

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 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 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2006.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Odell introduced Rev. Lee, Pastor of St. John’s Baptist Church, 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
- Barbara B. Wright, Acting County Clerk

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL “FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN CHATHAM COUNTY. WAYNE DAWSON WILL RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a proclamation this morning declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Chatham County. Wayne Dawson, he was supposed to come in this morning —, is Wayne [Dawson] coming in? He will receive the proclamation, or somebody from the Fair Housing Committee, and we'll ask Commissioner Farrell to do the proclamation this morning.

Commissioner Farrell asked, are they here to receive it? Chairman Liakakis said, well, we'll just go ahead if there's no one here from that organization. Oh, there's Wayne [Dawson]. Commissioner Shay said, there he is. Commissioner Thomas said, he's flying around that corner. Commissioner Odell said, in the nick of time.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning, Wayne [Dawson]. I hope everything's well with you, sir. Mr. Dawson said, it's better now. Commissioner Farrell said, good. At this time I'd like to present this proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Federal and State of Georgia Fair Housing Laws prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, disability (or handicap), family status or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as National Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, April 12, 2006 marks the 39th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, the first housing discrimination court decision under the State of Georgia's Fair Housing Law was resolved in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County supports the efforts of local agencies, non-profits, the private sector, and individuals in ensuring compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County affirms the right of all citizens to choose where they wish to live without encountering discrimination.

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

Fair Housing Month

in Chatham County, Georgia and call upon all citizens of our city to participate in ceremonies and activities supporting the Federal Fair Housing Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 21st day of April 2006.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Frances Q. Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Farrell said, congratulations. Mr. Dawson said, thank you, sir. Commissioner Farrell said, here you go. If you'd like to say a few words, go right on.

Mr. Dawson said, good morning. It's a real pleasure to be here. I discovered on the resurfacing that we have going on around town this morning, so I was a few minutes late. I apologize. It's a real pleasure to be here today and we certainly appreciate —, on behalf of the Fair Housing Council we appreciate your recognizing Fair Housing Month. As most of you know, the Federal Fair Housing Law prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex or gender, familial status or disability. Our organization has been active in the community since 1994 to try to address housing discrimination complaints. We still find that there is a lot of discrimination going on in the community, whether it be based on disability and the failure to design and construct in accordance with the design and construction guidelines in the Fair Housing Act or whether it be steering people from one part of the community to another, steering white people to only white communities and African-American people to only African-American. This was just recently substantiated in a report by the National Fair Housing Alliance in which they did a study in Atlanta and find very high rates of steering that was going on, and it's going on in our community too. It's very subtle and a lot of times and a lot of times it's done with a smile, but it still goes on. And we appreciate your efforts and we appreciate your support, and we look forward to working with you in the future. Our organization also plans an event — an annual event in April to recognize Fair Housing Month. Our event this year will be April 27th. It will be a week from — it will be next Thursday from 12:00 until 2:00 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in the L. Scott Stell Education Center. We have a speaker from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We have Pat Moore, who is the Deputy Regional Director of HUD, who's going to come down and provide our keynote address, and we would certainly like to have

everyone there if we could. And we thank you for your support and we thank you for issuing this proclamation. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Wayne [Dawson]. We appreciate your participation and your organization because that's important for our community to have fair housing for our citizens in Chatham County. Thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CHANGE MEETING FROM JUNE 9 TO JUNE 12, 2006, BECAUSE OF ACCG TRAINING.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to add to the Chairman's Items for the item of changing our agenda from June 9th to June 12th because of a number of our County Commissioners will be out of town taking training from the ACCG from the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Any discussion? Generally, just for the public to know this, that the agenda that we would have on Friday, June 9th, where we have items on the budget that's very important to the people in our community, is that we will be changing the — the motion is to change it to Monday, June 12th, and that agenda will be published and it will be available the same as on June 9th to the general public. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION TO THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to add to the Chairman's Items an item to change the regular meeting on June 9, 2006, to June 12, 2006, because a number of Commissioners will be attending a training session sponsored by the ACCG. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. REPORT FROM YOUTH COMMISSION ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Liakakis said, before we get this report, I'd like to welcome Tahira Davis, who is the Youth Commissioner representing St. Vincent's Academy today. Welcome. And also Leslie Weaver, who is the Youth Commissioner representing Jenkins High School. Thank you both for being here today.

Chairman Liakakis said, and now we would like to have a report about the Youth Commission trip to trip to Washington, DC, and I guess Van Johnson, are you making that report?

Mr. Johnson said, I am. Commissioner Thomas said, go right ahead. Mr. Johnson said, I am. Okay, I am. Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, good morning. Exposure and experiences. These are what we believe are the critical elements to positive youth and development and exposure and experience which you have provided to many young people since the inception of the Chatham County Youth Commission in 1992. If you can believe it, it's been 14 years of providing exposure and experience, and this exposure and experience is taking flight all over the country because of your willingness to continually support the expose and the experience of our young people in this County. Two weeks ago I was in Dallas, Texas, at a National Conference of African-American Public Administrators and I presented the Youth Commission concept, and it was very well received. As a matter of fact, on this Tuesday, during your ACCG Conference, your colleagues will be presenting their civic improvement — their Student Civic Improvement Program, which is based from the Chatham County Youth Commission. And then we have been invited to the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Chicago in August to present the Chatham County Youth Commission. So because of the experience and exposure that you have chosen to continually fund, both morally and financially, we're able to create more exposure and experiences for young people all over this country.

Mr. Johnson said, we took our annual trip on March 5th through the 9th of this year. As you know, it is always a challenging and daunting task when you take over 40 of the young people away from their homes and their parents. They were obviously a lot of happy parents in Savannah. They were smiling as we got on the bus and we were not smiling, but they were smiling and I'm sure a happy hour was just all over the place. We traveled to Historic Williamsburg, Virginia, one of the birth places of our country, and we had the opportunity to go back in time to meet Thomas Jefferson, who was the President of the United States, and we talked with President Thomas Jefferson and the young people asked him some very, very unusual questions. But it was still a wonderful, wonderful experience to bring history alive to them right there where they stood. Afterwards, we walked along the streets of Historic Williamsburg, Colonial Williamsburg, and had the opportunity to talk with the townspeople, and it was almost a time travel since we got an opportunity to learn and learn and learn about our beginnings of our great nation. We then headed to Washington, DC, where we visited the National Museum of Natural History, and again this was another wonderful experience for our young people to augment the things that learned in school by personal real life experiences.

Monday morning we saw many of you at the NACo Annual Legislative Conference bright and early at the Hilton Washington & Towers Hotel and, of course, this is a wonderful experience because we are the only youth group in the country that comes every year. We've been coming for nine years and attending this conference. Our young people attended the sessions just like

many of you. They sat in the sessions and, for those of you that were in those sessions, you know about the impact that they made and the questions that they asked oftentimes approached even the most experienced of Commissioners and presenters, and I just love when that happens.

We then traveled on to the Supreme Court where our County Attorney had argued just the week before. We were in those chambers and Commissioner Farrell and Commissioner Stone accompanied us to meet Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for a meeting that was supposed to last 30 minutes and it lasted almost two hours. An opportunity again to be able to have a constitutional law lesson from a United States Supreme Court Justice, who then sat around and took pictures with these young people, who then signed copies of the United States Constitution and gave them to these young people. How many of us would have that opportunity in a lifetime, yet because of the experience and exposure that you have provided these young people, these memories will last a lifetime.

On Tuesday we found ourselves between Philadelphia and New York City where we just go there because it's just the birthplace of the best sports teams in the nation, and we made it a practice in our last nine years and we found that every number of years we have to kind of repeat the experience because every maybe two to three years we have different sets of young people. So we go by Ground Zero every year to view the progress of the site there of what is occurring there, and for those of you involved with us on many years of seeing our reports, you see how the progress is going, and it's a literal reminder to our young people about what hate does and what terrorism does, and hopefully that they will take the stand to make sure that those types of events do not happen in the future.

We traveled to the United Nations where we had the opportunity to tour, and another once in a lifetime experience because the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, was actually giving an address as we walked through the Chambers. We didn't expect it and I guess he wasn't either, but the fact of the matter was they had the opportunity to see one of the most powerful men in this world and to be just as close to him and just to be able to see and hear him directly.

Wednesday we found ourselves on the NBC Today Show, on national TV, and it was cold. It was cold. It was cold, but yet another opportunity to show what type of exposure and experiences that you're providing the young people here in Chatham County. From there, we went up, way up to the top of Rockefeller Center where you had a 360-degree panoramic view of all around New York City, and after we carved out from our young people and older people they had the opportunity to go up that high again, another lifetime experience. We traveled back to Washington where we had the opportunity to go to XM Satellite Radio and learn about the new technology of sound-life radio, and while we were there the rock group Queen was actually in the building and we had the opportunity to see them. Some of them were a little too young to know what Queen, you know, who Queen is, but, you know, we explained to them go look in your dictionary and encyclopedias and you'll know what that is.

But again, exposure and experience. Wonderful exposure, wonderful experiences, and we believe that we continue to change the expectations and height expectations of our young people

in this community that our results will continue to be great. Dr. Thomas, this is her vision, and she travels with us. She met us up there and she is the —, we'll call her the role person extraordinaire because she's going to stay up the whole night. The bus driver is going to turn around and she's going to be looking over his shoulder and say, "How fast are you going?" But all night, and the bus driver said, "Does she ever sleep?" I said, "No, she doesn't sleep."

Certainly we thank all of you for your continued support. The words of encouragement that you give our young people means a lot to them. Very few places in the country can young people go and say they have a relationship with their elected officials as you have with them. They appreciate our County Manager, who has been supportive from the inception of this program. My director, Mr. Kaigler, my staff Debra Allen and Sandra Smalls because they do it out of love, and they have their own children, and so to deal with a bunch of other children with dietary needs and I-Pods and all of these other accouterments that they need to be able to survive is certainly a very, very strange, strange, strange thing. Certainly, our Public Information Director Pete Nichols, who could not go with us, but is compiling a tape for us that we will commit to you and to the citizens of this community that they will see again the exposure and commitment that you are providing. And then certainly many, many community partners: our schools, our media, Savannah Communications, Excursions Unlimited, and many, many people who just continue to support these young people. So I thank you for the opportunity. These young ladies would like the opportunity, if they will come up, today to share with you briefly their experiences and, again, thank you so much for the opportunity. Thank you for the foresight, thank you for embracing Dr. Thomas' vision because the youth are not our future, they are our today. Thank you.

Youth Commissioner Leslie Weaver said, good morning. My name is Leslie Weaver. I attend H.V.J. [sic] Jenkins High School. Greetings and good morning, Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and my fellow Chatham County Commissioners. I stand here before you today on behalf of myself and my fellow Commissioners to say thank you for your support and for your use of annual trip. Not only was this a trip, but an odyssey. We had a chance to attend a NACo Association where we met Commissioners from all over the US and had a chance to be a part of a very exclusive breakfast where we had a chance to discuss our issues on our youth, elders and health issues. Also, we had a chance to walk into the history. We visited the Holocaust Museum and United Nations, where we were on peaceful grounds. Once again I'd like to say thank you for not a trip, but an odyssey. Thank you.

Youth Commissioner Tahira Davis said, good morning. My name is Tahira Davis and I'm a Senior at St. Vincent's Academy. On March 4th through 9th, along with the Chatham County Youth Commission, I traveled through Williamsburg, Virginia, Washington, DC and New York City. Upon our arrival in Williamsburg, Virginia, we were able to meet and greet Thomas Jefferson. While meeting with Thomas Jefferson the Youth Commission asked questions about his personal life and presidency. The Youth Commission visited the City of Washington, DC, on two separate days. While in Washington we visited Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, attended a NACo meeting and toured the National XM Satellite Radio Station. While in New York we experienced the cold weather while also appearing on the Today Show, visiting the United Nations, and going to the top of the Rockefeller Building. Overall the annual trip with the Chatham County Youth Commission was a great experience, and on behalf of myself and the Chatham County Youth

Commissioner I would like to say thank you to all of the County Commissioners for allowing us to go on this trip. Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I would like to take this opportunity to not only thank you and the members of the Commission, but I would also like for us to really give another round applause to Mr. Van Johnson, who is our most able director of this group, and let me tell you, I don't know where he gets the energy, but, I mean, you know, I needed somebody like that because I don't have all that energy anymore, but he is a great leader. He does so many things and the schedule is so tight, and I want you to know that not only that he is active when we're going on these trips, but every week and every day there is something going on with the Youth Commission here in Chatham County and he's not getting any pay for this. All this is voluntary. We want y'all to understand that, and I want him to know publicly that I appreciate everything that he is doing and has done and will continue to do to help these young people along the way. This is what is going to make the difference in the lives of not only our young people but it's going to make our community better. We also have a request from Canada. Hopefully, we will be able to find the money and the time. They would like to have us come to Ontario to help them set up a Youth Commission. So — in the future, so hopefully we will be able to do that. Again, thank you all so very much. Continue to support these young people and we will see great successes in the future. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, I want to take this opportunity to just say a couple of things. One is, Dr. Thomas, many years from now when this Commission's look back up and review, the Youth Commission will be remembered. The Youth Commission will be remembered, and the Youth Commission is your dream. You sold us on this idea and we are grateful. And it's kind of fortuitous in that we talk about all of the bad teenagers you hear about, but we have some excellent kids here. Commissioner Thomas said, yes, we do. Commissioner Odell said, we have kids who have big dreams, do their homework, and being a teenager is a typical time in your life. I have two teenagers and my wife is constantly pulling her hair out because it is — 15 and 16 are troubling times. But we have some good kids in our program. If we want to curb crime, there's no one silver bullet. There are a multitude of things. One of the things is a program like this. This young people have the opportunity to see that Clarence Thomas, who is one of our Supreme Court Justices, grew up in this community, was not wealthy, did not — was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and now he is one of nine, and he's to be commended. So when we condemn our public schools and what have you, we need to look; it's not all bad. We produce some stars here. I think people in our Youth Commission will go on to be stars. You have gotten the big dream. Once you have the big dream, I mean, the other things fall in place, and I want to thank you, Dr. Thomas. I'm really pleased with this and I'm pleased with your vision, and I also thank Van Thomas [sic]. This is a full-time job in and of itself and so when people who don't want crime to be high, levy criticism upon Van [Johnson] who's in the war, who's fighting the struggle and giving up his time, this is uncompensated time, and I've always thought, and I don't want to tell Russ [Abolt] this because we're going to be doing his evaluation soon, that we have the absolute staff that I've had the privilege to work with, and I've worked in organizations for the last 25 years, although I was three when I started, but for the last 25 years. We have an excellent

staff. People who are dedicated to this community. Not only Van Johnson, but Mr. Abolt, who often does not get the credit, and I'm just grateful to be on this Commission especially at this time when we have the most active Chairman in the history of Chatham County. And if you don't believe me, when I — I used to go to Federal Court at lot and I could always count of his space to park in, but you cannot do that any more because he's always here. I mean, now I have to pay like everybody else when I go there. But it's a good time. We have some good things going on. Young people, I say to you, the only thing that will limit you, you're the only thing that can limit you. America is still one of those countries that if you're willing to work hard and sacrifice, you can get that big slice of the pie, and that is not true almost anywhere else in the world. So you're very grateful to have been born here and you can take advantage of it, and listen to Dr. Thomas and listen to Van [Johnson] and especially listen to your parents. I appreciate y'all having to come and speak before this Commission because public speaking is very important, and you all did an excellent job and I thank you, and, as I said, I've got a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old. I understand what your parents are going through.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, certainly I want to second what's been said so eloquently by Commissioner Odell and Dr. Thomas. I'm really jealous of this trip that you went on. What an amazing opportunity, and I think the thing that I'm most jealous about is that you got a chance to meet Thomas Jefferson because he's always been a hero of mine, and I wonder did any of you get his cell phone number because I'm always asking myself, "What would Jefferson do?" and if y'all got his cell phone number I would like to call him and ask him. Did you? No? Well, really seriously, what an amazing opportunity, what a great thing, and I thank all the people who worked so hard, and especially Dr. Thomas for her dream.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Commissioner Farrell? Okay. Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I just want to say thank you to Dr. Thomas also. I think what this program does is really huge and showing the other young people that it is pretty cool to be smart, it is pretty cool to be involved in good things, and there are good things out there that happen to good people. Society tends to, I know, glamorize the drug activities, the money that comes, the things that come. They kind of put into the back of their mind the prison terms and the death sentences and everything else that happens there, but it's people like y'all, people like your vision that can change everything and show that it is pretty cool to have some sense, and that's what all you guys are showing out there, and I'm impressed with y'all every year. I mean, y'all just keep coming, brilliant young people, and just keep that confidence when you're around the kids that need to see that it is pretty cool and there is nothing wrong with picking up a book and reading it. That's what is going to get you up there to get that signature of a Clarence Thomas. That's what puts you in that seat and, you know, great job and thanks to everyone.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, and again we do appreciate Commissioner Thomas coming up some 14 years ago — 14 years ago with this vision and the plan to put together this Youth Commission because we can see many successes that have occurred since that period of time. Many of the Youth Commission have graduated now, a lot of them have really good jobs around

not only here but around the country, and there are many success stories and we do appreciate that.

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2. FIREWORKS ON THE SOUTHSIDE (COMMISSIONER SHAY).

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Commissioner Shay right now for the fireworks on the Southside, and what that was last year, as we know, is that we had the facilities that the County contributed to a group of citizens who had really a family day last year and put on a very big show — fireworks and other things — that thousands of families came together.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I received a request from a representative of Southside Baptist Church to see if they couldn't stage the event again this year, and that's why I asked to be put on the agenda, but you reminded me this morning that we have already as a Commission voted previously to extend that opportunity to this group for the July — I think they're going to have the event on the 3rd of July there at Memorial Stadium. So the work's already been done. So I appreciate that and I know the folks that come out really enjoy that evening. It's an opportunity for them to share a family event and perhaps miss some of the hoopla down on River Street.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you.

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Chairman Liakakis said, before we go to Item VIII on the Considered [sic] Items, I'd like to take this opportunity, you know, as was mentioned a while ago what a great County Manager that we've got who does an outstanding job, but we also have a really good County Attorney, one of the top in the country. And, you know, and this doesn't really happen a lot of times, even in the legal field, that you would have an attorney —, I just want to give you a brief history — that, number one, is that we had a case in the US Supreme Court, so our County Attorney on March 1st of this year argued the case of *Ludwig v. Chatham County* in the Supreme Court in Washington, DC. In addition to that, there was another case that he argued in the Georgia Court of Appeals on March 23rd of this year, and then for the State of Georgia, *Chatham County v. The State of Georgia*, he argued that case in the Supreme Court of Georgia on April 11th, and that particular case is really important, not only for Chatham County citizens, but around the State of Georgia, and a lot of other Commissioners joined in that particular suit because what is costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, in fact millions of dollars to the citizens of Chatham County for us to pay for the State prisoners. Those State prisoners should be paid for by the State of Georgia, not putting the burden on our citizens, and we have to tax you to do that. That's unfair. But hopefully the Supreme Court will make a ruling after Jon's [Hart] argument there that they say that we can sue to the State of Georgia as the Court of Appeals has done. And this short period of time, a little over a month to go and argue all these cases shows the great expertise and the

ability that our County Attorney has, and we do appreciate that, Jon [Hart]. I want to let you know that.

County Attorney Hart said, well, we have a good staff too. Emily Garrard is an excellent Assistant County Attorney. Chairman Liakakis said, very much so.

Commissioner Odell said, can I just ask that we —, as a fellow attorney, Jonathan Hart is generally beloved by both sides, defense and plaintiffs, because he’s fair and beyond being fair, he’s intelligent. He hides from the camera and got his head down and doing work. I’d like for him to turn around so we can get a good view of him on the camera so his wife can see him tonight. Can we give Jon [Hart] a big hand? [Applause.] Commissioner Odell said, if you’ll notice, he is beet red now.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

*** 1. PURCHASING ITEM B. Item was tabled at meeting of April 6, 2006.**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Contract for re-roofing four (4) bathrooms, locker rooms and press box area at Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	Coastal Roofing Company, Inc.	\$91,659	CIP - Parks and Recreation

Staff will make a presentation during your meeting.

Chairman Liakakis said, I’d like a motion on the floor to reconsider the item, #1 on that agenda. Commissioner Shay said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, let’s go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present when this vote was taken.]

Chairman Liakakis said, this particular item is the contract for re-roofing four bathrooms, locker rooms and the press box area at Memorial Stadium, which has been ignored for many, many years and costing the citizens a lot more money. Here we go again spending some, if it’s approved today, almost \$92,000 because the money was not put in the Recreation Department, and the total amount of that is costing the citizens of Chatham County over \$4,000,000 to remedy this situation where it was ignored over the years, and this was a priority, but anyway we had a presentation this morning by Fred Thompson, who is our Facilities Manager, and he showed us the rotting of wood, they showed the rusting and the cave-in of some of the roof areas over there,

and it's very important that, you know, we get this particular item approved today. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve this \$91,659 contract for Coastal Roofing Company?

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the —. Excuse me, Patrick [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, the only thing I'd like to say that in addition to this contract that I encourage staff and the Commission, as I mentioned earlier today, that we look at Memorial Stadium as a focal point for all of Chatham County for many types of gatherings and many types of very positive activities, and that from the County's perspective could we do all we can to spruce that place up, give it a fresh coat of paint and make it the jewel that it should be in our community. Thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, could I answer that? Chairman Liakakis said, sure. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and hopefully staff can find a way to start marketing the facility to bring in large concerts and all to the area that currently we can't have here because the Civic Center is actually too small for the larger venue. So we have a perfect venue there and we can provide some good entertainment for the citizens of this County.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, so noted. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. And I also want to, Mr. Chairman, if you'll permit it, I want to recognize this Board. You made this possible. With the funds you set aside for this recreation action program, all this has come true in a matter of just relatively a few short months. Without it we would still have quietly a rotting roof that Mr. Thompson showed you that one day would actually gave in. We would have a facility that continued to be neglected, and you've made it possible for the light of day to shine for this facility to truly be a jewel. I've committed to you, as I mentioned in pre-meeting, when you see my proposed budget for next year, it will continue that half a million dollars for this type of investment for recreation facilities so needed by the citizens of this County.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Shay moved to untable this item for consideration by the Commissioners. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present when this vote was taken.]
- b. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve a contract with Coastal Roofing Company, Inc., in the amount of \$91,659 for re-roofing four (4) bathrooms, locker rooms and press box area at Memorial Stadium. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$91,659 to Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. for Re-Roofing Four Bathrooms / Locker Rooms and Press Box Area at Memorial Stadium.

BACKGROUND: Memorial Stadium is located at 101 Varnadoe Drive. Re-roofing was last accomplished 22 years ago. All of the existing roofs have multiple leaks. The steel roof decking has deteriorated to the degrees that rust is evident throughout and is bordering on collapse.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and four bids were received and opened on March 9, 2006. The bids are as follows:

Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$91,659
Delta Metals, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$129,900
Jolly Roofing & Contracting, Inc. Nashville, TN	\$148,086
The House Doctor Savannah, GA	\$150,553

2. Staff believes that the bid from Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. is fair and reasonable and within the estimate for this project.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks & Recreation (Pending Board approval of transfer)
(3506100 - 54.13009 - 35030537)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$91,659 to Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. for Re-Roofing Four Bathrooms / Locker Rooms and Press Box Area at Memorial Stadium.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award construction contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____ /s/ Chris Morris _____

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2. SEE “SECOND READINGS” FOR ADDITIONAL TABLED ITEM.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Refer to action taken on Item XII-1.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) A TRANSFER OF \$700,000 FROM THE TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE 5 PROJECT TO SKIDAWAY NARROWS BOAT RAMP IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND, (2) CONFIRMATION OF A GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$500,000 TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND, AND (3) AN AMENDMENT TO THE CIP FUND TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER IN OF \$500,000 AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER(EOC).**

Chairman Liakakis said, let’s have a motion on the floor for that first item.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve Item #1. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, second. Let’s go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the Board approve the following: (1) a transfer of \$700,000 from the Truman Parkway, Phase 5, project to Unincorporated County Roads (Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp) in the Sales Tax IV Fund, (2) confirmation of a General Fund M&O Contingency transfer of \$500,000 to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and (3) an amendment to the CIP Fund to recognize the transfer in of \$500,000 and appropriate the funds for the relocation

of the Chatham County Emergency Operations Center(EOC). Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following: (1) a transfer of \$700,000 from the Truman Parkway, Phase 5 project to Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp in the Sales Tax IV Fund, (2) confirmation of a General Fund M&O Contingency transfer of \$500,000 to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and (3) an amendment to the CIP Fund to recognize the transfer in of \$500,000 and appropriate the funds for the relocation of the Chatham County Emergency Operations Center(EOC).

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The County Engineer has requested a transfer of \$700,000 from the Truman Parkway, Phase 5 project to Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp in the Sales Tax IV Fund. A copy of correspondence is attached.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners approved funding for the relocation of the Chatham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).The expenditures for the relocation are an amount that should be budgeted and accounted for in the CIP Fund. Confirmation of the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund M&O Contingency to the CIP Fund is requested. The transfer will require an amendment to the CIP Fund. A staff report and resolution are attached.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Sales Tax IV Fund, and General Fund M&O Contingency. The budget amendment will set up funding in the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

SALES TAX IV (2003-2008 SPLOST) FUND

a transfer of \$700,000 from the Truman Parkway, Phase 5 project to Unincorporated County Roads (Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp).

GENERAL FUND M&O

a) a transfer of \$500,000 to from Contingency to transfer out to the Capital Improvement Program.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

a) an amendment to recognize the transfer in of \$500,000 from the General Fund M&O for the relocation of the Chatham County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

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 APPROVAL TO CONVERT POSITION NUMBER 17, A PART-TIME ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN, RANGE 11, INTO A FULL-TIME ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN II, RANGE 15, POSITION.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve Item #2.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, this is for the Tax Commissioner's office. They're out there and they really need this approval now because they are doing a good job and it helps to collect delinquent taxes, you know. We want everybody to pay their fair share of taxes, but they really need this particular position on a full-time basis. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, excuse me. Okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved approval to convert Position Number 17, a part-time Enforcement Technician, Range 11, into a full-time Enforcement Technician II, Range 15,

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

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

To: Board of Commissioners
Thru: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
From: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to convert position number 17, a part-time Enforcement Technician, range 11 into a full-time Enforcement Technician II, range 15 position.

BACKGROUND:

The position is currently budgeted for 28 hours per week. The type of work assigned to a staff member in this position and the quantity of delinquent accounts that must be worked requires a full-time employee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Since the number of properties in the Tax Digest continues to increase each year, my office must utilize each position in the most effective manner possible. By converting this position to a full-time position, my department will be afforded a better opportunity to meet the demanding work load created by delinquent tax accounts.

FUNDING:

No additional funding is needed. This can be accomplished by utilizing salary savings in the current budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to ensure that staffing levels are maintained at the level required to accomplish the essential mission of County government.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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3. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO GRANT A REFUND OF TAXES PAID BY UNION MISSION FOR PROPERTY AT 107 FAHM STREET (FUTURE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER), WHICH CHATHAM COUNTY WILL OWN.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, for the record we interpret that to be moving Alternate #1. Commissioner Odell said, yes sir. I'm sorry, Russ [Abolt].

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, all right, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Alternate #1 of the staff report to refund the Union Mission the amount of \$14,001.79 for 2004 and 2005 taxes on 107 Fahm Street, Savannah, Georgia. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Patrick Monahan, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

Consideration of a request to grant a refund of taxes paid by Union Mission for property at 107 Fahm Street (future Behavioral Health Center), which Chatham County will own.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the Board authorized a project on behalf of the Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (SABHC) and issued bonds in 2005 to undertake it. Under the project, Union Mission as SABHC's managing partner, would deed the former Fox Appliance store to Chatham County. The County would then own the property, renovate it through bonds and lease it to SABHC for a Behavioral Health Center as part of the J. C. Lewis Health Center campus.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Staff just learned the property at 207 Fahm Street, which Union Mission will deed to Chatham County, is not tax-exempt. The Board of Assessors considers the property taxable since as a vacant building its use does not constitute a charitable purpose (despite that Union Mission uses the property for storage related to its services as a non-profit agency). If staff had known, the conveyance could have taken place in 2004, and Chatham County's ownership would constitute a tax-exempt status.
2. Union Mission has requested a refund of taxes (see attached letter) for the years 2004 and 2005. The 2004 taxes total \$7,351.59, while 2005 taxes totaled \$6,650.07, or a total of \$14,001.79.
3. As part of the award of a contract for construction on this agenda, Chatham County will accept title to the property.

FUNDING

Tax Commissioner's funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize a refund in the amount of \$14,001.79 for 2004 and 2005 taxes on 107 Fahm Street.
2. That the Board authorize a refund in the amount of \$6,650.07 for 2005 taxes, the year when the Board issued bonds for the project.
3. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Though not an error in the digest pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-154, Union Mission will be paying taxes on property which should be in the name of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

Union Mission

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April 10, 2006

Mr. Patrick Monahan
Assistant County Manager
124 Bull Street, Suite 220
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Mr. Monahan,

I am writing to formally request a refund of the taxes owned to the Chatham County Tax Commissioner on the property located 107 Fahm Street. As you know, this property, known as The Fox Building, was purchased by Union Mission to be renovated through a county bond for comprehensive behavioral health services.

The total amount owed the Tax Commissioner is \$14,001.79. The break down of the cost is:

	2004	2005	Total
Taxes	\$5749.33	\$5782.77	\$11532.10
Interest	\$977.33	\$289.15	\$1266.48
Penalties	\$574.93	\$578.28	\$1153.21
Collection fee	\$50.00	\$0	\$50.00
Total	\$7351.59	\$6650.07	\$14,001.79

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to give me a call at (912)236-7423 or contact me via e-mail at lbrown@unionmission.org .

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ LaVanda

LaVanda Brown
Chief Operating Officer

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A FUNDING PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC.

Chairman Liakakis asked, any discussion? There's a motion on the floor please?

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll second it and I'll ask for clarification at some point. There's no money being done at this — we're not approving of the money are we, Russ [Abolt], at this time? County Manager Abolt said, well, you're committing the funds to the project and allowing construction to commence. Commissioner Odell said, I thought this was a plan for construction versus that —. I'm sorry, go ahead, Pat [Monahan].

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes sir, you're not approving any additional money. The only thing you're approving though is the transfer of \$200,000 and interest earnings on the 2005 DSA - Series Bonds. That's actually the only new money you're adding to this project that's coming from the County. The balance of it just recognizes the State of Georgia's contribution of \$250,000 and the Union Mission commitment to fund the balance of it. County Manager Abolt said, and I had mentioned in your Purchasing report you actually awarded the contract.

Commissioner Odell said, you know, the State of Georgia has cut funding for behavioral health over the last five years and there's a fellow who trembles and jerks and he's unkept, and he lives in the neighborhood where my office is and he sleeps on the park bench, and we have to do a better job of taking care of those who need our help. I see all of these churches and I wonder what about the compassion, and this is a good thing we need to do. Government is needed to help those who cannot help themselves. The Chairman and I don't need government. We want it. — No, I'm just teasing. Commissioner Shay said, you need it more than the rest of us. Commissioner Odell said, but I would urge y'all to really vote for this. This is a good thing. This is a good thing, and we've got Pat [Monahan] on it, right? Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve a funding plan for construction of the Behavioral Health Clinic. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: XI-4**AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager**ISSUE:**

To approve a funding plan for construction of the Behavioral Health Clinic.

BACKGROUND:

On this meeting's "Purchasing Agenda," the Board may award the construction contract for the Behavioral Health Clinic, which Chatham County is developing and constructing on behalf of the Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (SABHC), with its managing partner, Union Mission. Despite the architect's estimate (Hansen & Associates) of a \$1.8 million cost for renovating the 18,500 square foot building (former Fox Appliance store at 107 Fahm Street) and adding 2,200 square feet on a pile-supported foundation, the lowest bid totaled \$2,719,000.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Prior to consideration of a contract award for the project, funding must be designated in an amount sufficient to fund it. Based on a construction contract amount of \$2,719,000, the following would be used to fund this award:

\$1,700,000	1a. construction fund (DSA 2005 Series)
\$ 200,000	1b. interest earnings (DSA 2005 Series)
\$ 100,000	1c. reimburse for dental clinic from Union Mission
\$ 250,000	1d. state funding (account receivable until after July 2006)
<u>\$ 469,000</u>	1e. Union Mission capital reserves
\$2,719,000	

- 1a. The \$1,700,000 remains the current project balance based on design fees and reimbursements to Union Mission.
- 1b. The Finance Department has confirmed interest earnings to date on the DSA 2005 Series Bonds of at least \$200,000. A budget amendment would allocate this amount to this project.
- 1c. Union Mission will be reimbursing \$100,000 to Chatham County for dental clinic expenses.
- 1d. The FY 2007 State of Georgia budget includes a \$250,000 grant for the project. Though the funds will not be provided until after the start of the state's new fiscal year in July 2006, the funds will not be required until 2007 based on progress of payments on the construction contract.

- 1e. Union Mission has agreed (see Attachment 1) to make up the difference needed for contract award.
2. It is anticipated that after contract award, value engineering will be able to lower the contract amount to \$2,719,000 through deductive change orders. The contractor has expressed a willingness to look at alternative ways of the necessary floor leveling and other construction issues. Any savings through deductive change orders would decrease Union Mission's contribution to the project.
 - 2a. At \$130 per square foot for renovation and an addition, staff considers the low bid as reflective of the construction market. Further, the contractor, Dabbs-Williams received high marks based on prior experience with Chatham County. Dabbs-Williams previously constructed the West Chatham Administrative Annex.
3. Approval will allow the project to get underway in May 2006. A nine-month period of construction is anticipated.

FUNDING:

Funding will be from sources as noted in "Facts & Findings 1."

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the sources of funding as provided in "Facts & Findings 1," which will enable award of the construction contract as presented on the Purchasing Agenda.
2. That the Board direct staff to require the architect to re-design the project within budget and then re-bid a smaller scale project. This would likely require reductions in program areas, which Union Mission opposes.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Though SABHC and Union Mission recommend approval of the funding plan to begin project, the decision on the funding and award of contract remains solely within the policy discretion of the Board of Commissions as owner, developer and principal financier of this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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April 10, 2006

Russell Abolt
Chatham County Manager
P. O. Box 8161
Savannah, Georgia 31401

**RE: Commitment to renovation of the County Project
to renovate the old Fox Appliance property**

Dear Mr. Abolt::

As you know, Chatham County has set aside \$2 million in bond funds for the renovation of the Union Mission owned Fox Appliance property on Fahm Street. The project is actually an expansion of the J. C. Lewis Health Center and wen completed, will consolidate the county adult behavioral health services which are operated by the Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (SABHC).

The low bid for the project was \$2.7 million. I understand that the bond funds have earned interest bringing these funds to \$2.2 million which the County is committing to the project. The State of Georgia has also committed \$250,000 in the FY-07 budget and Union Mission is committed to ensuring the balance of \$500,000.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Micheal Elliott

Rev. Micheal Elliott,
President & CEO

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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, we have these items. I want all of you to look them over quickly. There are some specific items that you talked about at the pre-meeting that you'd like to withhold. Give me the items you'd like to pull right now and also those bid contracts.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to remove Item 7. Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to remove Item 8-F and 8-I. Chairman Liakakis asked, 8 what? Commissioner Kicklighter said, F and I. Chairman Liakakis said, F and I, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, and I'd like to pull 8-G.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, would you also pull number three on the Calendar to allow you to change that public hearing date for your budget.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We added that action — item on there also. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move the approval of the balance of the Action Calendar except for Items 3, 7, 8-F, 8-G and 8-I. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Commissioner Odell said, I'll second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Liakakis said, the item passes, and I see Commissioner Stone has just arrived now, so Ms. County Clerk, would you add her to the roster please. The Acting Clerk said, yes sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 1 through 8-K, except Items 3, 7, 8-F, 8-G and 8-I. Commissioners Farrell and Odell 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 APRIL 7, 2006, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 30 to April 12, 2006. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2006.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period March 30, 2006, through April 12, 2006, in the amount of \$2,757,414. Commissioner Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2006 / 2007 BUDGET ADOPTION AND MILLAGE LEVY CALENDAR.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, again because you changed your meeting that would have been scheduled on the 9th, which would be a Friday, moving that to the 12th of June, a Monday, if you look at the staff report, giving you a suggested calendar for adopting the budget, you'd in effect be changing that 9th of June date for your public hearing on the budget to Monday, the 12th of June, at your regular meeting.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move for approval as set by the Manager. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, approval of Item 3.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an amended Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar, and changing the date of June 9, 2006, to June 12, 2006. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

DATE: April 13, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To present an amended Fiscal Year 2006 / 2007 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar to the Board for approval.

BACKGROUND: The Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar is approved by the Board each fiscal year to allow for timely adoption of the budget and millage levy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

(1) The FY 2006/2007 (July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007) Budget Adoption and Millage Levy calendar has been changed to agree with the April Commission meetings set for the 7th and 21st of the month. Three dates have been amended on the calendar:

Activity	Original Date	Amended Date
Proposed Budget document and budget message transmitted to the Board.	April 28, 2006	May 12, 2006
Board Workshops	May 1, 2006 to June 9, 2006	May 15, 2006 to June 9, 2006
Board conducts public hearing at regular Commission meeting.	May 26, 2006	June 9, 2006

(2) Adoption of the FY2007 Budget remains scheduled for June 23, 2006.

FUNDING: N / A

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Approve the amended FY 2006 / 2007 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar.
- (2) Amend the calendar.

POLICY ANALYSIS: State law requires that an annual budget be adopted by the Board for the General Funds and all Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds while a project-length budget should be adopted for construction-in-progress funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE EXECUTION OF THREE EASEMENT LIMITED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND SAVANNAH ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR THE PAVING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON BETRAN STREET.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the execution of three (3) Easement Limited Agreements between Chatham County and Savannah Electric and Power Company for the paving construction project on Betran Street. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

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

ISSUE: That the Board approve the execution of three Easement Limited Agreements (ELA) between Chatham County and Savannah Electric and Power Company (Savannah Electric) for the paving construction project on Betran Street.

BACKGROUND: On August 13, 2004, the Board approved entering into a County Contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the paving of Betran Street.

FACTS AN FINDINGS:

1. The County's consulting firm (Moreland Altobelli Associates) is in the process of acquiring right-of-way for the paving project on Betran Street. The right-of-way acquisition for this project impacts three parcels owned by Savannah Electric and on which are located their electrical transmission facilities.

2. The County's paving project will not impact the facilities and thus no utility relocation is anticipated.

3. In order to obtain the necessary easements from Savannah Electric, the County must execute the three ELA documents to allow encroachment onto their properties. The ELAs have been executed by Savannah Electric.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the execution of three ELA documents between Chatham County and Savannah Electric for the paving construction project on Betran Street.

2. That the Board not authorize the execution of the documents.

FUNDING: No funds are required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: That the Board must authorize the execution of agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

Prepared by Frank Sweat

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to transfer ownership of computer equipment from the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental

Sciences Cooperative Extension to Chatham County. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Jackie Ogden, Chatham County Extension Coordinator

ISSUE:

Board of Commissioners approval on Memorandum of Understanding to transfer ownership of computer equipment from the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension to Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

Memorandum of Understanding to transfer purchase of computer equipment for the Extension office and Bamboo Farm to Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Transfer of ownership of computer equipment from UGA Extension to Chatham County to be used for the operation of an effective Extension education program.
2. See attached documentation from UGA

FUNDING:

Funds are available in current 2006 county budget and state matching lottery funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This is an on going process for the past 7 years and allows us to benefit from our partnership with the University of Georgia.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are seeking The Board of Commissioners approval.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB FOR RENOVATION OF BICYCLES WHICH ARE DONATED.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve use of County property, described as an unused shed at the former Mosquito Control, by the Optimist Club for renovation of bicycles which are donated. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6**AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager**ISSUE:**

To authorize use of county property by the Optimist Club for renovation of bicycles which are donated.

BACKGROUND:

The Optimist Club sponsors a program to renovate old bicycles for donation to area civic and charitable agencies, especially those that serve youths. In a typical year, some 1,200-1,500 bicycles are repaired, renovated and donated in like-new condition. Two members of Optimist do most of the work on weekends. Their main drawback remains a location to store and repair the bicycles since as many as 60 bicycles are on-hand at any one time.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Based on a request, staff suggested the Optimist Club members look at an unused shed at the former Mosquito Control. Though open without full sidewalls, the roofed building provides enough protection and work area for them. The area is secure behind a chain link fence.
2. Because the volunteers only work on weekends, their work would not conflict with the use of the carpenter's shop, the only building still in use at the site. Staff would provide a key to the fence lock, which will allow access for the volunteers.
3. The type of work does not require any consumption of utilities. As such, the Optimist Club's use of the property would not cost Chatham County any money.

- 4. The program not only assists the community but also directly helps Chatham County. Optimist volunteers collect old bicycles from county drop-off centers, which saves the County the cost to dispose of them in landfills, area police stations, and from donations.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board authorize the Optimist Club use of the shed at Mosquito Control for storing and repairing bicycles as long as the work does not interfere with county use of the property.
- 2. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

While the Georgia Constitution prohibits use of public property unless the community receives "substantial public benefit," the requested use would not be considered a gratuity in recognition of the community benefit and limited use of an abandoned building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN–COMMUNITY AGENDA REPORT RESOLUTION.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to point out that we've got a process. I'm glad Commissioner Stone is here because I think she deserves a lot of the credit for the effort that's behind this process, although there are many others that have also been involved. We had a public hearing recently with a joint meeting with Savannah City Council and heard from the public at large, but this is a combination of about three years —. Commissioner Stone said, well —. Chairman Liakakis said, no. Commissioner Stone said, — maybe closer to five. Commissioner Stone said, okay, five years of hard work and, you know, it's high time. We have a zoning set of ordinances that were for the most part originally crafted in the 1950's and the early 1960's when gasoline was 20-cents a gallon and there was an almost an unlimited amount of undeveloped land in Chatham County, and the time has come after years of having the Zoning Ordinances amended by well-meaning and good steward like attorneys that we revisit that, and this is the first step in that process, the actual adopt of a plan and goals for what will eventually

become the new zoning districts. I think it's a very, very important day in Chatham County's history, and I just wanted to recognize those that have worked on it and call upon you Commissioners to get ready because the hard work of actually doing the zoning districts is yet to come, but the framework that's been worked out is an excellent framework and I think will carry us to that 300th anniversary in the 21st Century here of our community in good stead. So I wanted to point that out and at some point I'd like to make a motion for adoption, but there may be others who want to —.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, it's been seconded. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I would just like to thank Mr. Shay for his comments and really anyone can have a vision, but we have a wonderful staff over at the MPC and they put all the wheels in motion and they headed up all the committees, they put all the time into it as well as a good Planning Commission that helped see it through. So, it has been a combination of years' worth of work and it didn't just and a lot of people have put a lot into it. I thank you for what you said. I know it meant a lot.

Commissioner Shay said, just as a follow-up, you know, I know that it takes a lot of resources on a going-forward basis and we have the Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission here with us today and at least one Metropolitan Planning Commission member, and I would just like to tell you: Keep up the good work, let's not get distracted, let's not let all the other priorities that are in the community, which I know there are many, detract any resources or any effort or any focus that we have on getting this task accomplished. We really all of us want great — much to see that the next step is taken and that we can hopefully within the next couple of years be back here and voting on the actual implementation of the Zoning Ordinance itself.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, this is very important for our zoning and our land use because unfortunately between the City and the County we have different requirements and that causes a lot of problems and has over the years. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, I just wanted to say ditto to Commissioner Stone and others and to the interest of staff for the excellent job that you have done. This is long overdue and it was something that we really needed to put our teeth into, and for those people who worked so hard and we had a long number of persons working towards this accomplishment, and hopefully that this will now give us some guidance as to how we go about doing business in terms of working with the zoning and land use in our County.

Chairman Liakakis said, we really appreciate Tom Thomson, the Executive Director, and all of his staff for the hard work that they have put in it. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Mr. Thomson said, Commissioners, we appreciate it.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan – Community Agenda Report Resolution. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
“Planning the Future - Respecting the Past”

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 18, 2006
TO: Chatham County Commissioners
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Community Agenda
Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and Savannah

The joint public hearing hosted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and the Chatham County Commissioners was held on April 11, 2006, at the Coastal Georgia Center. The public hearing was attended by a majority of the members of both the City Council and the County Commission, MPC Commissioners, and staff members of both the City and County governments and the MPC.

The meeting was attended by approximately 100 citizens. Nineteen citizens spoke, mostly in favor of the Comprehensive Plan. There were several comments on the need to address traffic congestion and public transportation, energy efficiency, the interface between industrial and residential uses in the western part of Savannah, and the need to continue to engage the community in the planning process. Several citizens expressed the desire to approve the Comprehensive Plan so that the next phase of the Tricentennial Plan, the zoning phase, could begin.

As a result of the public hearing, several changes to the Plan are recommended at this time. The revision suggested by Lt. Col. Carl R. Coffman, Jr., Garrison Commander of Hunter Army Airfield is attached. Other revisions were suggested by the City of Savannah staff to more closely align the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies of the Comprehensive Plan with the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

of the City's Housing and Community Development Plan, 2003 - 2007 which has been revised are also attached.

We appreciate your continued support of the Comprehensive Plan and your involvement in its development over the past four years.

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**CHATHAM COUNTY
RESOLUTION
CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH TRICENTENNIAL PLAN
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY AGENDA REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Chatham County and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah directed the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission to prepare an update of the Comprehensive Plan for unincorporated Chatham County and the City of Savannah in accordance with Rules of the Department of Community Affairs Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-0-12-1), and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Commissioners of Chatham County and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in consultation with the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission selected a Steering Committee composed of a cross-section of the community, and

WHEREAS, seventy-three members of the Steering Committee for the Chatham County-Savannah Tricentennial Plan met regularly over an eighteen month period to establish goals, objectives, and strategies to guide the future of the community, and

WHEREAS, twelve members of the Technical Advisory Committee Members met regularly to contribute professional perspectives to the process; and

WHEREAS, thirty members of Intergovernmental Agency provided guidelines to achieve goals of Intergovernmental element; and

WHEREAS, during the process of preparing the Tricentennial Plan many Guest Presenters were invited such as Savannah Economic Development Authority, Coastal BETA, and Live Oak Public Library; and

WHEREAS, during the process of Tricentennial Plan other studies were conducted and reports were prepared: Islands Area Community Plan, Southeast Chatham

County Community Plan, West Savannah Redevelopment Plan, Downtown Master Plan (in-progress), Mid-City Land Use and Zoning Plan, Westside Land Use and Zoning Plan, and Gentrification Report; and

WHEREAS, during the process of preparing the Tricentennial Plan press releases, news releases and public hearing notices were set out; and

WHEREAS, during the process of preparing the Tricentennial Plan a Vision Competition was staged and was open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, a Public Education digital Video was produced and shared with the general public during the public meetings and on cable television. The copy of the digital video was available for the general public; and

WHEREAS, a Communitywide Public Opinion Survey was conducted, in collaboration with the Savannah State University Survey Research Center, to identify public opinion on a variety of issues related to planning and zoning. The findings were reported at the Town Hall Meeting and in the local media; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff met regularly over the same eighteen month period with representatives of other agencies affiliated with governments of Chatham County, the City of Savannah, and the State of Georgia to advise them of the findings of the Steering Committee and to solicit their input in preparing the goals, objectives, and strategies to guide the future of the community, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff assembled the recommendations of the Steering Committee and governmental agencies and prepared such other documents in the format required by the Department of Community Affairs Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-0-12-1), and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission in cooperation with the staff held more than 50 public meetings with citizens at various community sites to share information regarding the Comprehensive Plan and invited comments from the citizens. The meetings were attended by hundreds of citizens over a period of over two years. The MPC held numerous meetings with concerned citizens and stakeholders regarding the process of the Tricentennial Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tricentennial Plan documents were posted on the MPC website to share information with citizens and invited electronic comments; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission endorsed first two documents of the Comprehensive Plan entitled *Community Assessment Report* and the

Community Participation Program of the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan, and forwarded these documents to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for their review on January 3, 2006, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 110-12-1 of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Local Planning Requirements requires that the Commissioners of Chatham County and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah approval of the document entitled *Community Agenda* prior to forwarding it to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center, and

WHEREAS, the Community Agenda document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005, and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the required Public Hearing was held by the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission on December 20, 2005 and continued through the meetings of January 3, 2006, January 10, 2006, January 17, 2006, February 7, 2006 and February 21, 2006; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Commissioners hereby approve submittal of the Community Agenda document of the Comprehensive Plan to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for official review.

ADOPTED this _____ day of April, 2006.

By: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman Date

Helen L. Stone, Commissioner Date

James J. Holmes, Commissioner Date

Patrick Shay, Commissioner Date

Harris Odell, Jr., Commissioner Date

David M. Gellatly, Commissioner Date

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
E. 115 Motorola digital portable radios	Sheriff	Motorola Communications (State Contract)	\$494,630	COPS Police Community Grant
F. Construction contract for 2 nd source water - Hunters Ridge	Water and Sewer	Southern Champion Construction	\$118,510	Water and Sewer
G. Construction contract for Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp Improvements	SPLOST	E & D Contracting Services, Inc.	\$1,106,640	•SPLOST (2003-2008) - Boat Ramp Repairs •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Incorporated County Roads
H. Construction contract for the Behavioral Health Center	DSA 2005 Bonds	Dabbs-Williams	\$2,719,000	DSA 2005 Bonds - A/R State of Georgia, Union Mission
I. Contractor for Design-Build Aquatic Center Renovation	DSA 2005 Bonds	TBD	\$3,400,000	DSA 2005 Bonds

As to Items 8-A through 8-K, except 8-F, 8-G and 8-I:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-K, except Items 8-F, 8-G and 8-I. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 8-F:

Construction contract for 2nd source water - Hunters Ridge; Water and Sewer; Southern Champion Construction; \$118,510; Water and Sewer.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'd like to make a motion for approval. Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, that's the Hunters Ridge. Commissioner Gellatly said, oh, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would ask the Commission to recuse me on this one because this is actually — affects my subdivision. This is a backup emergency plan to tie into Pooler's water in case something happens to the Chatham County water system, and I just want to recuse myself because this is something the staff did and I don't want anybody to think I was out there pushing for this.

County Attorney Hart said, you need to move to —. Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman, to recuse Commissioner Kicklighter. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter did not vote on this motion.]

Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Okay, let's have a motion to approve this item, F. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was recused from voting on this item.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

As to Item 8-G:

Construction contract for Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp Improvements; SPLOST; E & D Contracting Services, Inc., \$1,106,640; SPLOST (2003-2008) - Boat Ramp Repairs, SPLOST (2003-2008) - Incorporated County Roads.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to make a motion to approve the contract for purposes of discussion, and I'd like to discuss it. Commissioner Shay said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, discussion.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'm very much behind the improvements that are needed at our most used boat ramp in the County; however, due to a timing issue, it was intended that this work be done before the beginning of the active boating season. I would ask that staff work very closely with the contractor to make the construction as unobtrusive as possible on the on-going use of the boat ramp, or if it could possibly be delayed until after the first of September, that would even be better. But I know that construction materials are on a wild ride upward and that it may not be financially feasible to hold off for that long a period of time, so I would ask that we look into that very seriously and make every provision for the continued use of the facility during this construction although it will be somewhat interrupted.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Mr. Chairman, I met with —, this is in my district and I met with constituents and I'll reiterate what — everything that Commissioner Farrell said. It would seem to me that I would even, if at all possible, want to delay it until a little after Labor Day because according to the gentleman that runs the bait store there, he has as many as 200 boats a day up until really November, and I don't even know if there's a possibility that we could pave half of the boat ramp at a time — I mean, half of the parking area at a time since there are two boat ramps. Keep one ramp open. This is one of the most popular and well-used boat ramps in

the County and I hate to see it completely shut down. I apologize for missing the pre-meeting and maybe I missed some discussion, but it would seem to me that maybe there's a way to do this to not have to shut the thing totally down. I really don't —. County Manager Abolt said, it will not be shut down. It will not be shut down. Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, they better do it soon then. Can you elaborate? I mean —. County Manager Abolt said, as I told you before in the pre-meeting, the — part of the conditions of the contract, he must keep the boat ramp open. The concern of Commissioner Farrell at the pre-meeting, well, what about the other disruptive effects of the construction, and our caution was please award the contract because of the rising costs that Commissioner Farrell so eloquently pointed out to, and let's work with the contractor to see what's possible. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, how long will it take to complete this? What's the estimated time? County Manager Abolt said, it says the project is expected to be completed within 110 days from the Notice to Proceed.

Chairman Liakakis said, and we really have to look this over because we don't want to disrupt, you know, the people that use that facility and all of that, but one of the things that we really need to consider because originally we thought this would cost maybe \$500,000, and now the cost factor on this bid is \$1,106,000 because construction costs have gone up, and one of the other things that we have to really remember right now about delaying these contracts is that, you know, these oil companies have really stuck it to us and, you know, the prices on gasoline are going up dramatically and that is going to raise prices not only just gasoline that we have, but items that people purchase, you know, whether it's something for the home or construction material, all of those kinds of things. This is going to affect that so we really need to be prudent and look at all those factors, you know, and try to work what the Commissioners have requested to do, but we don't want to, you know, cost the citizens any more money than has been cost, you know, with this particular project and others also.

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

Commissioner Odell said, I voted for the item and I think we need to do it, but I'm not certain as to what staff is supposed to do. County Manager Abolt said, what staff is going to do, Commissioner Odell, you've awarded the contract, I will instruct staff immediately to work with the contractor to see what's possible, not jeopardizing the bid as the Chairman has so well pointed out, but to see what is possible. Is it possible to delay until 1 September without affecting the cost? I just don't know. Commissioner Odell said, and if it —. County Manager Abolt said, we'll keep you posted. Commissioner Odell said, good because my concern is that if this up another \$300,000 it might not be a deal we'll do, so —. County Manager Abolt said, we're going to started. It's not going to go up one penny. Commissioner Odell said, good. County Manager Abolt said, and like the Chairman said, he did well about oil. I mean oil is also asphalt. There's a lot of asphalt in those parking lots so we don't want to find ourselves in an escalating clause based on the cost of a barrel of oil.

As to Item 8-I:**Contractor for Design-Build Aquatic Center Renovation; DSA 2005 Bonds; Turner/Barnard/Temcor/Newcomb/-Saussy; \$3,400,000; DSA 2005 Bonds.**

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor —? Commissioner Gellatly said, motion for approval. Chairman Liakakis said, — for that? Commissioner Odell said, David [Gellatly] moves for approve and I'll second. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a —. We have a second. Now we're having discussions?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to have one of the superstars you so kindly referenced a little bit ago, Mr. Monahan, explain about this. This is one of the projects again this Board has made possible by some creative refinancing of debt. It's much needed. There are many issues, as one of our star patrons Commissioner Gellatly will tell us that must be addressed immediately, like the climate control within the building, but I also want to give great credit to Mr. Monahan and Mr. McDonald and others for the way in which they structured the contract. They've selected, in my opinion, an outstanding architect and contracting firm. They're also going to tie them down with a bid for performance so that before the first of November this facility will be back and operational, but there's a lot of things happening between now and the first of November. I'd like Mr. Monahan to address those.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me preface this before you speak, Pat [Monahan], is that this particular project, this \$3,400,000, is not costing the taxpayers any money because what our able staff and our financial people brought to us that if we refinance a bond that we had that we could put this roof on, that we could build another animal shelter and have CNT Headquarters, our drug headquarters, also and save the citizens \$484,000. So that's what happened on that refinancing because of able-bodied and the things that our staff did, and so this is really important, you know, for all the citizens to know that, that we do have this. Unfortunately, the roof that was put on wasn't proper at the time, but we move from there. Chairman Liakakis recognized Mr. Patrick Monahan.

Mr. Monahan said, two issues continue to linger on this project. First is the mechanical system and because of the existing condition of the mechanical system, and Commissioner Gellatly can attest to this better than me, even though I think the management team met out there twice with us on purpose because the first meeting it was 91-degrees and the second meeting was 89-degrees, so I understood firsthand what the situation was. But because of the existing conditions, we are going to attempt to move this project forward as quickly as possible. With this approval today, the Notice to Proceed will actually be made Monday prior to even working out the final details on the contract. It will basically be designed initially and then construction. At the point it goes to construction there will be a payment of performance bond as well as a schedule set with penalties for not meeting that schedule. It is important that the facility be reopened by — no later than November 1st. We're in fact trying to move that up a little bit. The facility will go to a part-time schedule, half-day schedule, Monday through Saturday, effective when the management team thinks that's necessary and then the pool will close permanently, although the construction will not be require it to close until the middle of July, it will actually close prior to that because this Board has already approved repainting of the pool. So that will allow us both to finish the work

on the mechanical system and at that point we'll be able to tell you exactly what it's going to cost. We're not able to do that at this point and we also will be returning with updates as far as the schedule.

Commissioner Gellatly said, call the question. Chairman Liakakis said, call the question. Commissioner Odell said, good man. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of eight to one. Commissioner Odell said, when it comes to David's [Gellatly] pool, we'll call for the question. Chairman Liakakis said, well, listen. The motion passes and this is really important, this recreation. It's not just for, you know, some people that might like to swim. This is — helps people that have health problems, they go in there for physical therapy. You know, we have teams that come in here from all over the South and other areas that spend hundreds of thousands of dollars with us over the years to put into our economy, so this has, you know, a lot of great things for our community. Commissioner Odell said, this is a major quality of life issue. Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I pretty much anticipate just to vote and not all the [inaudible] surrounding it on there, so I will try to explain briefly my vote. I'm of the opinion that this particular project loses, when you combine the capital expenses as far as the operating expenses, it probably loses close to a million dollars every single year since it has opened and operating expenses alone, I believe, is over \$500,000 in loses. It may have been \$500,000 to \$700,000 back four years ago when I got on here. Constantly we're replacing things, such as hundred thousand dollar doors and millions on a roof and, you know, again I understand appreciating and agreeing that government sometimes does things that's not going to necessary generate money from that project or it may lose on that, but it will generate more revenues for the County, but a facility such as this really only — a limited amount of people in Chatham County actually uses the Aquatic Center and the main, I guess, thrust where we get the money coming in and all is from swim teams. I would suggest that if this County wants to really do something for tourism and they want to lose money in doing so. Take a million that you're putting into this and put a small zoo. Something that everyone can actually to that will bring in more tourists and bring in more tax revenues. Put a small water park out near the Interstate somewhere and then you've created for the City of Savannah not only a tourism industry where adults love to come see our wonderful history, but a destination where children can also come with their parents and both can enjoy the vacation and increase Savannah's as a field — as a vacation destination. And I just think this amount of money spent on this particular facility that we lose every year by [inaudible] most citizens in this County actually get nothing from it. So that's all again —. I wasn't going to speak, but I just wanted to add that in after everyone had to tell why. I just needed to explain why I feel that this is a not a good thing to keep dumping money into this.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, normally I would agree; however, I remember when this came up the first time and my first response was to go back to the roofer because was that really

our responsibility or a roofing company that put an inadequate roof on there, and I was told that you can't —, it was probably not the best roof to go on there to begin with, and I was not here at that time, but we have a lot of money invested in this Aquatic Center. It is —, I tried to take a little bit of time to learn about what goes on there. We do have events there. This Center is used for people with health disabilities. It's used for a lot of our young people, it's used for birthday parties. I think the fact that it's here, it is an investment that this County has made and I think it is in the best interest of this County to keep the facility open and accessible for the citizens of this community. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I would like to say that, you know, we've mentioned this before that we might have other facilities that need to be better marketed and I think that the Aquatic Center is something that maybe in the future needs better marketing because it certainly has a huge potential. I would think that it certainly is even a tourist attraction because there's not a facility like this anywhere around here that's for sure. The Aquatic Center does in fact have swim teams and meets that are — we have people come from all over the country here and there's been figures put out. The amount of money that they generate just in a weekend comes into the millions and millions of dollars that generates income to our citizens and then in turn creates and generates more taxes. Also, you know, this community is something that prides ourselves that we support our military. I would suggest that this Commission through its support of the Aquatic Center also supports our military and that this is a primary training facility for our military, including our Rangers, our helicopter pilots and various other groups that work out and participate there on a regular basis. Our senior citizens, there are — I personally witnessed hundreds and thousands of senior citizens that go in there and the exercise and warm water without concern of what the weather is outside because it's raining or too hot or too cold, and it's very beneficial to them. Also, our youth, 365 days of the year almost, why, we can have youngsters in there to teach them how to swim, to appreciate water safety and things of this nature. I think this is a tremendous, tremendous asset that we have and we need to protect it as much as we can. There may have been mistakes made in the construction of it. I think we're probably replacing a roof prematurely and obviously it's a very expensive thing to do, but it's something that we have to do. So I certainly support it and I make no secret about it. I use it five days a week starting at five o'clock in the morning to seven o'clock in the morning and I enjoy it and I see — more importantly, I see thousands and thousands of other people enjoying it too. So that's my opinion.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Very well said, Commissioner Gellatly and others. I think that the problem that we have had, as been stated, has been mainly with the roof and that's why in any construction we have to do a much better job in terms of monitoring when these constructions are going on and we make sure that they're using the materials — the kind of materials that, you know, are more feasible for those types of buildings. I also would like to say that the Aquatic Center is one of the projects that the citizens themselves voted on back during the time when we had the SPLOST. It was not just the Commissioners, it was one of the, you

know, facilities that this community decided that they wanted, and I think that we need to, you know, continue to work with it and market it a little bit more and get the best out of it that we can.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, looking at it on the top, we've heard about handicapped people, military people, training, senior citizens, warm water, the young can all use the pool. Great. And, you know, I agree we should lose the money if there wasn't another pool in the County, but the fact remains that we have nonprofits out there that were created to help in all of those areas, such as the YMCA, with their swimming pools, indoor, nice facilities throughout the area, and what we have here is the government duplicating a service that's provided and I'll add they provide that service very well and I would assume they do not lose money in providing those services. I'm not suggesting now that we close the doors, but — I've been saying it for four years — we need to try to get the YMCA to take over this facility and run it and they would be able in turn to turn a profit there. They would do the marketing, they would have basketball goals to patch indoors and built on, they would have a weightlifting facility combined rather than way down the road. They would offer one massive complex and they would actually make it make a little bit of money. Right now we're talking an expansion also in the future of SPLOST coming up here. We've had a request for a 6,000 square foot addition to the Weightlifting Center. If you're going to spend that money, take that money, build a Weightlifting Center onto your Aquatic Center and have a larger amount of the population that would utilize it. You know, to me sitting as government officials we too often spend the public's money, we spend it like it's the public money when we should think of it as our own money. I'm not going to operate a back-hole in my back yard that's draining just tons of money when there's other options out there, and here we are looking at something that's — I guess once you put \$3,400,000 in the roof, the building alone will be —. How much was the original cost of construction of that facility? Mr. Monahan said, \$4,000,000. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and so we're at 7.4. Door, air conditioner upgrades, you know, we're looking at \$8,000,000-\$9,000,000 probably, and that money —, if we're going to provide services such as that that's a duplication of existing services offered by nonprofits, let's at least do it as good as it can be done. Let's get innovative and try to combine those things that will actually help you not lose money, because this money is our money. I'm a taxpayer and so's everybody else out there that owns property in this County and, you know, before we keep throwing money in this bottomless pit, why don't we get a little bit creative and figure out how to actually stop that bottomless pit from draining the tax dollars from this County because I agree it's great, it brings in the revenues. I mean, it does. It's good. But we have options out there to stop this drain on our tax dollars, and I'd like to see that angle and I would appreciate — and this is my buddy right here that swims every day. I'd love to see you take the lead on figuring out how to help that facility make money, and it can be done. The YMCA's do it all over the nation.

Commissioner Gellatly, Commissioner, we both agree that it needs to be marketed in a way that it at least breaks even, and I think that's a challenge that we're going to have to meet, but it's a precious thing that we have and I think we need to protect it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, I've listened and I think this is an excellent thought. I simply don't want us to continue to rehash the same point. Therefore, I'll call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, we've already voted. Commissioner Odell asked, what are we doing then? Chairman Liakakis said, we just had discussion on it. Commissioner Gellatly said, just conversation and join each other. Chairman Liakakis said, I will make this one statement here. I'll take the privilege of doing that. I really appreciate Commissioner Kicklighter's concern about cost factors, you know, and those kinds of thing, but if you look at all the cost factors that we spend for citizens, the services that we do, we don't make any profit out of it. Take all the recreation, the tennis courts that we have, the ballfields that we have, you know, all of those kinds of things, you put together and you can see it costs the citizens money. This is something, you know, that we have an obligation to our citizens to make their lives as best as possible to help make them healthy and all of those kind of things, and I understand, and maybe we could look at it, but I know it has been looked at in the past and the situation is that, you know, that it was not found to have somebody who would operate this and make a profit out of it. Commissioner Gellatly said, so we move on.

Commissioner Odell said, I had not planned to speak, but philosophically there are some areas that never break even. I don't want a police department to break even. I don't want a court system to break even. I don't want to establish that if we've got a ballfield out in West Chatham that it has to break even. It won't, and I don't think it has to. We have two areas, and those areas are those are central services that we must either through Constitution or our heritage provide and there's quality of life services which attract industries here. We have a lot of things for a lot of people. There are a lot of places you can go play basketball, a lot of places that you can go hit a softball. I don't know any other funding would be for swimming. I just —, and it's not in my district and I'm not criticizing anyone, but what I'm saying is that if you're going to become a major civilized community, then there are certain things that you've got to have. We are beyond the town level. Quality of life issues —, we want to attract those high technology jobs that pay good wages rather than minimum wage jobs. These people are coming here from communities that offer services other than police and courts, and I think that's what we ought to do. We have to offer more than just we'll arrest you and prosecute you. We have to offer for the retirees a place to swim, for kids a place to swim, for the military. I just think, and, Dean [Kicklighter], I'm not criticizing, I understand your philosophy, we need to make certain that all of our programs are operated efficiently, and there's a difference between being efficient and making a profit. To me being efficient simply is that you don't raise money.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, ladies and gentlemen, I just come to the cause, I guess, I don't want you to be put in the position of trying to apologize for this. There's a strong history on the desire of the community to have this facility. There's actually two votes on SPLOST to allow this to happen. Also, two years ago the previous Board and staff went out and we attempted to get a lease. We had no takers. No one wanted to run it, including the Y, and then, of course, you've already taken steps earlier this year to get the very problem you're talking about naming rights. This is a beautiful facility. It will even be more attractive come November. The idea is to get a sponsor, private sector sponsor, that's willing to put their name on it and do exactly what

Commissioner Kicklighter wants, avoid any further public expense in the operations of it. It is something again — we talked in the pre-meeting — about the idea of sports festival using Memorial Stadium, using this facility, weightlifting complex, the soccer complex, Wright Stadium. It is there. It might be a little bit dusty, it might be a little bit moldy on that roof, but give it some time and get this thing named and create in effect a venue where people will come all over the Southeast to use our athletic facilities.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, I was possibly misunderstood. I —, basically I understand that we have to help improve the quality of life throughout the area and I don't expect that a kids' little league football game to generate revenues or anything like that. The only thing that I'm suggesting that if we have examples of ways to operate something and break even, then we should take those examples and run with it. In this case we have the YMCA's out there that have done a awesome job of combining weightlifting, aquatics, you know, everything in one area, and they do a fine job. So we have the example out there, so just because we're the government, let's not except losing tons of money when there is an example after —, there's examples all over the place of how to take a nice recreational facility and not lose money. You know, I don't expect to make, but let's not lose the public a million dollars a year, and that's all I'm saying is let's explore the ways to make this thing at least break even where it's not draining the public tax dollars because we don't have to.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-K, except Items 8-F, 8-G and 8-I. Commissioners Farrell and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to recuse Commissioner Kicklighter from voting on Item 8-F because it involves the subdivision where he resides. Commissioners Odell and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter did not vote on this motion.]
- c. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Item 8-F. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was recused from voting on this item.]
- d. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve Item 8-G. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- e. Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve Item 8-I. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

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

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

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD CREATE AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN INDUSTRIAL AREA #2 TO HELP REVITALIZE THE UNINCORPORATED AREA NORTH OF PRESIDENT STREET AND PROVIDE INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN EAST SAVANNAH.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1

AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

To adopt an ordinance which would authorize the creation of enterprise zones in unincorporated Chatham County and concurrently create Enterprise Zone 1 to revitalize the unincorporated area north of President Street and provide increased employment opportunity for low-income residents, especially in East Savannah.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 13 meeting, the Board gave conceptual approval to create enterprise zones under the requirements of the Georgia Constitution and enabling general law. The research indicates that Census tract 101.01, which includes Industrial Area #2 and parts of East Savannah, would qualify. The Georgia Constitution and enabling general law which authorize the creation of enterprise zones intend their use for revitalizing areas "...suffering from disinvestment, underdevelopment and economic decline." Establishing enterprise zones provides investment tools "...to encourage private businesses to invest and rehabilitate such areas." The tools are intended to create employment opportunity.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The proposed ordinance (Attachment) would authorize the creation of enterprise zones. It also includes a section to create Enterprise Zone 1 within the unincorporated section of Census tract 101.01/Block 2. The area is primarily north of President Street from east of the President Street Plant to the Wilmington River (a map is included in the proposed ordinance).
 - 1a. Industrial Area #2, which comprises most of Enterprise Zone 1, is situated north of President Street from the Savannah municipal boundary eastward toward St. Augustine Creek. It remains an area in transition with a large number of vacant and abandoned properties.
 - 1b. Industrial Area #2's proximity to East Savannah should help to create employment opportunities. For a qualifying business to obtain job credits, whenever possible at least 10% of new employees must be low-income or moderate-income individuals.
2. Enterprise Zone 1 meets three of five criteria as established by state law. As noted in the proposed ordinance as findings, the poverty rate exceeds 55% (meeting the state guideline of "pervasive"), the ratio of income to poverty remains less than 1.0 for 56% of residents (state law requires at least 20%) and the unemployment rate remains at least 10% higher than the rest of the county (according to the Department of Labor). Furthermore, manufacturing employment, a mainstay of Industrial Area 2, decreased by 27% (almost 500 jobs) from the 1990 Census to the 2000 Census within Census tract 101.01.
3. The proposed ordinance includes incentives.
 - 3a. While state law authorizes the abatement of property taxes, the proposed ordinance only extends a waiver of planning, inspections and engineering fees. Industrial Area 2 serves mainly manufacturers, which already receive the 5-Year Capital Exemption for new or expanding businesses and can apply for freeport exemptions on inventory.
 - 3b. Other incentives include the waiver of tree requirements for businesses located in an I-H (heavy industrial) zoning district, appointment of a county ombudsman (designated by County Manager) and priority service on permitting review.
4. While part of Enterprise Zone 1 remains within the incorporated limits of Savannah, the proposed ordinance only applies to properties in the unincorporated area of the zone. Should the City of Savannah want to create an enterprise zone for qualifying properties within the city, Chatham County can concur by joint resolution. This same authority applies to any city which desires to create an enterprise zone in an area which a qualifies and remains adjoined by unincorporated area.
5. The Savannah Economic Development Authority, which is seeking to recruit new manufacturers to consider this area, concurs with the benefits of creating

an enterprise zone. In addition, should the Board agree to create an enterprise, the option remains to create an "Opportunity Zone," which enables added benefits for redevelopment.

6. Census Tract 101.01 includes Block 1 and Block 2. Block 1 was excluded since it remains wholly within the City of Savannah. Should the City of Savannah want to create an enterprise zone for this area or any other which adjoins unincorporated Chatham County, the City (or any city) can enter into a joint resolution with Chatham County for mutually-agreed upon incentives.
7. The County Attorney's Office, Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services and the County Engineer's Office have reviewed the proposed ordinance and concur in its form and format.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board adopt the proposed ordinance by amendment to the Code of Chatham County as Chapter 7, Article X, "Enterprise Zone Program," which includes the creation of Enterprise Zone 1.
2. Or, that the Board adopt the proposed ordinance but with amendments:
 - 2.1 Consideration of property tax abatements (under state law, taxes can be abated 100% for the first five years and by lower percentage reduction increments over the next five years).
 - 2.2 The Board could remove references to particular incentives, such as in fee waivers or waiver of tree requirements within an I-H zoned district.
3. Or, that the Board opt not enact the "Enterprise Zone Program.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Georgia Constitution and enabling general law which authorize the creation of enterprise zones intend their use for revitalizing areas "...suffering from disinvestment, underdevelopment and economic decline." Establishing enterprise zones provides investment tools "...to encourage private businesses to invest and rehabilitate such areas." The tools are intended to create employment opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

District 3

District 2

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, CHAPTER VII, TAXATION AND REVENUE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 36-88-1, *ET SEQ.* TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS OR ADVANTAGES FOR QUALIFYING BUSINESSES AND SERVICE ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE; TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County has found and declared that economically and socially-depressed areas exist within the unincorporated area of the County and that these areas contribute to or cause unemployment and underutilization of property, and, in general, have a deleterious effect on the public health, safety, welfare and morals; and

WHEREAS, these areas are commonly characterized by the lack of investment by private enterprise in ventures which produce jobs, trade, provision of services, and other economic activities which individually and together contribute to a healthy society; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this lack of private investment and economic activity contributes materially to social and economic depressions in such areas; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authorization powers granted local governments by O.C.G.A. 36-88-1 et seq. to create enterprise zones as set forth in this Chapter, the Board finds the public interest's will be served by providing incentives which encourage private enterprise to invest in such areas by creating jobs and trade, providing services, and by other economic activities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, that Chapter VII, Taxation and Revenue, of the Code of Chatham County, be amended as follows:

ARTICLE X
Enterprise Zone Program

Section 7-1000 Purpose and Scope. The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County has found a need for revitalization in certain areas of unincorporated Chatham County. Revitalization will improve geographic areas within Chatham County's unincorporated area, which are suffering from disinvestment, underdevelopment, and economic decline, and will encourage private businesses to reinvest and rehabilitate such areas. This ordinance should be construed to accomplish these purposes.

Section 7-1001 Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter, the term:

- (1) "Ad valorem tax" means property taxes levied for state, county, or municipal operating purposes but does not include property taxes imposed by school districts or property taxes imposed for general obligation debt.
- (2) "Board" means the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County as the local governing authority for the unincorporated area of Chatham County.
- (3) "Business enterprise" means any business engaged primarily in retail, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, tourism, research and development industries, new residential construction, and residential rehabilitation
- (4) "County Manager" means the Chief Administrative Office of Chatham County.
- (5) "Enterprise zone" means the geographic area designated by amendment to this Article.
- (6) "Full-time job equivalent" means a job or jobs with no predetermined end date, with a regular work week of 30 hours or more, and with the same benefits provided to similar employees.
- (7) "Industrial Area 2" means the geographic area created by amendment to Article 7, Section 1, Paragraph 3 of the 1945 Georgia Constitution, which was subsequently ratified by a referendum on November 7, 1950, so as to create "industrial areas." The purpose for creating "industrial areas," including Industrial Area 2, was to encourage the location of industry adjacent to the City of Savannah and Chatham County.
- (8) "Low-income and moderate-income individual" means a person currently:
 - (A) Unemployed or unemployed for three of the six months prior to the date of hire;
 - (B) Homeless;
 - (C) A resident of public housing;
 - (D) Receiving temporary assistance for needy families or who has received temporary assistance for needy families at any time during the 18 months previous to the date of hire;
 - (E) A participant in the Workforce Investment Act or who has participated in the Workforce Investment Act at any time during the 18 months previous to the date of hire;
 - (F) A participant in a job opportunity where basic skills are required or who has participated in such a job opportunity at any time during the 18 months previous to the date of hire;
 - (G) Receiving supplemental social security income; or
 - (H) Receiving food stamps.
- (9) "New job" means employment for an individual created within an enterprise zone by a new or expanded qualified business or service enterprise at the time of the initial staffing of such new or expanded enterprise.
- (10) "Qualified or qualifying business" means an employer that meets the requirements in increasing employment by five or more new full-time job

equivalents in an unincorporated area designated as an enterprise zone and which provides additional economic stimulus in such a zone.

- (11) "Service enterprise" means an entity engaged primarily in finance, insurance, and real estate activity or activities listed under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 60 through 67 according to the Federal Office of Management and Budget Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987 edition, or engaged primarily in day-care activities.
- (12) "Urban Redevelopment Plan" means a plan prepared and adopted pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et seq.

Section 7-1002 Available incentives; qualifying business; exemptions.

- (a) The following incentives are available to qualifying business and service enterprises to encourage revitalization within enterprise zones (these shall only apply to business and service enterprises situated within unincorporated Chatham County):
 - (1) After filing the proper application, a qualifying business or service enterprise may receive an abatement from occupation taxes, regulatory fees, building inspection fees, and other fees that would otherwise have been imposed on a qualifying business.
- (b) A qualifying business or service enterprise is an enterprise which increases employment by five or more new full-time job equivalents in an area designated as an enterprise zone and which provides additional economic stimulus in such zone. The quality and quantity of such additional economic stimulus shall be determined, on a case-by-case basis, by the Board by amendment to this Article. Such business or service enterprise may be new, an expansion or reinvestment of an existing business or service enterprise, or a successor to such business or service enterprise. Whenever possible, 10 percent of such new employees shall be low-income or moderate-income individuals.

Section 7-1003 Effect on ordinances.

- (a) (1) Each ordinance adopted by the Board to approve an enterprise zone, when applicable, shall provide encouragement and incentives to increase rehabilitation, renovation, restoration, improvement for new construction for housing and the economic viability and profitability of businesses and commerce located within such enterprise zone.
 - (2) Creation of an enterprise zone shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
 - (3) The Board may review its ordinances to determine which ordinances may have a negative effect upon the rehabilitation, renovation, restoration, improvement, or new construction of housing, or the economic viability and profitability of businesses and commerce located within an enterprise zone. In creating an enterprise zone by amendment to this ordinance, the Board may waive, amend, or otherwise modify such ordinances so as to minimize such adverse effect on a case-by-case basis.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed that the Board would waive, amend, provide exceptions to or otherwise modify or alter any ordinance which is:
 - (1) Expressly required to implement or enforce any statutory provisions; or

- (2) Designed to protect persons against discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

Section 7-1004 Time limitations. An area designated as an enterprise zone shall remain in existence for ten years from the first day of the calendar year immediately following its designation as an enterprise zone. The Board may enter into agreements with qualifying business or service enterprises in designated enterprise zones to provide for modification or termination of the fee exemptions and abatements.

Section 7-1005 Criteria for enterprise zone.

- (a) In order to be designated as an enterprise zone, a nominated area shall meet at least three of the five criteria specified in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this ordinance. To determine whether an area suffers from poverty, unemployment, or general distress, evidence shall be cited from the most current United States decennial census and from other information published by the Federal Bureau of the Census, the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Georgia Department of Labor. To determine whether an area suffers from underdevelopment, evidence shall be from data as specified in subsection (e) of Section 7-1005. The data shall be comparable in point or period of time and methodology employed.
- (b) Pervasive poverty shall be evidenced by showing that poverty is widespread throughout the nominated area and shall be established by using the following criteria:
 - (1) The poverty rate shall be determined from the data in the most current United States decennial census prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Census;
 - (2) For each census geographic block group within the nominated area, the ratio of income to poverty level for at least 20 percent of the residents shall be less than 1.0;
 - (3) Census geographic block groups with no population shall be treated as having a poverty rate which meets the standards of paragraph (2) of this subsection; and
 - (4) All parcels of a nominated area must abut and may not contain a noncontiguous parcel, unless such nonabutting parcel qualifies separately under the criteria set forth under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
- (c) Unemployment shall be evidenced by the use of data published by the Office of Labor Information Systems of the Georgia Department of Labor indicating that the average rate of unemployment for the nominated area for the preceding calendar year is at least 10 percent higher than the state average rate of unemployment or by evidence of adverse economic conditions brought about by significant job dislocation within the nominated area such as the closing of a manufacturing plant or federal facility.
- (d) General distress shall be evidenced by adverse conditions within the nominated area other than those of pervasive poverty and unemployment. Examples of such adverse conditions include, but are not limited to, a high incidence of crime, abandoned or dilapidated structures, deteriorated infrastructure, and substantial population decline.
- (e) Underdevelopment shall be evidenced by data indicating development activities, or lack thereof, through land disturbance permits, business license fees, building permits,

development fees, or other similar data indicating that the level of development in the nominated area is lower than development activity within the unincorporated area.

- (f) General blight within the nominated area shall be evidenced by the inclusion of any portion of the nominated area in an urban redevelopment area and for which the Board has adopted an urban redevelopment plan.

Section 7-1006 Designation of enterprise zones and annual reporting.

- (a) The Board may designate one or more geographic areas in the unincorporated area of Chatham County as enterprise zones. The Board may also enter into a joint resolution with one or more municipalities to create a jointly designated enterprise zone and provide for common exemptions and incentives. Any areas designated as an enterprise zone may be redesignated as an enterprise zone after the expiration of its initial term as an enterprise zone if the area continues to meet the criteria for an enterprise zone contained in this chapter.
- (b) The Board shall report designations of enterprise zones to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs with sufficient information to identify, at a minimum, the geographic boundaries of the zones, the specific fees and taxes to be exempted or abated, and the beginning and end dates of the designation period. The time and manner of reporting shall be in accordance with the rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, or any succeeding state department.

Section 7-1007 [Reserved]

Section 7-1008 Creation of Enterprise Zone 1.

- (a) The Board hereby creates Enterprise Zone 1, which coincides with boundaries of Census Tract 101.01, Block Group 2, as delineated in the U.S. 2000 Decennial Census (map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A) for designation as an enterprise zone, except that the Board's jurisdiction for applicable incentives contained herein shall only apply to unincorporated properties within said Enterprise Zone 1. In particular, Enterprise Zone 1 includes Industrial Area 2 and certain incentives are needed to help in the revitalization of this manufacturing area and underutilized areas to promote investment for industrial, commercial and residential development.
- (b) That the Board finds Enterprise Zone 1 meets the qualifications of Article 10, as follows:
- (1) Pervasive poverty can be evidenced by a poverty rate of 55.7%, according the U.S. 2000 Decennial Census. For Block Group 2, the ratio of income to poverty level totaled .99 or less for 56% of all residents.
 - (2) Unemployment can be evidenced by an unemployment rate of more than 7% in calendar year 2005, according to the Office of Labor Information Systems of the Georgia Department of Labor, which is more than 10% higher than the state average of unemployment for the same period in Chatham County.
 - (3) General distress can be evidenced by adverse conditions and lack of investment which have promoted a loss of manufacturing jobs. The number of manufacturing jobs in Census Tract 101.01/Block 2 has decreased from 1,715 in the 1990 Decennial Census to 1,250 in the 2000 Decennial Census, a decrease of 27%. In 2003, the

- Georgia Department of Community Affairs has identified Census Tract 101.01 as one of “Georgia’s Less Developed Census Tracts.”
- (c) That the Board hereby ordains and declares that the County shall provide the following incentives in Enterprise Zone 1 to qualified businesses, in accordance Section 7-1002, with the definition of such businesses; said incentives are not applicable throughout the County:
- (1) After filing the proper application (Exhibit B, “Chatham County Enterprise Zone Application/Project Information,” attached hereto and incorporated herein), review and determination by the County Manager or his/her designee as to qualifications, a qualifying business or service enterprise shall receive an abatement from regulatory fees, building inspection fees, and other fees which would otherwise have been imposed on a business with a similar project in the unincorporated area.
 - (2) Under rules of the State of Georgia, a qualifying business may be eligible to receive benefits under the Georgia Job Tax Credit Program.
 - (3) A qualifying business shall be assigned a coordinator by the County Manager; the coordinator shall assist the qualifying business in expediting applications, permits and inspections, and as needed on a case-by-case basis to minimize adverse effects on said qualifying business, seek to have waived or amended applications, permits and inspections as allowable under the laws of the State of Georgia and Chatham County.
 - (4) A qualifying business, which shall also be a business enterprise, located within Industrial Area 2 and within an area zoned as I-H according to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, shall not be required to meet the tree point requirements of the Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance.
- (d) That the Board is the authorized agency to act in all matters pertaining to the nomination and designation of the area described herein as an enterprise zone and reserves the power to grant the incentives listed above to qualifying businesses in accordance with the authorization powers granted local governments by O.C.G.A. 36-88-1 et seq.
- (e) That the Board further directs and designates the County Manager, or his/her designee, as liaison for communication with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Savannah Economic Development Authority, the business community, and all others to oversee zone activities and administration, and communications with qualified businesses, in conformance with Exhibit C, “Enterprise Zone Administrative Policies,” attached to and made a part of this subsection.
- (f) That the Board has the power to administer, require and enforce compliance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Article X, and such administrative rules or regulations adopted hereinafter, including but not limited to such reports and data information from such businesses within the enterprise zone to verify compliance with this Article and state law.
- (g) That a qualifying business shall consent to enter into a contractual agreement which outlines the incentives offered to the qualifying business and provisions for the recapture, revocation or reimbursement should the terms of the contract be violated by the target business. In addition, the qualifying business shall certify by form provided by the County Manager or his/her designee that the qualifying business conforms on an annual basis to the requirements of the contractual agreement.

(h) That creation of Enterprise Zone 1 shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board after proper first and second reading as an ordinance.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2006.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

**1. THE PETITIONER, JONATHAN YATES, AGENT (FOR CHARLES & JUDY DOUGLAS) IS REQUESTING THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF 835 CHEVIS ROAD (0.23 ACRE OF A 5.17 ACRE TRACT) FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-A-WT (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION/DIGITAL TELEVISION TOWER OVERLAY) CLASSIFICATION AND THE APPROVAL OF NEW TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY (MPC FILE NO. T-060103-59583-1). THE REMAINDER OF THE PROPERTY WILL RETAIN THE PRESENT R-A ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO REZONE 0.23 ACRE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-A-WT (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION/DIGITAL TELEVISION TOWER OVERLAY) CLASSIFICATION. (NOTE: Item was tabled at meeting of April 7, 2006.)
MPC FILE NO. Z-060109-32729-1
[DISTRICT 6.]**

Chairman Liakakis said, this item was tabled at our last meeting on April 7th and we have a request now because the petitioner’s attorney for that particular project was not able to come today, so if it’s the desire of the Commission, if you’d like to make a motion now to table this again to the next meeting. Commissioner Farrell said, just leave it tabled. Chairman Liakakis said, or just leave it on the table. We just leave it on the table then.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not removed from the table for discussion by the Commissioners and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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2. APPROVAL OF A FEE INCREASE FOR THE ENHANCED 911 CHARGES ON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.50 PER SUBSCRIBER LINE, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2006, AMEND THE REVENUE ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RELATED RESOLUTION.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, as you know from previous discussion on this, this will allow the introduction of state of the art technology paid for by the user of the cell phone. It would allow the responders, the emergency responders, to know where the cell phone and the person in need of help are. It's a charge that will go into effect September 10th and it would create a much safer system in this County, not only for those living here but all those traveling on the interstate system.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Do we have a motion? Commissioner Gellatly said, motion to approve. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve a fee increase for the Enhanced 911 charges on Wireless Telecommunication Service Providers from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per subscriber line, effective September 10, 2006, amend the ordinance and authorize the Chairman to sign the related resolution. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~April 7, 2005~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-2

AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: WILLIE LOVETT, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners approve a fee increase for the Enhanced 911 charges on Wireless Telecommunication Service Providers from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per subscriber line, effective September 10, 2006, amend the Revenue Ordinance, and authorize the Chairman to sign the related resolution.

BACKGROUND:

In July, 1998, the Chatham County Commission adopted a resolution to impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge upon each wireless telecommunication service provider whose subscribers reside within the jurisdiction of Chatham County. The current charge imposed on the subscriber is \$1.00.

As of February, the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's E911 Communication Center has added mapping software to its Computer Aided Dispatch system. This upgrade has allowed the Center the ability to receive Phase II information from cell phone providers which will provide longitudinal and latitudinal information to the Center when a call is received from a cell phone, those creating an additional means of tracking E911 calls in support of the phone number and address which are provided during a regular land line E911 call.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The mapping system upgrade makes the Center Phase II compliant.
2. Center personnel have been trained on how to utilize the new mapping system.
3. Phase II compliance affords the governing body the ability to impose an additional \$.50 to the current wireless fees.
4. As required under Georgia law, an advertised public hearing is required. The public hearing will be scheduled in conjunction with the second reading of the fee increase.
5. A Resolution reflecting the increase for the Enhanced 911 charge is attached for consideration.
6. This action amends Article 1, Public Utility Taxes - Part 2, of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.

FUNDING:

Increasing the E911 charges on wireless telecommunication services will increase revenue. It is estimated that revenues will be increased by \$260,000, of which 30% must be set aside for provider cost recovery.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To have the Board of Commissioners approve the fee increase for Enhanced 911 charges on Wireless Telecommunication Service Providers from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per subscriber line, effective September 10, 2006, amend the Revenue Ordinance, and authorize the Chairman to sign the related Resolution.
2. To not have the Board of Commissioners approve the fee for Enhanced 911 charges on Wireless Telecommunication Service Providers from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per subscriber line, effective September 10, 2006, not amend the Revenue Ordinance and not authorize the Chairman to sign the related Resolution.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The E911 fees are used to help fund the cost of the E911 Center. Now that the E911 Center is qualified to recover Phase II information, it is within the Commission's policy to increase the E911 fees to help further offset the E911 Center cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To accept Alternative 1.

Prepared by:

/s/ Capt. Ben Herron

Captain Ben Herron
Asst. Information Management Division

AMENDED RESOLUTION IMPOSING A WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 CHARGE ON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT IS SERVED BY CHATHAM COUNTY OR THAT WOULD BE SERVED BY CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH AN EMERGENCY '911' SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia presently operates an Emergency 911 System; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia adopted a resolution on July 10, 1998 to impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the jurisdiction of the local government; and,

WHEREAS, Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended by Senate Bill 170, authorizes local governments to impose a wireless enhanced 911 charge upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the geographic area that is served by the local government or that would be served by the local government for the purpose of such an emergency '911' system; and,

WHEREAS, the geographic area that is served by Chatham County consists of the unincorporated area and all municipalities in Chatham County except the City of Savannah; and,

WHEREAS, currently such charges may be imposed at a rate of up to \$1.00 per month per wireless connection; and,

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed by any local government that operates or contracts for the operation of an emergency 911 system which is capable of providing automatic number identification of wireless telecommunications connections and the location of the base station or cell site; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia operates or has contracted for the operation of an emergency system which is capable of providing automatic number identification of wireless telecommunications connections and the location of the base station or cell site; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the question of imposing a wireless enhanced 911 charge in the geographic area that is served by Chatham County or that would be served by Chatham County for the purpose of such an emergency '911' system on August 13, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Chatham County, Georgia that a wireless enhanced 911 charge be imposed upon each wireless telecommunications connection subscribed to by subscribers whose billing address is within the geographic area that is served by Chatham County or that would be served by Chatham County for the purpose of such an emergency '911' system at the rate of \$1.50 per month per wireless connection provided to each telephone subscriber. This rate increase is due to the enhancement of the current "911" system which gives it the capacity to provide longitudinal and latitudinal information when a caller uses the "911" system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said wireless charge shall be imposed on the tenth day of the month of September, 2006, for those areas that are served by Chatham County or that would be served by Chatham County for the purpose of such an emergency '911' system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to each wireless service supplier providing service in the geographic area that is served by Chatham County or that would be served by Chatham County for the purpose of such an emergency '911' system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted by the governing authority of Chatham County, Georgia, on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Sybil E. Tillman
Clerk of Commission

[SEAL]

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RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to recognize Chief Lovett of the Metropolitan Police Department and we can see that whenever we have meetings and all and community functions that not only being the Chief and directing the police crime fighting and prevention that he also attends many of the public meetings, which is important so that the citizens can see, you know, that he's there and he's concerned, you know, to do whatever is possible to help our citizens. Thank you for being here, Chief Lovett.

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, I don't know if anyone else has noticed this, but it seems like our police are everywhere now. I mean, it's like we've tripled the number of police, and I think it's just the effect, but I know that we have Russ [Abolt], and it's a rhetorical question, but I think there's a compliment to Chief Lovett because I don't think history has recorded that someone has burglarized a house when a cop is standing there or robbed a citizen when a cop is standing there, the impact of which is that we have a high level of visibility of our police, and I attribute that to Lovett.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to add to that. I'm very impressed by Chief Lovett. I told him privately and I've told you publicly, I think the man stepped into a situation where he had the most difficult job in Coastal Georgia. He's done a marvelous job. His response, the work with my staff is second to none, but also you're going to see in my budget message here in a few weeks that actually are showing a reduction in part one crime, and a lot of it has to do with the leadership of Chief Lovett.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, maybe I can take this opportunity to remind the Commissioners that on Saturday, the 29th, there will be a Police Appreciation Picnic in Daffin Park, and please come out and say hello to your officers and speak to them and thank them for all the work that they do. Commissioner Farrell asked, what time? Commissioner Stone said, 12:30, and I'll make sure that everyone gets a memo. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, it will be in the news media also.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'd like to also make a comment. Many of my constituents, both in the city limits and in the Georgetown area and what have you, have commented favorably that they've not only seen an increase in police visibility but they have noticed that the police have people stopped, they're checking them, they're —. I've also got some very good comments about officer attitude, that they're polite and courteous, they know what they're doing, and I too think that Chief Lovett is doing a good job and I make no bones about it. I publicly support him for the next Chief of Police. He's paid his dues, he has a master's degree, three decades on the job, it's commanded every bureau and unit in the police department at one time or another, he's been in the department through good times and bad times, his metal has been tested by fire, and it's strong metal, and I've said this before, when he stands up and comes into a room, he looks like

he's in charge. He's got a command presence, and I think what also is important to know, particularly in this community, he is a veteran and, not only that, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and he knows what the word incoming means. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Lighting management system proposal to design lighting control for common areas in the Old Courthouse stairwell, lobby and hallways	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Smith and Vanderbulck (Sole Source)	\$5,100	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
3,600 printed criminal file folders	State Court Clerk	System Business Forms	\$3,310	General Fund/M&O - State Court Clerk

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Concrete work at Bell's Landing	Public Works and Park Services	Coastline Concrete Services, Inc.	\$7,884	CIP - Recreation - Boat Ramp Repairs
300 tons of Crush and Run stone	Public Works	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$4,350	SSD - Public Works
48 miles of vegetation roadside spraying	Public Works	Deangelo Brothers, Inc.	\$8,496	SSD - Public Works
Various grinder repair parts	Solid Waste	Don Burgess, LLC	\$3,850	Solid Waste Management Fund
Minor modification for EPD permit for used oil recycling at Wilmington Island, Chevis and Sharon Park Drop-Off Center	Solid Waste	Arrowood Environmental Group, Inc.	\$4,735	Solid Waste Management Fund - Restricted
Cisco network infrastructure	Detention Center	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$6,153	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Additional accessories for the Motorola XTL5000 - 700/800MHz radios	CNT	Savannah Communications (State Contract)	\$4,377	2005 DSA Bonds - CNT Headquarters
Rental of excavator and articulated dump truck for remediation of muck/-sludge impoundment breach during severe storm on April 8	SPLOST	T Clearing	Not to Exceed \$9,600	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jail Expansion

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3. INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2006 9TH ANNUAL YOUTH COMMISSION COUNTY-WIDE YOUTH RALLY ON APRIL 22, 2006.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3
AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2006

TO : Board of Commissioners

THRU : R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM : Michael A. Kaigler, Human Resources and Services Director
Van R. Johnson, II, Employee Services and Training Manager

ISSUE:

To inform the Board about the 2006 9th Annual Youth Commission County-Wide Youth Rally on April 22, 2006

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Youth Commission will be sponsoring it's 9th Annual Youth Rally on April 22, 2006 at Lake Mayer. The Youth Commission developed this Rally as a means to bring youth together from all over Chatham County to enjoy music, food and educational information.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Rally will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Lake Mayer.
2. Cumulus Broadcasting stations E-93 and z-102 are major partners for this event.
3. Entertainment will feature national recording artists Lloyd and Kandi, local artists and bands.
4. The first seven (7) Rallies were held at Lake Mayer and last year's Rally was held on River Street. These events had an average attendance of 1,000 young people.
5. The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and the Chatham County Sheriff's Department have been asked to be present during this event.

- 6. Funding for this Rally will come from the Youth Commission budget and corporate donations.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

As the Chatham County Youth Commission has become a national model as well as a source of pride and goodwill for the Chatham County Commission, activities such as this provide an opportunity for diverse, productive, county-wide fellowship for the youth of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information Only.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Odell and seconded by Commissioner Gellatly the board recessed at 11:00 a.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter 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 Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.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