissioner Odell said, before we move on that, if I might, Pat [Shay], could we have something in writing rather than the verbal update. Mr. Shay — Commissioner Shay has offered several questions. I'd like to have the answers to the questions in writing before the next meeting and I don't want them to give it to me the next meeting morning, assuming we're full-time like they are. We're not. We are part-time and I'd like to have it in a reasonable amount of time so I can evaluate it.

Commissioner Shay said, if I could then let me enumerate the questions. One is, and this will apply to both Item D and Item E, which is, you know, how is it that ESRI, Inc., and Radiant Software, Inc., how were they selected as the vendors? Through what process? Was that recommendation something that the Board of Assessors voted on and sent over to us? Did they recommend that because I'm not clear I understand how requests are processed properly in that regard? Why was it a sole source contract? And then regarding the budget, while I may be able to figure out how Item D would have been included in a budget that was submitted last July and adopted by this Board, I'm confounded about how Item E could have been included in their budget that was submitted to us since the budget that was submitted that the NovaLIS contract was going to be completed by now, and it's my view that the \$27,325 that is being presented to us would be over and above what was approved in our budget.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, I also would like to know if this went through the regular, you know —. Commissioner Odell said, purchase. Chairman Liakakis said, — bidding process. That's really important that this Commission knows that that has been done also for these two items. County Manager Abolt said, that's part of his number three, why sole source? Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I understand sole source, but also did they go through that because they are required to go through the bidding process even though it's a sole source because through the bidding process they would find out whether it is a sole source or not and we have an explanation from our Purchasing Department. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, because that department just cannot take it upon their own to do as they like. County Manager Abolt said, I understand.

Commissioner Shay said, and the last thing was: Has this been reviewed by our ICS, which is our information technology experts that are in-house because there have been sometimes in the past when we seem to have acquired software that they did not get input from our internal information technology people.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, are we tabling on this item also then?

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We need a motion on the floor to table. Commissioner Shay said, well, I make a motion then to table D and E, if we haven't already done that. Commissioner Thomas said, we've done D. Commissioner Shay said, then I make a motion to table E. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the Board for Item E to table. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

As to Item 7-E:

Annual software maintenance agreement; Assessor; Radiant software, Inc. (Sole Source); \$27,325; General Fund/M&O - Assessor.

[Refer to Item 7-D above for discussion.]

As to Item 7-F:

Change Order 1 to the contract for Design for Improvements to Unpaved Roads Group E Dulany Road, Cramer Street, Palm Drive and Old Pine Barren Road for costs related to the design of stormwater drainage and roadway improvements along Skidaway Road on Isle of Hope; SPLOST; McGee Partners, Inc.; \$56,410; SPLOST (1998-2003) - Romney Place/Parkersburg Project.

Chairman Liakakis asked, would you have somebody —?

Commissioner Stone said, I can just state what my concern is. I have been contacted by residents in the area of Cramer Street that have some concerns and I would like to go on record that before this is approved I would probably need to meet with you and express the concerns. County Engineer Bungard said, this is unrelated to Cramer Street. The reason we're —. Commissioner Stone said, well, Cramer Street is listed in here. County Engineer Bungard said, okay. We have several contracts going to design paving of dirt roads. We grouped them by geographical area to save money. McGee Partners is the consultant that's working the Isle of Hope area doing Cramer and a few others. Then we have Jordan, Jones & Goulding doing another group, EMC doing another group. We had two consultants also nearby. This is related to a drainage project down by the elementary school. We ran into a problem there, one, with the outfall from Romney/Parkersburg drainage. You'll notice this is being paid for with drainage money, not road money. And then also we had the request that you passed on about maybe a sideway was [inaudible] that put that into CIP. So do the smart thing, we want to make sure in this section of the road we use a qualified consultant who's done the surveying in the area, knows something about roads, knows something about drainage to make sure it all fits. Cramer Street is a whole 'nother project within those five projects being designed.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand, but it was just in the write-up and I wanted and I wanted for it to go on record that I expressed the concern. County Engineer Bungard said, [inaudible] say don't approve this until, but —. Commissioner Stone said, that's right.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We need a motion to approve Item F. Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, it's been moved and seconded. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 7-A through 7-J, with the exception of Items 7-D and 7-E. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Odell moved to table Items 7-D to the next meeting. Commissioners Farrell and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Shay moved to table Items 7-E to the next meeting. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- d. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Items 7-F. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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[NOTE: The Board returned to Item 3 at this point on the agenda.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard.

Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

- 1. AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY WELL ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PVC CASINGS FOR DEEP WELLS AS AN OPTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE SET FOR THE 24TH OF MARCH, SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE, ARTICLE III, SECTION 20-301 THROUGH 20-326 TO REFLECT THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION AND TRADE PERMIT FEES AND ADD REFERENCES TO THE REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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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).
None for this meeting.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

There was no status report attached 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: March 10, 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 the GDOT allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and the balancing of funds in the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) were approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on June 22, 2005. Key milestone events are summarized in the attached table.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Right of way plans were approved on June 30, 2005. The acquisition process has started and will take until the Spring of 2007, to complete (26 parcels acquired by early acquisition; 65 parcels to acquire). Design is underway.
2. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204: Work is at a standstill. GDOT has put the contractor on notice for non-performance. A video conference with GDOT Commissioner Linnenkohl regarding lack of progress was held December 6, 2005. The bonding company was notified subsequent to that meeting, and GDOT is negotiating with them to determine how the project will be completed. In the meantime, GDOT put their in house forces on the project to rectify some of the problems created by the lack of progress. GDOT advised in a recent meeting that they will be meeting with the bonding company soon to try and resolve how the project will be completed.

3. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. Under construction. Power lines, telephones and water/sewer facilities are being relocated along the three mile length of the project. GDOT is reviewing a fee proposal from the contractor for a change order as a result of a redesign for some of the storm drainage. The original contract amount for the project is \$13.6 million. The fee proposal from the contractor APAC for the change order is \$4.7 million (almost a 35% increase in project cost). As a result, GDOT is having to make a detailed review of the proposal to see if this increase is justified.

4. Stephenson Avenue. Substantially complete as of April 1, 2005. Liquidated damages totaling \$54,450 were assessed from December 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. GDOT, in company with the County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the final inspection on June 14, 2005. A final punch list (129 items) was compiled by GDOT with input from the County and the City of Savannah. This was given to APAC on June 21, 2005. Some punch list items remain to be corrected. The City of Savannah advises that the trace lines for the water lines between Hodgson Memorial Drive and Abercorn Street still have some breaks in them that need to be corrected. There is a water valve manhole under the pavement at Forest Park Drive and Stephenson Avenue that needs to be raised. A fence adjacent to the West Side Rental Company needs to be re-erected. APAC has been notified by letter that the City of Savannah wants to make a final inspection on the storm water when their subcontractor Dixie Excavating says all corrective work is complete. The City of Savannah advises that the sanitary sewer work is acceptable.

5. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004, which authorized the County to proceed with preliminary design (completed in June, 2004). Staff was advised in January, 2005, however, that the widening of the median for landscaping and the proposed reduction in speed limit would require amending the previously approved Concept Report and Environmental Assessment. The wider raised median causes four additional residential displacements and increases the GDOT's right of way acquisition costs. The revised Concept Report was submitted to GDOT on July 6, 2005. The GDOT asked for updated right of way acquisition cost which was provided to GDOT on October 21, 2005. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on February 28, 2006 with 157 attending. The comment period for the PIOH ends March 14, 2006, after which the comments must be summarized and answered.

6. Diamond Causeway Widening. The Draft EA was approved by the FHWA on February 25, 2005, for advancement to public hearing. A PIOH was held on June 9. GDOT staff is re-looking design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) in the Draft EA. Guidance and decision by the GDOT is pending. In the meantime, the County offered to do the improvements on Skidaway Island by County Contract. The preliminary design for the portion on the Island is complete, and has been submitted to GDOT for review.

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 FWHA on

February 1, 2006, for approval. When the Draft EA is signed, a public hearing can be scheduled.

8. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). Another revised Final EA with a Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) was forwarded to the GDOT on September 15, 2004. The GDOT forwarded the EA to FHWA on December 14, 2004, for approval. On March 1, 2005, the FHWA issued six additional comments requiring changes and an update of the Conceptual Stage Study. The revised Conceptual Stage Study was delivered to the GDOT on May 12, 2005. An updated Relocation Study was submitted on July 12, 2005. It was revised and resubmitted to GDOT on September 14, 2005. GDOT forwarded the EA/FONSI, to the FHWA on October 20, 2005.

9. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A PIOH was held on August 12, 2004. The Need and Purpose has been 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, and was submitted to GDOT January 19, 2006. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side.

10. Eisenhower Widening from Abercorn to Truman Parkway. The Concept Report was approved by GDOT on June 22, 2004, but was not received by the County until November 15, 2004. Because of the high estimated right of way costs (over \$22 million – local cost), the City of Savannah, Chatham County and the consultants have reviewed the project and have proposed reductions in the project which was sent to GDOT October 28, 2005.

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

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

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. Approximately 75 attended. The consultant has prepared responses to the comments received. The draft Concept Report needs estimated utility relocation cost from GDOT to complete it.

14. US 80/SR26

a. Lynes Parkway to Victory Drive. GDOT is preparing the EA. The GDOT schedule shows a Public Information Open House in 2006 and award of a construction contract in 2008.

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

15. Local Roads

a. Fountain Road. Final plans and ROW plats have been sent to Moreland/Altobelli for right-of-way acquisition which is underway. Due to the new alignment of the road, the USACE has determined that wetlands are impacted. Permit received July 12, 2005. GDOT executed the County Contract and gave notice to proceed (NTP) on February 9, 2005. The contract, however, was apparently lost in the mail and was only recently received after staff inquired about it. Staff expected the solicitations for bids for a construction contract to be out by the end of August, however, right-of-way negotiations required some plan changes which delayed this process. Right-of-way issues continue to delay solicitations for bid. There are title issues on one parcel that must be cleared up in court before it can be acquired. The title issues (now in court) have delayed the acquisition process longer than expected. Staff now expects to have the right-of-way acquired and plan changes completed to be able to bid the project for contract in March 2006.

b. Mobley Street, Yucca Place, Perkins Place, Stone Street. Final plans were provided to GDOT District Office in Jesup. The District Office sent the construction estimate to Atlanta for these four streets on October 14, 2005, for preparation of the County Contract. The executed Right-of-Way Agreement was returned to GDOT on November 16, 2005. Terry Gable, the State Aid Administrator in Atlanta, advised on February 1, 2006, that his first quarters allocation of State Aid monies had not yet been issued. As a result of this, he had delayed issuing the order to send the County Contract. He said, however, that he would now release the project documents for execution with the expectation the funds would be issued by the time the documents were executed. Staff estimates that the Notice to Proceed will be issued in April 2006. The bid opening is scheduled for March 22, 2006.

c. Bond Avenue, Heather Street, Betran Avenue, Shore Road. GDOT executed the County Contract and gave NTP on August 19, 2005. It was projected earlier that solicitations for bids for a construction contract would be sent out during September, but right-of-way issues on these projects are also delaying the bid process. These issues now require more plan changes. Complications in the right-of-way negotiations and plan changes on Bond and Betran Avenues are going to take longer than originally believed. As a result of this, staff asked GDOT if Heather Street and Shore Road could be bid separately for construction. They agreed to allow us to do that, so we are proceeding to package those two roads for advertising for bid. The bid opening for Heather and Shore is scheduled for April 5, 2006.

d. Dulany Road, Cramer Street, Palm Drive and Old Pine Barren Road. On May 27, 2005, the Board of Commissioners authorized entering into contract with the consulting firm of McGee Partners to survey and design to pave these roads. The kick-off coordination meeting was held on June 23. The schedule calls for construction plans to be ready on Cramer Street and Palm Drive in June 2006. The consultant is finalizing plans, including co-ordination of right-of-way acquisitions, for Old Pine Barren Road and Dulany Road. Requests for County Contracts with the GDOT on Old Pine Barren Road and Dulany Road were approved by the Board approval on October 21. McGee Partners met with staff on February 21, 22 & 23 to discuss plan development on Cramer Street, Palm Drive and other projects. During this visit a field trip to Cramer Street was made to listen to property owner concerns. The meeting was productive and McGee Partners will review the plan design to include input from the property owners. Another property owners meeting will be held when the plans are revised.

e. Stone Street. The property owners on this street originally did not want the street paved and submitted a petition requesting same. After several meetings with the property owners, they changed their minds. They submitted another petition with 20 of the 22 property owners requesting that the street be paved. Final construction plans will be ready in March, 2006. An Agenda Item to authorize preparation of a GDOT County Contract was approved by the Board at the February 24, 2006, meeting. The GDOT Form 532 requesting the County Contract was executed by the County on February 24, 2006, and sent to them. In the meantime, staff will prepare the project to be put out for bid. It will not be advertised for bid until we receive the County Contract from GDOT.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS
March 2006

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Ph 5	Environmental ROW	Complete Dec 2006	County County/GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisition underway as of 7/1/05.
	Final Design Construction	Feb 2007 TBD	County/GDOT GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
US 17: Ogeechee Riv/SR204	Construction	Jan 2006	GDOT	GDOT has referred lack of progress to bonding company.
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	May 2006	GDOT	Will be extended.

Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy, Ph 2	Environmental ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI signed Feb 13 Preliminary plans on hold. ROW funded FY2005/06 COMMISSIONER STONE FY 2007
Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	County County GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 05. ROW FY 2007 COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12.30.04 Change order or new contract needed for design to continue.
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Dec 2005 Feb 2007 Apr 2007 TBD	County County County GDOT	Draft EA pending approval by GDOT. COMMISSIONER STONE LR
US 80 Widening - Bull River to Lazaretto Ck - I-516 to Victory Drive	Environmental Environmental	Unknown Unknown	GDOT GDOT	COMMISSIONER STONE LR COMMISSIONER STONE FY 2007
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	COMMISSIONER STONE LR
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental		County	Concept Report approved June 22, 2004.
Abercorn (Largo Drive to Rio Road)	Environmental		County	Concept Report pending approval.
NOTES: COMMISSIONER STONE = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2006-2008 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 – Drainage
AGENDA DATE: March 10, 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. The construction work is complete and the new sluice gates are now able to function automatically.
 - ii. Substantial completion was achieved on January 24, 2006. The consultant is monitoring the system and making operational adjustments. Problems with the level sensors have been discovered and may require adjustment.
- b. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Double channel size and provide maintenance access.
 - i. Staff is reviewing portions of the consultant's revised permit application documents.
 - ii. A contract to install an access road between Phase 1 and SR21. Work will start when the contractor provides the required performance and payment bonds.
- c. Kahn Mitigation Site. The final mitigation package for Phase 2, which includes the Kahn Site, is being designed concurrently with Phase 2 design. Staff is waiting on the consultant to provide the final project documents.
- d. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove the existing bridge (with the tidegates) restricting the flow of drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Design is underway. As a result of higher than expected construction costs, staff is discussing options with the Georgia Ports Authority.

2. Hardin Canal

- a. Phase 1 (SR307 bridges). Widen channel and replace bridge crossings.

- i. Efforts to acquire necessary permits from the USACE are ongoing. As a result of strong objections from various review agencies, this phase of the project has been reduced in scope to include only the crossings at SR307.
 - ii. Design work is in progress.
 - b. Phase 2 (From 307 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date.
- 3. Westlake/Springfield Canal
 - a. Phase 1. Crossing and channel improvements from Perimeter Road on Hunter Army Airfield downstream toward the Forest River. Completed January 2002.
 - b. Phase 2. Acquisition and removal of flood-prone properties are complete. Plans to provide access, site security and improve the outfall are being prepared by staff to be constructed in 2006.
 - c. The railroad undercrossing Final Design is complete. Staff is negotiating for access onto Hunter Army Airfield property (required for project construction). Easements for construction are being acquired under the Louis Mills Drainage Improvement Project.
 - d. Perimeter Road Repairs. Staff requested HAAF to reimburse the County for the cost of the repairs. HAAF subsequently denied any responsibility and has refused to reimburse the County. Staff is considering options.
- 4. Placentia Canal
 - a. Phase 1. Tidegate at Bonaventure Road. Completed February 1999.
 - b. Phase 2. Crossing and channel widening from Bonaventure Road to Shell Road in Thunderbolt. Completed October, 2002.
 - c. Placentia Beautification Project: Correction of a drainage problem along Tennessee Ave. and to improve the appearance of the canal near the Bonaventure Bridge. No target date for construction has been set.
 - d. Staff is proceeding with fencing modifications to improve access for the Department of Public Works.
- 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. Preliminary construction and right of way plans have been returned to the Consultant for corrections. Coordination with GDOT for the crossing at Highway 80 is ongoing. Wetland delineation approval and a Provisional Wetland Permit have been received from the USACE. Staff is working on fulfilling mitigation requirements via the County's banking instrument.
 - 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 establish necessary rights of way and easements, and to acquire the required permits is being developed by staff. A contract for these professional services will be presented for approval upon completion of negotiations with the consultant.
- 7. Wilmington Park Canal
 - a. Phase 1. (Construction of tide gate) Completed September 2002.
 - b. Phase 2. Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road.
 - i. Received permit from USACE on July 5, 2002. Project is under design, incorporating changes to reduce cost while still attaining storm water goals. Surveying for alternative route is complete. Review of preliminary report and recommendations is underway.
 - ii. Repairs of a slope stabilization problem by County Public Works have achieved satisfactory results. Further work does not appear to be required at this time.
- 8. Kings Way Canal Widen channel and enlarge culverts from Kings Way Court to the Vernon River.
 - a. Phase 1. Improvements to crossing of the canal under Whitfield and the Truman Parkway were constructed as part of the Truman Parkway, Phase 4 project.
 - b. Phase 2. Improvements to widen the canal and enlarge culverts upstream of Truman Parkway were delayed because of strong objections by a property owner and by constructability issues at road crossings. A new solution involving a diversion of flow into a new canal has been developed and is being pursued.
- 9. Romney Place Drainage
 - a. Phase 1. Improve drainage along Central Avenue. Completed October 2001.
 - b. Phase 2. Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Final design drawings are 95% complete. Permitting and acquisition of rights of way and easements is underway.
- 10. Village Green Canal
 - a. Phase 1. Upgrade culvert under Cambridge Drive. Completed October 1999.
 - b. Phase 2. Staff re-evaluating the consultant's recommendations for improvements that can be constructed with minimal objection from permitting agencies. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE.

11. Port Industrial Park Increase the capacity of the crossing under State Route 307 and improve the channel downstream to Pipemakers Canal.
 - a. Design of the project to improve the canal downstream from SR307 to Pipemakers Canal is complete. The extension to the wetland permit has been obtained from the USACE.
 - b. The parcel upon which the project resides has been acquired by a developer. Staff is working with Garden City staff to coordinate approval of the proposed development with the needs of the 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. Easements at the downstream end of this project will be used and are necessary for construction of the Westlake Undercrossing project (See item 3.c. above). The permit from the USACE has been obtained. Acquisition of easements is underway.

13. Redgate/Rahn Dairy A project to provide larger underdrains at several road crossings, canal widening and provisions for maintenance access.
 - a. This project will reduce stormwater flows in the Louis Mills system as well as provide improve drainage in the existing canal.
 - b. Preliminary design is complete. Acquisition of easements and permitting is underway.

14. Diggs Avenue Drainage (part of Louis Mills) This drainage improvement project involves improving drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. The required ROW has been obtained. Staff intends to initiate work, beginning with site clearing as soon as possible.

15. Ogeechee Farms
 - a. Phase 1. Improve internal collector system south of Vidalia Road. The project is complete and was accepted by the County in December 2005.
 - b. Phase 2. Improve road crossings at various locations.
 - i. The County has received the Section 404 wetlands permit from USACE. Mitigation requirements have been met.
 - ii. Due to budget constraints, project scope has been revised to include crossing improvements at various locations. Staff has requested a fee proposal from the Consultant for design of additional problem areas identified by Public Works.

16. Fawcett Canal
 - a. Phase 1. Widen channel and improve crossings from Georgetown downstream to crossing under Grove Point Road, and replace tide gate. Construction completed in August 2002. Other work to improve the function and appearance of the lagoons completed in May 2005.

- b. Phase 2. Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Final drawings are under review by staff. Easement acquisition and permitting will begin upon completion of the design.
17. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 (Formerly the Ecosystem Restoration Project) Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. The work is expected to reduce the 50-year flood level by about 2 feet at US17 and at the same time restore a salt marsh ecosystem to its original condition.
 - a. Efforts to acquire the permit from the USACE continues. Additional information required by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been provided and a release obtained by that agency. A permit from USACE is expected once agreements with the affected property owner are in place.
 - b. Acquisition of easements is underway.
 18. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The final Design Study Report final report has been approved. Final design work is underway.
 19. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction is underway. Progress has been slower than anticipated. Staff continues to work with the Contractor to address these issues.
 20. Golden Isles Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community.
 - a. Phase 1. Outfall improvements completed 1997.
 - b. Phase 2. Improvements to collector system. Approval by Health Department to proceed with the project has been obtained. Right of way acquisition is complete.
 - c. Options to provide access for maintenance of the outfall are being evaluated. Staff has requested Consultant for a fee proposal for surveying services to determine limits of drainage right-of-way.
 21. Georgetown Canal Upgrading roadway undercrossings to improve drainage capacity at St. Ives Way. Construction work was completed in February 2006, with minor cleanup still remaining to be completed.
 22. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. Design work is underway. At the consultant's recommendation, a preparatory cleaning and inspection project will be accomplished. The information will facilitate the design and bidding of the construction work.

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 will develop project scopes and solicit proposals for design of recommended improvements, beginning with replacement of the Little Neck Road culvert.
 - b. Henderson Canal: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE.

24. Walthour Canal at Off Shore A small project to improve the undersized culverts under the entrance road to the Off Shore Subdivision. Final construction documents have been received. Efforts continue to secure the necessary permits for the project. Staff is working to address concerns raised by the Coastal Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources over impacts to marshland habitat that has grown in the manmade Walthour Canal.

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: March 10, 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 and provide Turf Maintenance and Operation plan for Charlie Brooks Sports Complex

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To provide Board with a status update on RAP
2. To address the Charlie Brooks Park Turf Management Program:
 - Staff from Ga. Extension Services conducted the second session for management and those staff members that did not attend the first session.
 - Charlie Brooks. Extension Staff recommended a heavier Core Aerator, and will provide a list of vendors that sell this product.
 - The Contractor will maintain the turf for thirty days after installation.
 - In addition, a fertilization injection pump schedule will be provided by the vendor that the pump was purchased from.
 - Extension Services provided a copy of the latest publication on maintaining Bermuda grass Sports Fields, and is in the process of developing a Use Operation Plan to minimize over use of the new turf.
 - Staff is in the process of planning a red carpet tour of Charlie Brooks for the end of March.
3. The RAP is as Follows:

I. Personnel**Tasks:****1. Purchase equipment for Carpentry Crew:**

Purchased additional carpentry tools. The crew has begun making repairs as noted further in the update.

II. Facility Repairs**Task:****1. Lake Mayer**

- A. Replace roof on large pavilion.
 - Mandatory pre-bid is scheduled for 2/28/06 with bid opening on 3/9/06.
- B. Renovate restrooms
 - Staff has started to replace old petitions, removal of all old rotten boards, and enclose all exposed pipes to improve the appearance of the restroom.
 - Facilities Maintenance and Operations will provide assistance with electrical and plumbing requirements.
- C. Repairs Made at Lake Mayer
 - Repairs have been placed on hold until all county carpentry requirements at Charlie Brooks are completed.
 - Staff met with the Chairman to finalize plans of utilizing volunteers to assist with the painting of the restroom floors once improvements are completed.

2. Ambuc Park

A. Renovate restrooms

- Staff has secured the needed material for the restroom renovation, and will move to Ambuc from Lake Mayer.

B. Reestablish baseball infields

- The contractor has completed laser grading all infields.

C. Recent bid proposals came in high. Staff is in the process of determining if individual line items can be broken out or if the bid proposal will require a third revision.

E. Replace score clocks. Score clocks are on hold pending Board approval.

3. L. Scott Stell Park/Jim Golden Complex

A. Renovate restrooms

- Staff is currently securing the material cost to begin construction.

B. Reestablish baseball infields.

- The Contractor began laser grading in the infield mix 2/27/06 Work is expected to be within two-week weather permitting.

C. Install concrete walks at concession building

D. Recent bid proposals came in high. Staff is in the process of determining if individual line items can be broken out or if the bid proposal will require a third revision.

E. Replace score clocks. Score clocks are on hold pending Board approval.

4. Memorial Stadium

A. Second mandatory pre-bid was held on 2/28/06 with bid opening scheduled for 3/9/06.

III. Recreational Programs**Task****1. Create a local sports panel of select coaches, parents, volunteers.****2. The panel will solicit and recruit more teams for the baseball/softball recreation leagues with particular emphasis in the unincorporated neighborhoods.**

- The first meeting of the Sports Panel was held on 1/31 with seven coaches in attendance.
- Ballots were sent out to all panel members to select a Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- A second meeting will be scheduled for late March.
- Recommendations will be submitted to the Chairman/Vice Chairman to be presented to the County Staff for jointly implement.

3. **In baseball/softball programs, an open division will be offered along with the recreational league to create opportunities for youth to complete within their own skills and abilities.**
 - Five middle schools have signed up to play in the Select Baseball League.
 - The first game of the open division was played on 3/2/06.

4. **Take advantage of public school facilities for programs such as basketball when available.**
 - The basketball tournament scheduled for the first weekend in March will be rescheduled during the summer months due to low response.

Funding:

N/A

FOR BOARD INFORMATION ONLY

Various Districts

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Odell and seconded by Commissioner Shay, the board recessed at 12:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS: AVERY HAZZARD, SHENISE HOPKINS, AND MELISSA FRAZIER (JONATHAN HART).**

Commissioner Shay moved that the Board approve settlement of the following claims for \$12,000 for each claimant: Avery Hazzard, Shenise Hopkins, and Melissa Frazier. Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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APPOINTMENTS

1. RECREATION AUTHORITY

Commissioner Shay moved to appoint the following individuals to the Chatham County Recreation Authority with terms of office to expire June 30, 2108: Mr. Ken Mangelsdorf, Mr. Ray Thomas and Mr. Vasily Varlagas. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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2. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioner Shay moved to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission: William Haynes, Stephen T. Lindell, Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Christian Sottile, Daves Rossell, Ph.D., Alexander S. Luten, and Lisa White. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:22 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