

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007, 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 9:40 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2007.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner David Gellatly 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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Chairman Liakakis said, before you're seated everyone, I'd like a moment of silence. We had Frank Wooten, who was not only a community activist, but also a County Commissioner that served this County proudly and honorably in 1984, and if you read his obituary this morning, you'll see the wonderful things he did for the citizens in our community, and I'd like for us to have a moment of silence for him. And, Dean [Kicklighter], you wanted to also —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, in addition, Mr. Chairman, I would like for you to keep the family of Jessica Dorsey in your prayers. Jessica was a young lady that she never performed the good on a public stage like Mr. Wooten, but she along with her family are as wonderful people as you could ever meet in your life and they've done so much for this community, coaching the sports teams around the area. Jessica was not only beautiful on the outside, but she was a beautiful person on the inside, and they're a just wonderful family. She was a mother of three young kids and please keep this family in your prayers. They definitely are going to need all the public support and I just wanted to say something to honor this family and so please keep them in your prayers also.

Chairman Liakakis said, a moment of silence please. Thank you. [A moment of silence was held.]
Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 B. Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven
 Helen L. Stone, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

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

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Liakakis welcomed the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Jennifer Morse, a Junior at Jenkins High School, and Monique Pal, a Sophomore at Savannah Arts Academy.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MONTH IN CHATHAM COUNTY. MRS. EMMA JEAN CONYERS WILL BE ACCEPTING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, I call upon our Vice Chairman Dr. Priscilla Thomas to present the proclamation.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is my distinct pleasure to present the proclamation to this very fine outstanding international group. And the proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908 and is the oldest Greek-letter organized established by and for African American college-trained women; and

WHEREAS, nine Howard University students, led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, who were the scholastic leaders of their classes, came together to form Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be of service to all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha became determined to secure perpetuity by becoming incorporated in 1913 and now proudly hails an international membership of over 180,000 professional women of all ethnicities with chapters at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority extends beyond campus quads and student interest and its goals center on significant issues in families, communities, government halls, and world assembly chambers; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter was chartered May 29, 1943 as a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and since its inception has fostered the concerns of women and children by uplifting mankind in Savannah and yielded to the bequest of Mrs. Adeline Graham to establish an institution for orphaned and destitute Negro children. The institution for orphaned and destitute Negro children founded June 8, 1944 became the Greenbriar Children's Center.

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

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MONTH

in Chatham County and join as they celebrate 100 years of service to all mankind with 65 of those years of service in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of February 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations and thank you so very much.

Ms. Emma Jean Conyers said, good morning. Will all Alpha Kappa Alpha women stand who are in the house. [Applause.] Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman and County Commissioners, for accepting us today and for helping us to kick off our celebration in the month of February. Officially we begin in January of 2008, but we are now beginning to kick off chapters in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia will have the kickoff in the month of February, but we appreciate that you have gathered us together and accepted our wish to be supported by you because of our service here in Savannah. We are deeply in gratitude because we know that we have such a magnitude agenda and we are about service. So thank you so much for accepting us.

Chairman Liakakis said, Ms. Conyers, we'd like to thank you on behalf of the County Commissioners because your organization, not only locally but nationwide, has done many great things to service the people and community, whether it's charitable or civic, and it's really great to have your organization especially here in Savannah because your outreach programs has made a lot of difference for a number of our citizens. Ms. Conyers said, thank you. Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

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2. TO CELEBRATE THE BIG READ, TOM JONES, PRESIDENT OF ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE UNIVERSITY, AND CHRISTIAN KRUSE, DIRECTOR OF LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARIES, WILL PRESENT TO THE BOARD COPIES OF *THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD*, A NOVEL BY ZORA NEALE HURSTON.

Chairman Liakakis said, if you would please come to the podium and you might also recognize the other members with you this morning.

Mr. Christian Kruse said, Commission members and Chairman, thank you for inviting us this morning and letting us speak on behalf of The Big Read. You have bags on your desk that have the books in them. We have brought with us [inaudible].

Mr. Michael Donahue said, Michael Donahue not Tom Jones. Better looking, but not as smart. Chairman Liakakis said, well, yeah because I was wondering if there was some kind of makeup and all that had been changed, Michael. Mr. Donahue said, and taller. Ms. Shearer said, Letty Shearer. Ms. Beatty said, Martha Beatty. Ms. King said, Carol King from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Mr. Kruse said, Carol [King], come on up and take —. Ms. King said, Carol King from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Mr. Kruse said, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, which was Zora Neale Hurston's sorority, and we're delighted that they're taking part in The Big Read also, and Christie Divine with the Library. We have remarks from the University.

Mr. Donahue said, briefly prepared remarks. It did make the paper this morning. I'm Michael Donahue. Chairman Liakakis and members of the County Commission, I'm the Vice President for External Affairs at Armstrong. I'm here on behalf of Tom Jones, who had to be in Atlanta this morning. At Armstrong in collaboration with the Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs, Savannah's 18th Black Heritage Festival, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, has been awarded a grant by the National Endowment for the Arts as part of The Big Read Campaign for 2007. Savannah is one of 72 communities chosen from throughout the United States to participate in the program that encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. This year that book will be *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by noted African-American novelist Zora Neale Hurston. Literary reading is in a dramatic decline — no pun intended — with fewer than half the American adults now reading literature. As you know, reading develops a capacity for focused attention and imagination that enriches both private and public life. The decline in reading among every segment of the adult population reflects a general collapse in advanced literacy. To lose this human capacity and all the diverse benefits that it fosters impoverishes both cultural and civic life. It is our hope that you will join the effort to encourage literary reading in our community by reading Hurston's book, an important novel, and to attend the events related to The Big Read in Savannah. And to get you started, I have — we have left something for you in the bag beside you, a Reader's Guide and CD Audio Guide, the current schedule of events, and your personal copy of the book, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Your participation in The Big Read in Savannah will highlight the importance for all our citizens to read our country's literary classics because these words are defined as a nation to bring us together by expressing our shared ideals. We will kick off The Big Read in Savannah tomorrow during Savannah's 18th Black Heritage Festival's Grand Festival Day at the Savannah Civic Center. Our closing celebration will be Saturday, April 14th, and we're making plans to host a hundred book clubs in the City's 100-year-old Daffin Park. I thank you for your support of The Big Read Savannah, and there will be a test on April 14th. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, we'd like to thank Armstrong, you know, one of the top universities around, and we do appreciate all of the things that Armstrong has done also in outreach programs and to be involved in this, the Read Program, because it's very important for the education of our people in our community. Christian [Kruse], you don't have anything to say?

Mr. Kruse said, I look forward to seeing everybody at the park at the Black Heritage Festival. There is a list of events. The Library will be hosting about a dozen events throughout the months of February, March and April. In addition to the adult component that we just spoke about, there is a children's component. There is a biography done of Zora Neale Hurston by A. P. Porter called *Jump at de Sun* and

we're targeting youth in the community to learn about Zora Neale Hurston and her time, the Harlem Renaissance, and I think some of the programs to be wonderful. One of the key ones that we're doing is we're having Ben Tucker over at Carnegie to introduce children's jazz and I hope that you'll be able to go to a bunch of the events we're doing.

Chairman Liakakis said, Christian [Kruse] thank you very much what the Library is doing to help our education in our community and this read program is very important too because a lot of students, unfortunately they drop out of school because they can't read, and unfortunately too we have a number of adults that can't read in our community. So this program that you and your staff is participating with Armstrong we really do appreciate that, and we can see what the Library has done, you and your staff, a few months ago with the big program that you had in Forsyth Park where thousands of people did come there and this is good for our community, so thanks again. Mr. Kruse said, thank you for supporting us. Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. REMINDER OF BOARD RETREAT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.

This is a reminder of Board retreat on Tuesday, February 13th, and on this retreat is where the Chatham County Commission along with constitutional officers and department heads will be discussing items in their departments, and it's very important. We instituted this retreat to bring all of the people that represent, whether it's the judiciary, whether it's the Sheriff's Department and all, in for this retreat so that they could advise the Commission on specific issues and all and hopefully that we will have a good turnout — it looks like it will be — on Tuesday, February 13th. Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, I want to just alert you in your packets tonight you'll receive a complete agenda with attached material. It will deal with the way in which we're suggesting you allow everybody to participate and give them full and equal opportunity. It will be very enjoyable. This will be your third one. I only for one have been beneficiary because you provided advanced direction to us in budgeting plus, as you all know, this year because of your very prudent and conservative financial policies, you'll be able to start making decisions on allocating a few million dollars in needed capital improvements in the M&O operation.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, and of course for all the Commissioners to remember, you'll see it in your packet, that we will be discussing decision packages also.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Information provided as a reminder to the Commissioners regarding the Board retreat scheduled for next Tuesday, February 13th.

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2. EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS.

Chairman Liakakis said, if you remember reading in the paper or watching it on television or listening to it on the radio, last week in Florida, especially in four counties, there was a lot of devastation there from tornados. The disaster occurred some time between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. in the morning and unfortunately most people were asleep when the tornados came through those areas and they were not warned, so some 20 people lost their lives, a great deal of property damage was done and a number of people were injured in that particular disaster, and so the reason why I brought it up, I'm quite familiar with the siren systems, especially a number of years ago being Deputy Director of Civil Defense, and when we put up those sirens many years ago that we need to extend and help our Emergency Management Agency staff, which is under the leadership as we know of Phillip Webber, who had done an outstanding job with his people, that what we do is extend the amount of money that we need on these warning sirens. We've got places in our community, especially heavily populated areas, that cannot hear the sirens, and so by our very capable staff they can go into other areas of the community, they can turn on those sirens and listen to see if those particular areas [sic]. Now, this warning system is not going to be absolute because we'll have some isolated areas in the community that we are unable to put the sirens, but for the majority of the people in the community we want to have the sirens out there so that if they hear this, and it's not a test, that they can turn on their radio, they can turn on their television so that they will get instructions which are very, very important. And this way, if we know that a tornado might be heading our way or some disaster, that the people will have the ability watching television and listening to the radio that they are able to do the things that are necessary, whether it's evacuation or it's something to protect them at their particular area. So we want the people to realize that and I'd like — also in that area we'll have it in just a moment, Commissioner Stone will also be talking about that because she's concerned about it. She has in the past — is looking into it and she will be discussing her portion of it also, but hopefully in the very near future we can get these sirens out and then I'm going to ask for a vote from the Commission after Commissioner Stone speaks or any other Commissioners so that we can immediately put this warning system in a greater phase than it is now so that we can make sure that our citizens are protected in our community. And what I'll do right now, I'll go to Item #2 under Commissioners' Items and have Commissioner Stone speak now.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. NAMING THE BOAT RAMP AT SKIDAWAY NARROWS IN MEMORY OF RODNEY J. HALL WHO WAS A VERY FREQUENT USER OF THE FACILITY (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I would like to ask the Commission for conceptual approval to name the Skidaway Narrows Boat Landing, which I think is currently not named, in memorial to Rodney J. Hall.

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

Commissioner Stone said, I make the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, could we get a little background?

Commissioner Farrell said, well, I'll make the motion and we need a second. Commissioner Stone said, second. Commissioner Farrell said, okay, tragically on February 6 of 2002, which was five years ago this week, three gentlemen from Savannah were returning from Atlanta and their small private aircraft crashed. The weather was very cold and icy and it was a tragic accident. One of the members of the flight was Rodney Hall and he was — is a long time friend of mine. I've known him since elementary school. An outstanding gentleman, a family man, husband, employee at Savannah Electric, and father of Ashley Hall. He tragically lost his life at 40 years old. He was a frequent user from his teen years of this particular boat landing that replaced in large part the Montgomery Boat Landing, which was in use predominantly at that — at the time of the construction, and it has a special place in my life and in his to enjoy the waterways of Chatham County. I just ask that we consider this honor and to remember such a fine individual.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, a motion has been made and seconded to name the Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp in memory of Rodney J. Hall. The call for the question. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Farrell said, I thank you and I would like to introduce that there's two special guests in the room today. Ms. Donna Hall and another dear friend, Dale Holloway [phonetic], sitting in the back. And I want to thank you all for this great privilege and honor that y'all have bestowed upon a fine citizen of our community.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Holmes said, in the future I would like to ask anyone who is going to bring before us a recommendation like this, can we be forwarded with more information on the person who we ask to name something after, not saying who Mr. Rodney Hall is, but it would be very fitting if we would get information within 24 hours of something so we could get a bio of them before we name something, any facility in their name. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved that the County name the boat ramp at Skidaway Narrows in memory of Rodney J. Hall, who was a frequent user of the facility. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.]

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2. EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This was brought to my attention out near where I leave on Shipyard Road. We have a siren that is not even functioning. So, yes, it's critical to add some sirens to the area, but my district is in a position to where we don't even have a siren that works and I would hate to think if some major catastrophe came through our County and we were unable to notify the citizens in certain areas, and Shipyard Road, Ferguson Avenue all in that area, that siren is down. I understand that this is on the CIP list and I don't know if it's deemed critical, but I think I would piggyback on what you said, Mr. Chairman. It is critical and that we need to have these sirens function.

Chairman Liakakis said, I spoke to the staff and they said we have these sirens in the CIP, but because of the situation and the safety of our citizens, I'd like a motion on the floor, after talking to our County Manager and all, that we appropriate now \$100,000 for this siren system so that it can — they can repair those that Commissioner Stone was talking about plus adding other sirens.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make that motion, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Thomas said, I second it.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to appropriate \$100,000 for the siren warning system in our County. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.]

Commissioner Stone asked, Mr. Chairman, could I —?

Commissioner Thomas said, one thing, Mr. Chairman, I think that our citizens can do in addition to the sirens will be to purchase those inexpensive radios. They're very inexpensive and have in their homes as well. That would be an added protection, you know, for them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, let me ask a question on that. Phillip [Webber], can you get a radio that won't go off for a thunderstorm warning? Because that's the part that — I have to unplug the one I have because, I mean, it goes off for a thunderstorm warning and it scares the — out of you and so that's something, I don't know, how — it could be worked on, but that would — I think people would utilize those if it would just go off for tornado warnings and chemical spills and stuff like that, but they're really pretty sickening because of the thunderstorms.

Mr. Phillip Webber said, good morning. Phillip Webber, Director of CEMA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Dr. Thomas and members of the Commission for supporting the expansion of the warning system and, Commissioner Stone. We're in very good shape with the warning system in its current state. We're better than we've been in the 10 years that I've been working on this. A hundred percent of our sirens — I mean, there are some sirens that need to be replaced, but the ones that we're working on a hundred percent of them are working. We have about seven sites right now that we'd like to immediately expand into, but anyway you didn't want a briefing on the whole system. Let me — you're right. You can't — they're working towards being able to opt out of specific threats. You don't — you're probably not interested in a marine forecast warning —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Mr. Webber said, okay, at three o'clock in the morning, and that's what happens is people unplug it because of that. But I would

suggest to you that when we know that we're going to be in a severe weather pattern over a period of time, that then you plug it in and if you can remember, you know, to do it back and forth like that. That's the tough thing. But we're lobbying with the National Weather Service to make it more user friendly, but severe thunderstorms can pack a pretty good wallop, too, so —.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to request that before we add additional sirens in the area that we make sure that the ones that are down are functioning before we start adding new ones because it does concern me that there is no siren out in that area. Mr. Webber said, yes ma'am, it's on the list and not just because she made us aware. We took that old inoperable siren down in June and that's one of the ones that going to be replaced. We've already purchased a siren for that area. It's going to be replaced and it's ongoing. On this current pace we can be at 95% of the population in about five years. If we keep investing around \$100,000 or so a year in this, getting five sirens a year. Of course, the price is going to go up. You know, if we know we're going to get there, we can fix this — we can get to 95% this year with \$750,000, we can get to 95% of the population, but if we do it, we've got a plan to go out and get to 95% over the next five years. We just need to be consistent in funding it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I've had decades of experience with these sirens in the different jurisdictions and what have you and, you know, generally the complaints about them is they didn't work, we don't have enough of them, they went off, I don't know what they mean, they scared the heck out of me but I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do, and even dealing with the average citizen wouldn't have a clue what the difference between a watch and a warning is, and we all need to do a better job to explain to the public what they can do. You know, for instance, if you get a tornado warning in Kansas, why, you run to the basement. What do you do in Savannah, Georgia, where there's no basements? I would think that the options are rather limited and what options that we might have need to be clearly explained, and then I don't have a clue what you do about the false warnings except that we all know if you get three in a row, why, they're not going to pay any attention to the fourth warning, so —. Mr. Webber said, I couldn't agree with you more. Commissioner Gellatly said, that's why we have a high paid, real bright guy like you to solve all these problems. Mr. Webber said, yes sir, we're on it. Commissioner Gellatly said, we appreciate it. Mr. Webber said, thank you, and I'm flattered, but you're very kind. Public awareness and public education is one of our foundational activities and it doesn't matter how many sirens we have if people don't know what to do when they hear them sounding, so we're very aware of that and working hard on it. It's pretty labor intensive and we'll keep at it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, one more. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I know the other day when some false bomb calls were caught into various schools throughout the area, I heard and I don't know if it's true or not, but I heard that the bomb-sniffing dogs were at the Super Bowl and so the delay on getting kids back into their classrooms, it was a much longer delay. Do we have any plans that you know of to possibly have even the Board of Education or anybody to obtain a dog that definitely we would have one here at all times? Mr. Webber

said, I'd have to research that to talk on it specifically. I don't know about any future plans for a different law enforcement agency to obtain that capability, because neither one of us right now know for a fact if any dogs, you know, available —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't know for a fact. Mr. Webber said, but I'll check on it for you and we can talk to — I certainly don't have any control over those assets except to talk to them about developing a plan to make sure that we've got one in reserve here to meet our needs and —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right, and I know —. Mr. Webber said, — they could have been here, so we'll see. Commissioner Gellatly said, as far as I know, the bomb-sniffing dogs are through, what, the Sheriff's Department at this point, so they provide a service to any agency around and it's great they went to help national, you know, protection and all with the Super Bowl, but it would just be good somehow if maybe the Board of Education would even get with the Sheriff's Department and help funding one additional officer that would be available at all times, and —. Mr. Webber said, I'll look into that and get back to you.

Chairman Liakakis said, the Sheriff handles that. There's part —, it has been funded in the past by the State of Georgia. Also, they put some grant money in there, because it's also a training site for the dogs. They have one that basically looks for felons and then somebody that might be in a disaster area looking for people and the other is for the bomb. You know, they have a great capability to be able to sniff out a number of type, explosive type items. So the Sheriff has been doing a really good job in that and working with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, how do a dog know whether you've committed a felony or a misdemeanor? Chairman Liakakis said, well, I'm saying to you they don't usually take the dogs out if somebody is just grabbing a bicycle, you know, and taking that. It's generally a criminal —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it was a joke, it was a joke. Chairman Liakakis said, well, no, I was just explaining because somebody might not know it's a joke there, Dean [Kicklighter]. Okay, thank you, Phillip [Webber]. Mr. Webber said, thank you, sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the County appropriate \$100,000 for the siren warning system to make repairs to the current system and add additional sirens. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present when this vote was taken.]

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3. LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE COASTAL GEORGIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR STAFF SUPPORT (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I would like to share a letter that was recently sent to Mr. Al Lipsey from the Coastal Georgia Soccer Association.

Dear Al:

I wanted to take a minute to commend the County and in particular the grounds crew at the Chatham County Soccer Complex for the magnificent condition which we now find the fields in. I have been in Savannah a little over 10 years now and can honestly say I have never seen the soccer complex in better shape. I know it has been a lot of work, but the effort has certainly paid off. We are anticipating wonderful feedback from the thousands of participants that will view the fields in the coming weeks through the Coastal Georgia Soccer Association Tournaments. The seeding of the winter rye grass has been a tremendous positive for the complex and hopefully this can continue in the years to come.

I would also like to add my vote of support for Bobby Kirksey should the County choose to create a Turf Manager position at any time in the future. Bobby has transformed the facility in recent times and with the help of Byron Curry, the soccer complex is something the County should be very proud of. Both Bobby and Byron are a credit to the County not only in their work ethic, but the way they are always approachable from the general public. Having had over 23 years experience in either field maintenance or field usage, I would say that the soccer complex are now some of the best looking fields I have come across.

Regards,

Gary Wright
Coastal Georgia Soccer Association Director

Commissioner Farrell said, this is the type of feedback that I anticipate would come from the partnership and the cooperation between the Commissioners that sit up here, the Public Works folks that work so hard on a day-to-day basis to improve our ball fields, and the County Extension Agent, who oversees some of the more technical aspects and provides technical advice on some of the finer points of horticulture, and I just would like to express my pride and congratulations to all the County employees that are involved in setting up the conditions that are conducive for people to write such flattering letters, and we hope that this is just the beginning of many, many more to come in all the different complexes throughout the County. This is a wonderful attribute and I would just like to bring attention to all the fine folks that participated and made this happen. Perhaps Mr. Lipsey would like to make a comment.

Mr. Al Lipsey said, thank you, Commissioner Farrell. Al Lipsey, Deputy Director of Public Works and Parks Services. I would like to thank Coastal Georgia Soccer Association for recognizing these guys for the work that they have done at the soccer field. Bobby is the center there at the third one from the left. They have done a tremendous job and we plan to improve on that. I would also like to thank you for making recreation a priority of yours. By the letter you can see what resources will do for you, and we ask that you continue to support us in improving the recreation facility throughout Chatham County. And also Vicki [Blumberg] — I'm sorry — Vicki is in charge of the soccer program. So we'd like to thank all of them and, again, thank you for supporting us.

County Manager Abolt said, ladies and gentlemen, David Linvill from the Cooperative Extension Service is very modest. He's in the back. You might ask him to come forward, too.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right, Dave [Linville], come out from hiding. A very valuable County employee who has extensive knowledge in horticulture has been extremely helpful in helping all of us get better acquainted with the finer points of turf management. Mr. Linville?

Mr. David Linville said, I don't know what to say, but thank you so very much for the compliments and the Extension Service is here to provide scientific information to help the County and we have a lot of resources available to the County through our specialists and our system, and I continue to look forward to working with Al [Lipsey] and the rest of you. Thank you.

Commissioner Farrell asked, and you're available to all the citizens of Chatham County? Mr. Linville said, absolutely. Commissioner Farrell said, and to help in any of their horticultural needs. Is that right? Mr. Linville said, that is correct, sir. Commissioner Farrell said, good.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to also extend a word of thanks because when I first took office I had a phone call from a constituent that was extremely concerned about the poor conditions of the soccer fields, and what you all have done is tremendous. It's being noticed, it's being appreciated, and sitting up here it makes us really, really grateful for all the hard work that you all have put into it that allows our citizens to enjoy these facilities. So I thank you very much. Mr. Linville said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Al [Lipsey], thank you again to you and to Robert [Drewry], you know, because this Commission took it upon themselves in the year 2005 to put more money into recreation that had been excluded in a number of the budgets before, but it lends to the quality of life. And to all of you, to Bobby, Byron, all of you up there that are standing, you should be very proud of yourselves because you are putting forth things into the quality of life of our citizens because recreation is an important part, not only for the children but for the adults too. We thank you on behalf of the County Commission for all the good work that you do for us.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell read a letter into the record from the Coastal Georgia Soccer Association complimenting the County and its staff on the excellent condition of the Soccer Complex.

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ADDITION TO ADD ITEMS TO COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, we have two items that Commissioner Shay would like to speak on and also Commissioner Kicklighter. So I'd like a motion on the floor to add both items as Items 4 and 5. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and Item #5, Commissioner Gellatly is putting on there with me.

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

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

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4. APOLOGY FROM COMMISSIONER SHAY.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I believe on Wednesday it was you called me and asked for me to substitute for you at a groundbreaking that was held yesterday because you had urgent matters that were actually related to national defense and at the time I agreed to do that. When the moment came on Thursday I was in my office and sort of stuck on a conference call and I was not able to excuse myself from that call and make it to the groundbreaking. The groundbreaking was for Park Place Outreach, and I want to apologize to them for not being able to attend and I want to apologize to you for not being able to cover for you. If any of those people think that it was Pete Liakakis that stood them up, it wasn't. It was me, and I humbly apologize for that and hope that I'll have the opportunity to perform some act of contrition in the future. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay apologized for not attending the groundbreaking at Park Place Outreach on behalf of Pete Liakakis on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

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5. OGEECHEE ROAD (COMMISSIONER GELLATLY AND COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on for Item 5, Commissioner Kicklighter and Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is actually about Ogeechee Road or the Highway 17 area. That road really affects pretty much four of the districts here, so Commissioner Gellatly and myself spoke about this, but this really has an impact on Commissioner Thomas as well as Commissioner Odell because that road runs through all four — four of eight districts in Chatham County. I've received a couple of phone calls recently and I had the opportunity to ride out on Highway 17 to Richmond Hill, and it's absolutely night and day when you cross over into Bryan County, and I understand and I've explained to the people that's contacted me that the State of Georgia is supposed to do the maintenance on that highway. But when you cross — when you're going down our part in Chatham County there's areas that's actually dangerous cross at times because the grass has not been mowed. It's so high in the medians that people can't even see over the grass to pull their cars in or out.

There's areas where edging has taken place, but dirt is just literally piled with debris in the cutters along the sides, dirt and trash in the centers where there's just — where there's no median. You cross into Bryan County and it is almost like entering Hilton Head. You've got the crepe myrtles in the middle of the road, completely manicured, grass mowed. Everything's edged. Apparently the street sweepers run up and down the street, and my point being and one of the people that called me is Highway 17 of Chatham County today is entirely a different place than Highway 17 of Chatham County even three, four or five years ago. Highway 17 is the gateway in to half a million dollar and million dollar homes now. It's the gateway in to brand new subdivisions being built left and right, major million-dollar commercial facilities up and down the road. It's actually changed completely of what's happened on both sides of Highway 17 in Chatham County, where a few years not too terribly long ago we had a big meeting here about prostitution and crime and corruption and everything going on on that street. So the sides of the road have changed of what takes place and what's going on, but the maintenance and the appearance of the road system itself is in absolute deplorable condition. My question — our question — what we would like to request from staff is for a comparable chart to be created which will show as far as the Bryan County side versus the Chatham County side. We'd like to see a schedule of the mowing dates from the State, State-scheduled mowing dates. We would like to know who actually does the mowing for the State in both cases. We'd like to see a schedule for State edging, when they do their edging along both areas. We would like to know what State-funded capital monies for landscape improvements have been given for Highway 17 in both areas over the last five years. Mainly not landscaping because we have a much longer section there, but for trees in particular where you have beautiful trees going all the way into Richmond Hill, and I don't believe we have one in the median anywhere on our section. We would like to know if a county or one of the cities, because 17 runs through Richmond Hill, it runs through Garden City, it runs through the City of Savannah. We'd like to know if any of the counties or the cities subsidizes maintenance practices in between the times that the State actually mows or edges. We would like to know if any of the counties or cities have actually spent monies, capital monies on projects like the landscaping projects or for the trees. And we sure would appreciate that and then we can see where we need to go from here because, again, Richmond Hill is a nice area, but I believe we'll all agree we're the best. And you need to enter our County and know that you've entered the County because that gateway comes here for a reason. They work here and this is the place. It's it as far as I'm concerned and it needs to look like we're it. So thank you and if you can get that to us in the near future, we can work on improving our area as well.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, first of all, I totally agree with everything that Commissioner Kicklighter said, and it is just like going into a different world. It depends whether you're leaving or entering Chatham County on 17 Highway. Everything he said is true from the sweeping of the roads to the manicuring, the care of the trash removal and so on and so forth. It's just like going into a different world, going into a different country when you come into Chatham County on that particular road, and I'm also — I want the emphasis on 17, but I'm concerned about the other State-controlled roads also. You know, namely 204. The congestion on that — I have a daughter and grandchildren that live four miles from me. I live in Windsor Forest and I have to go to a new subdivision that's still in the City of Savannah, called Magnolia — Steel Magnolias. It's a new complex out there. At 4:30 on, it takes me 35 minutes to go that period of time and on a regular commute it would be about a 10-minute trip. So obviously they've got some long range planning, and the more traffic you put on a road, whether it's 17 or any other road, the more trash

that comes out the windows and again if we — if the police ever catch some guy throwing stuff out of their windows, they need to be put under the jail. They really need to have an example made of them, and I'm very concerned also that, Russ [Abolt], we need to have a meeting with the State and, you know, I understand they have budget concerns too, but I really think that these roads, they've exceeded in their volume of traffic and they've still got the same maintenance. When I say maintenance, that means clean, mowing and things of this nature, that they had years and years ago, and it just hasn't kept up with the volume of traffic. These roads are deplorable and sometimes they almost look like a third world country when you come in here. You know, when they mow, they mow all the trash too, and now we've got trash and shredded paper all over the roads and things like this. It just looks like they don't give a damn, you know, and it looks like that. And in contrast you go to Bryan County and, I agree with you, it's like going into Hilton Head. It's a damn shame and we need to do something about it, and I would be interested in attending a meeting to see if we can't correct that, and I think it needs some media attention, too. We need some TV cameras going out there and taking a look at that. They just cleaned up, they had prisoners clean up 204. That's the good news. The bad news, the piles of trash, the last time I looked, they've been out there for a week and they still haven't picked them up, you know. It just seems like anything they do in Chatham County is an afterthought and I'm very upset about it. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, thank you. This really falls a little bit on the heels of something that was done around the year 2000, which was a roadway amenities resolution that I believe the County — I know the County adopted it, I know the City adopted it, and why we cannot use that resolution to carry forward with some of our landscaping, I think it can be done, I think it should be done. We're trying to implement it on the widening of Whitfield Avenue and make sure that it's done there. It's something that we're going to have to stay on the backs of the State and even in our local areas to make sure that our roadways are attractive, our roadways are pleasant, and our roadways are user friendly. So I agree, but there is in fact a roadways amenities resolution that was passed and I believe it was in 2000.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, and thank you for reminding me of that part, too. We definitely would like to see the scheduled maintenance and the specific roads for every State-maintained road in Chatham County, the maintenance schedule from the State, including if they are doing any spraying as far as weed killing or whatever they are doing there. Russ [Abolt], as far as the parkways goes, I know there's been some confusion in the past of who is supposed to maintain certain areas because they fall — some of the parkways they fall within different city limits and whether or not it's been turned over to the State or not. It could be unincorporated or a city and, you know, because we're in various stages of that permitting and everything, if some type of — not audit is the wrong word — but just a definite of who maintains specific areas of our parkways. Mainly all the new ones, and that includes out here and Savannah and all of them because you can ride through certain areas and it's really clear that the portion of the parkway of Godley Station area in Pooler is maintained so much better than the other portion, which I know from you that actually is the contractor's responsibility still at this moment, but we're having to — Robert Drewry has done a good job since we investigated of staying on them, but it still is not acceptable as far as even when they get out there and mow. It's kind of like Commissioner Gellatly said,

it's mowed right over the trash, there's still weeds coming up over, you know, rails and, you know, we really just shouldn't accept anything but the best in this County, and so anything like that you can do would be great for us to look at. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, I see the County Manager has been diligently writing all that information down. So, you know, if you bring back —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, it was drawing a picture. County Manager Abolt said, no sir.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:30 a.m., and convened as Chatham Area Transit Authority.

The Board reconvened as the County Commission at 12:10 p.m.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).
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- 1. TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, POLITICAL ACTIVITY, ARTICLE III-106, TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FROM HOLDING ELECTED OFFICE. *Tabled at meeting of November 17, 2006. Re-tabled at meeting of December 15, 2006.***

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board.

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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. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:(1) AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND M&O BUDGET TO: (A) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR PROBATE COURT FILING FEES BY \$46,000, (B) TRANSFER \$9,045 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET FOR A LEGISLATED COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, (C) INCREASE SALARY SAVINGS BY \$82,620 AND APPROPRIATE \$82,620 TO THE POOL FOR TEMPORARY LABOR BUDGET, (D) INCREASE INTEREST REVENUE BY \$83,615, APPROPRIATE \$83,615 FOR A TRANSFER OUT TO THE CIP BOND DETENTION CENTER 2007 FUND, AND (E) TRANSFER \$19,000 FROM SALARIES AND WAGES TO VARIOUS OPERATING LINE ITEMS IN THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BUDGET, (2) A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE REVENUE FROM FINE SURCHARGES AND EXPENDITURES FOR SHERIFF AND PEACE OFFICERS RETIREMENT BY \$15,000, (3) AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND BANK AUTHORITY BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE FROM SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY \$176,500 WITH CORRESPONDING EXPENDITURE INCREASES INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATION TO SALARIES AND WAGES OF \$12,140, (4) ADOPTION OF THE FY2007 BUDGET FOR THE CIP BOND DETENTION CENTER 2007 FUND OF \$83,615 AS CATEGORIZED ON THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER POSITION, (5) AMENDMENTS TO THE SALES TAX II AND SALES TAX III FUND BUDGETS TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCHEDULES, AND (6) AMENDMENTS TO SALES TAX IV FUND BUDGET TO (A) TRANSFER \$1,750,000 FROM RESERVE FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY ROADS TO OLD HIGHWAY 204 BRIDGES (\$350,000), OLD PINE BARREN ROAD (\$200,000), PALM DRIVE (\$100,000), INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (\$400,000), AND SOUTHBRIDGE BOULEVARD (\$700,000), AND (B) INCREASE REVENUE BUDGETS FOR INTEREST INCOME ACCOUNTS BY \$1,715,576, TEMPORARILY REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TATEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER BY \$373,117, AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM PROJECT BY \$2,088,693.**

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen, as I understand Commissioner Kicklighter's concern and desire to have staff explain some much needed improvements really focused

on the first portion of #6, which is a transfer of one and three-quarter million to Unincorporated Roads that include the Old Highway 204 Bridges, which have been in deplorable shape, and with your leadership we've been able to in effect come up with the project. Mr. Bungard now is putting the money in so that we can do that. The same holds true for a section of Old Pine Barren Road and Palm Drive, as well as the intersection improvements there and the Southbridge Boulevard area. Mr. Grevemberg is here to give you specifics.

Mr. Vincent Grevemberg said, yes, the Old Highway 204 Bridges, we're adding \$350,000 for a total project cost of about \$654,000. That's on the agenda today to award that contract. And that's — two of the bridges are being replaced with culverts. The next one is Pine Barren Road. We're adding \$200,000 to get a total of \$600,000 to pave that road, which is located at the southeast corner of Highway 16 and John Carter Road. The next project are unspecified intersection improvement, we're adding \$400,000 to get a total of \$500,000 for intersections throughout the County to be determined. The Southbridge Boulevard Project, that is an addition. It's a number of repairs and improvements to the intersection there at Dean Forest Road. We've found a few failures and we need a little bit extra capacity, and that's that project.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can you elaborate a little bit more on the Southbridge Boulevard, \$700,000, what exactly will take place there? Mr. Grevemberg said, to be honest with you, I don't know the exact details, Commissioner. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm going to say that — I'm asking for you to elaborate on Southbridge Boulevard, the \$700,000 going for Southbridge Boulevard there. You don't have that in front of you to —. Mr. Grevemberg said, I don't have the exact details and everything, but there are a number of places where the trucks are leaving the edge of the pavement, there are some pavement failures, so we're widening the road and making various improvements through that whole area between Ridgefield and Dean Forest. It will be quite a bit of work. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, I just wanted the residents of all of these areas to be aware that, you know, thanks to the dedication of this Commission and the good work of the staff that some major improvements are definitely on the way that's needed in all of the areas stated.

County Manager Abolt said, we appreciate their approval of SPLOST, the sales tax money, and we're very thankful for that and we're also appreciative we've got a good staff to turn the fund in to meet the project.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have —.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to move for approval of all items on #1. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second for all items under #1. This go on the board. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following: (1) Amendments to the General Fund M&O budget to: (a) increase revenues and expenditures for Probate Court filing fees by \$46,000, (b) transfer \$9,045

from Contingency to the Commissioner's budget for a legislated cost of living adjustment, (c) increase salary savings by \$82,620 and appropriate \$82,620 to the Pool for Temporary Labor budget, (d) increase interest revenue by \$83,615, appropriate \$83,615 for a transfer out to the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund, and (e) transfer \$19,000 from salaries and wages to various operating line items in the Purchasing Department budget, (2) a Special Service District Fund budget amendment to increase revenue from fine surcharges and expenditures for Sheriff and Peace Officers Retirement by \$15,000, (3) an amendment to the Land Bank Authority budget to increase revenue from Sale of Capital Assets by \$176,500 with corresponding expenditure increases including an appropriation to salaries and wages of \$12,140, (4) adoption of the FY2007 budget for the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund of \$83,615 as categorized on the attached resolution to provide funding for a construction manager position, (5) amendments to the Sales Tax II and Sales Tax III Fund budgets to distribute funds to projects in accordance with the attached schedules, and (6) amendments to Sales Tax IV Fund budget to (a) transfer \$1,750,000 from Reserve for Unincorporated County Roads to Old Highway 204 Bridges (\$350,000), Old Pine Barren Road (\$200,000), Palm Drive (\$100,000), Intersection Improvements (\$400,000), and Southbridge Boulevard (\$700,000), and (b) increase revenue budgets for interest income accounts by \$1,715,576, temporarily reduce appropriations to the Tatemville Community Center by \$373,117, and increase funding for the Civil Rights Museum project by \$2,088,693. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following: (1) amendments to the General Fund M&O budget to: (a) increase revenues and expenditures for Probate Court filing fees by \$46,000, (b) transfer \$9,045 from Contingency to the Commissioner's budget for a legislated cost of living adjustment, (c) increase salary savings by \$82,620 and appropriate \$82,620 to the Pool for Temporary Labor budget, (d) increase interest revenue by \$83,615, appropriate \$83,615 for a transfer out to the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund, and (e) transfer \$19,000 from salaries and wages to various operating line items in the Purchasing Department budget, (2) a Special Service District Fund budget amendment to increase revenue from fine surcharges and expenditures for Sheriff and Peace Officers Retirement by \$15,000, (3) an amendment to the Land Bank Authority budget to increase revenue from Sale of Capital Assets by \$176,500 with corresponding expenditure increases including an appropriation to salaries and wages of \$12,140, (4) adoption of the FY2007 budget for the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund of \$83,615 as categorized on the attached resolution to provide funding for a construction manager position, (5) amendments to the Sales Tax II and Sales Tax III Fund budgets to distribute funds to projects in accordance with the attached schedules, and (6) amendments to Sales Tax IV Fund budget to (a) transfer \$1,750,000 from Reserve for Unincorporated County Roads to Old Highway 204 Bridges (\$350,000), Old Pine Barren Road (\$200,000), Palm Drive

(\$100,000), Intersection Improvements (\$400,000), and Southbridge Boulevard (\$700,000), and (b) increase revenue budgets for interest income accounts by \$1,715,576, temporarily reduce appropriations to the Tatemville Community Center by \$373,117, and increase funding for the Civil Rights Museum project by \$2,088,693.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) A portion of the fees collected by the Probate Court is passed through to state agencies. Collections for FY2007 will exceed original estimates. A budget amendment to increase revenues and expenditures for Probate Court filing fees by \$46,000 is included in the attached resolution.
- 2) Recent legislation included a COLA for county commissioners. This was not included in the adopted budget. A contingency transfer of \$9,045 is requested.
- 3) Salary savings in the General Fund M&O will exceed original estimates. A budget amendment to increase salary savings by \$82,620 and appropriate \$82,620 to the Pool for Temporary Labor budget is requested.
- 4) The CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund is being established to record transactions associated with facility expansion. In advance of the bond issue, expenses for the project are being incurred. A transfer of \$83,615 from the General Fund M&O is requested to fund the expenditures, including salary costs for a Project Manager position. The Project Manager position is currently assigned to the Sales Tax IV Fund.
- 5) The Purchasing Department has experienced additional expenses in connection with the move to its new location. Board approval is needed for a transfer of \$19,000 from salaries and wages to various operating line items.
- 6) A portion of the fees added to fines collected in Recorder's court is remitted to the state for the Sheriff and Peace Officers Retirement fund. Collections for the year will exceed original estimates. The attached resolution for the Special Service District Fund will increase revenue from fine surcharges and expenditures for Sheriff and Peace Officers Retirement by \$15,000.
- 7) The Land Bank Authority has received revenues that exceed the budgeted amounts. A budget amendment to increase revenue from Sale of Capital Assets by \$176,500 and increase expenditures by \$176,500 is in order. This action will include an increase of \$12,140 to salaries and wages for market adjustments. A resolution is attached.
- 8) Schedules to amend the distribution of funds among projects in Sales Tax II and III are attached. These schedules distribute interest earnings brought forward from FY2006.

- 9) The County Engineer has requested an amendment to Sales Tax IV Fund that transfers \$1,750,000 from Reserve for Unincorporated County Roads to Old Highway 204 Bridges (\$350,000), Old Pine Barren Road (\$200,000), Palm Drive (\$100,000), Intersection Improvements (\$400,000), and Southbridge Boulevard (\$700,000). Project detail is attached.
- 10) Recently received proposals for construction of the Civil Rights Museum project have exceeded current project budgets. Interest income accounts have been reviewed and earnings projected through the end of fiscal 2007. An amendment of \$1,715,576 to the interest income accounts is requested with a corresponding increase to the Civil Rights Museum project. Remaining funding of \$373,117 will be offset by reductions to the Tatemville Community Center project. Funding for the Center will be restored during fiscal 2008.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O Contingency, departmental budgets, and Sales Tax II, III, and IV funds for the transfers. Budget amendments will set up funding in the General Fund M&O, the Land Bank Authority, Special Service District, CIP Bond Detention Center 2007, and Sales Tax IV funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) an amendment to increase revenues and expenditures for Probate Court filing fees by \$46,000,
- b) transfer of \$9,045 from Contingency to the Commissioner's budget for a legislated COLA,
- c) an amendment to increase salary savings by \$82,620 and appropriate \$82,620 to the Pool for Temporary Labor budget,
- d) an amendment to increase interest revenue by \$83,615 and increase transfers out to the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund \$83,615, and
- e) transfer of \$19,000 from salaries and wages to various operating line items in the Purchasing Department budget.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- a) an amendment to increase revenue from fine surcharges and expenditures for Sheriff and Peace Officers Retirement by \$15,000,

LAND BANK AUTHORITY FUND

- a) an amendment to the Land Bank Authority budget to increase revenue from Sale of Capital Assets by \$176,500 and increase expenditures by \$176,500 including an increase of \$12,140 to salaries and wages.

CIP BOND DETENTION CENTER 2007 FUND

adoption of the FY2007 budget for the CIP Bond Detention Center 2007 Fund with revenues and expenditures equal to \$83,615, and establishment of salary funding for a Construction Project Manager position.

SALES TAX II FUND

an amendment to distribute funds to projects in accordance with the attached schedule.

SALES TAX III FUND

an amendment to distribute funds to projects in accordance with the attached schedule.

SALES TAX IV FUND

- a) an amendment to transfer \$1,750,000 from Reserve for Unincorporated County Roads to Old Highway 204 Bridges (\$350,000), Old Pine Barren Road (\$200,000), Palm Drive (\$100,000), Intersection Improvements (\$400,000), and Southbridge Boulevard (\$700,000), and
- b) an amendment to increase interest income accounts by \$1,715,576, temporarily reduce appropriations to the Tatumville Community Center by \$373,117, and increase funding for the Civil Rights Museum project by \$2,088,693.

(2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE REQUEST OF GAIL S. O'MERA TO REFUND TAXES FOR 2005 FOR PIN 1-0082-01-022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$768.92 AND PIN 1-0082-01-024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$893.62.

Chairman Liakakis said, if you look at your information that was given to you in your book, this shows that it should be refunded.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request of Gail S. O'Mera to refund taxes for 2005 for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To approve request of Gail S. O'Mera to refund taxes for 2005 for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62.

BACKGROUND:

This is a request by Gail S. O'Mera for a refund of taxes paid for tax year 2005 for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62. On December 15, 2006, the Board approved the refund request for PIN 1-0082-01-021 in the amount of \$3,253.04. However, the additional amounts for the two additional properties were inadvertently not listed. As information, Ms. O'Mera had the building demolished for PIN 1-0082-01-022. Ms. O'Mera did not contest her value for 2005, nor did she file a tax return for 2005 to indicate that the building had been razed. The Board of Assessor's was unaware that the building had been demolished. Due to the building being demolished, PIN 1-0082-01-024, which is a common area lot, should have carried a value of \$10.00.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Gail S. O'Mera is seeking a refund of taxes paid for tax year 2005 for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62.
2. Ms. O'Mera had the building demolished for PIN 1-0082-01-022.
3. Ms. O'Mera did not contest her value for 2005, nor did she file a tax return for 2005 to indicate that the building had been razed.

4. The Board of Assessor's was unaware that the building had been demolished.
5. O.C.G.A. § 48-5-380 (a) authorizes a refund to taxpayers of taxes which are determined to have been erroneously or illegally assessed or which have been voluntarily or involuntarily overpaid. A refund may be requested three years after the date of the payment of the tax to the County. O.C.G.A. § 48-5-380 (b).

FUNDING:

Delinquent collections of the Tax Commissioner's office.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Gail O'Mera's should be granted a refund of taxes for 2005 since the building was demolished. Additionally, the surrounding lot should have been taxed as a common area lot value of \$10.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Commission should authorize the refund for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62 for a total amount of \$1,662.54.
2. The Commission should not authorize the refund for PIN 1-0082-01-022 in the amount of \$768.92 and PIN 1-0082-01-024 in the amount of \$893.62 for a total amount of \$1,662.54.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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3. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO PAVE DULANY ROAD FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I turn to you. This is a project I know you've been very close to and possibly you can explain it better than staff as far as justification. We've presented options. It is truly board consideration. It does involve some development on the immediate east side of the community for joining in the City's water treatment plant. I know the Chairman has been approached by those interested in doing a better job of providing for road service. If you decide to go on the more

expanded project, we'd have to come up with additional dollars plus we'd have some additional permit obstacles to overcome.

Chairman Liakakis said, and what this does is that particular road that's needed because they'll have a number of trucks coming out of there. The way the terminal is, the people that have leased the terminals from the former or the present owner, they're putting in a couple of million dollars for the warehousing and all. This will create additional jobs for a couple of the industries in there, and it's vitally needed because of the turn areas and all of that to get those trucks in and out of there and, of course, like I said, it's a good economic thing to do this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move to approve. Commissioner Odell said, we've got a couple of options. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Odell asked, which options do you move to approve? Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, this is just to explore broadening the —. County Manager Abolt said, you're asking us to proceed along the lines the Chairman has said, and there'll be some — much more work that has to be done as far as permitting and then finding the money to expand the project. We have a project going that is —. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, this explores broader options, right? County Manager Abolt said, it gives you options and I know you'd be following the direction offered by Mr. Hart in his legal opinion. We acknowledge through his words there's not a violation of gratuities clause. Whether to proceed is a matter of public policy, so at least at this stage you're exercising a preference under public policy saying staff be about determining funding and what else is involved in it. Commissioner Odell said, that's included in the motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The Clerk asked, did you second that? Commissioner Odell said, we had two seconds. Both Dr. Thomas and I at the same time seconded it. The Clerk said, thank you. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to expand the scope of the project to pave Dulany Road for the benefit of future industrial development. Commissioners Odell and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: Expanding the scope of the project to pave Dulany Road for the benefit of future industrial development.

BACKGROUND: Dulany Road is a dirt road on the list for paving in Unincorporated Chatham County to reduce the maintenance workload. It is one of several projects being

designed by McGee Partners. Dulany Road is a dead end road providing access to approximately 10 commercial or industrial parcels (Zones I-H and I-L (Heavy and light industrial)).

Attached is a map depicting the location of Dulany Road and nearby parcels. Based on the exhibit: (1) East Coast Terminal parcels are Peeples Industries; (2) Southern State Phosphate parcels are Dulany Industries, Inc.; (3) Savannah Bulk Terminal, LLC is jointly owned by Peeples and Dulany, III; (4) Champion Machine & Manufacturing's CEO is Reed Dulany, Jr.; (5) Gram Corporation (leased for communications tower), Cement Consumers Association (sold by Forest Commodity Corporation [Peeples]), and CSX Transportation Inc..

Southern States Phosphates owns the parcels on both sides of Dulany Road. The Southern States parcels also have access to President Street by way of St. Regis Road approximately 1800 feet east of Dulany Road with an existing median opening.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current scope of the project is to pave two 12 feet wide lanes for approximately 1250 feet. The existing right of way is 60 feet [this is doable but 80 feet of right of way is preferable to provide paved shoulders]. The survey showed that the existing elevation is about 3 feet above Mean Sea Level [about one foot lower than the elevation of President Street]. To reduce the risk of roadway flooding, a scope was developed to raise the elevation to 4 feet above MSL [raising the road requires additional right of way]. This is an exception. In accordance with the County Engineering Policy, the minimum elevation for the paving of all public roads in Unincorporated Chatham County is 7.5 feet.

2. There are electrical distribution lines, telephone lines and a gas line within the right of way along the shoulder of Dulany Road on the west side. The roadside ditch and the land to the west are jurisdictional wetlands. Moving any part of the roadway to the west will require the County to apply for a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit and to pay for the cost of mitigating the impacts. All of the utility companies will have to move the facilities at their expense. They will also then have to get permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Each entity will have to acquire the permits separately from the USACE and the GA DNR on a first-come, first-serve basis.

3. Early in the design process, staff met with the consultant in the Chatham County Department of Engineering conference room on August 31, 2005, to discuss the preliminary paving and drainage concept. Representatives of

Dulany Industries, Inc. and Southern States and Peeples Industries, Inc. [based on business cards] attended.

4. Several meetings and conversations with property owners further developed the concept as the right-of-way negotiations began. Southern States did not want to relinquish any property on the east side. Southern States proposed donating the right of way on the west side if the County would pave 550 feet onto the Dulany property [not permissible]. At one point, a security checkpoint set up by Peeples Industries was allegedly backing up truck traffic along Dulany Road and they then proposed that the County pave a third lane over the entire length of the project to accommodate the impacts of the checkpoint and their future development.

5. Also, the existing roadside ditches are outside of the existing right-of-way. If Dulany Industries would offer the right-of-way from the east side of the road, the ditch would be inside the right of way and the County would officially take over maintenance of the Dulany Road drainage ditch on the east side.

6. At the meeting of November 17, 2006, stakeholders (Peeples Industries, Liberty Terminals, Dulany Industries) also discussed the amount of expansion that has occurred, is occurring and will occur to justify why the County should make these added improvements. We know of three recent developments: "after the fact" permits on East Coast Terminals [Peeples Industries] property for an access road and a concrete silo were approved well after construction had begun. East Coast Terminals had other access by way of Harbor Street, but they surrendered that access when they sold part of their property on the west end for other development (now known as Oglethorpe Landing).

7. Nevertheless, subsequent to the November 17 meeting, the County Engineer requested a fee proposal from McGee Partners to layout and design an alternative accommodating the "property owners' plan". The additional cost of design (approximately \$17,000) and constructing (no cost estimate) such a project for their needs is not a legitimate use of taxpayers' monies, whether the source of revenue be the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or property tax. When the developers properly apply for development permits, they will be required to address the impacts on infrastructure. They will be required to do a traffic study to assess the impact of the additional traffic on Dulany Road and President Street. They, as with all other development, should be responsible for mitigating the impacts to the costs of the infrastructure. There is no precedent for the Chatham County taxpayer to bear the burden of their development costs.

8. Based on the current traffic use (even considering the potential impacts of unpermitted development along the Savannah River), it does not appear that the paving [at taxpayers expense] of more than two lanes is warranted.

FUNDING: Funding for the paving of dirt roads within Unincorporated Chatham County was set up in all the SPLOSTs, except in the 1998 - 2003 SPLOST. The funds in the 1985 - 1993 and the 1993 - 1998 SPLOSTs will be exhausted for projects already under construction and design. \$400,000 is currently budgeted for the design, permitting and construction of Dulany Road as a two lane road. The contract with McGee Partners is for \$37,973 to design a two lane road. Given the escalation of costs in the past year for road construction, the budgeted amount will be insufficient even for a two lane road.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The inherent planning that comes with meeting the requirements of the County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and other development regulations reveals existing and potential deficiencies in transportation, drainage, utilities and other infrastructure. Prior to issuing development permits, the responsibilities for needed upgrades are identified. The County is not responsible for all needed infrastructure by default. Where a development creates an adverse impact, the developer has been required to mitigate the impacts.

RECOMMENDATION: For Board consideration.

District 2

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Chairman Liakakis said, as we know, the City of Savannah has that. There have been a number of complaints where these big, huge tractor-trailers that have been parking in residential areas, you know, and causing —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Stone said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, actually what you're doing on this, I would interpret, you'd be adopting Alternative #1, which directs the County Attorney to draft an ordinance. Commissioner Stone said, correct. Commissioner Odell said, that's correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell, okay. I'd just like to make one quick comment. On this 20-foot in length. I measured one of my pickup trucks and it's a little over 20 feet, so we might need to look at that to make sure. County Attorney Hart said, I'm relying on the Police Department for that. Commissioner Farrell said, okay. County Attorney Hart said, you know, the trick here is going to be to have an ordinance that's effective to protect a subdivision, but in a lesser portion — un-urbanized portions of the County, we have a lot of big vehicles parked around so, you know, this thing swings both ways. Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that can very possibly be addressed by the amount of acreage when you word this ordinance. If someone has in access of two acres or something or, you know, that can be worded in there is an option.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, It also is incumbent on us then to figure out how we're going to enforce that ordinance. I mean, I get complaints weekly from people in the unincorporated area that I represent about these issues and the City has its ordinance, but they also have a, you know, a code enforcement wing that actually follows through and does this kind of thing. I mean, I'm in favor of living in residential areas which y'all will have to figure out how to define that so that we don't restrict people from farm vehicles and so forth, but by the same token we need to develop at least some sort of a strategy as to how this is going to be enforced. That's going to place another strain on the Special Service District budget, but we can —, I mean —.

County Attorney Hart said, currently the police — the City of Savannah cites them in Recorder's Court with a potential fine and tries to handle it as a sort of an abatement situation.

Chairman Liakakis said, when it's brought up to, you know, from a neighbor that complains to the City, what they do in a majority of cases it has been the Police Department because I know the Captain, who's now a Major, he has gone to a number of those places himself and cited those people so that they would go to court, so the City of Savannah has that. Most of the places that do have those violations are enforced by the Police Department.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and one of the pluses possibly about not having a brand new enthusiastic employee enforcing certain ordinances is the special circumstances that the attorney talked about where there may be cases where certain commercial type vehicles are parked in areas that really don't bother the neighbors, but what it does is it gives something where there is a blatant violation and someone brings it to the attention of the staff, there is a consequence for those actions. So I, you know, again if someone even has an acre of land or something, they may be able to park it in a certain position that

does not really bother anyone around them or lessen the property value of their neighbors. So I kind of like the fact that it's just something there if they are violating or abusing the situation and lowering other people's property values.

County Attorney Hart said, we view this, as like many of our ordinances, to be complaint driven. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Commissioner Shay said, fair enough.

Chairman Liakakis said, there's a motion on the floor and a second. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles exceeding 20 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight on public thoroughfares/County rights-of-way in residential areas and prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles on private residential property. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Consideration of whether to enact an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles exceeding 20 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight on public thoroughfares/County right-of-ways in residential areas and whether to enact an ordinance prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles on private residential property.

BACKGROUND:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) has received a number of complaints from residents who reside in residential areas concerning commercial vehicles being parked on private residential property. The vehicles are often motor coaches, motor homes, trailers and vans. The County currently has an ordinance prohibiting the parking of a commercial vehicle within a residential subdivision upon the public

thoroughfares and rights of way. Does the County wish to consider extending this ordinance?

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. SCMPD has indicated complaints from citizens concerning the parking of commercial vehicles on private property.
2. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners is the policy-making body, and it must approve the terms and appropriateness of enacting an ordinance.
3. The County Commission may wish to enact, or not enact, an ordinance an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles exceeding 20 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight on public thoroughfares/County right-of-ways in residential areas and prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles upon private property within a residential subdivision.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles exceeding 20 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight on public thoroughfares/County right-of-ways in residential areas and prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles on private residential property.
2. Make the determination that such an ordinance is not necessary.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County Attorney's Office needs further direction as to whether to draft an ordinance as described above.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

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5. STATUS OF ISLANDS PROFESSIONAL CENTER APPEAL OF VARIANCE. SEE LETTER FROM MR. FRIEDMAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, and everybody had the letter from Mr. —. County Manager Abolt said, you have compliance on this. It's not an issue. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor? County Manager Abolt said, there's no need. Chairman Liakakis said, no, we don't need one on that. That's just information you just received in your package. County Manager Abolt said, you've reached compliance. Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

County Manager Abolt stated that this item is not an issue. Therefore, no action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5
AGENDA DATE: February
9, 2007

WILMINGTON ISLAND INVESTORS, LLC
5602 WATERS AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31416
(912) 355-5560 – phone (912) 355-0803 – fax

January 30, 2007

Mr. Bob Sebek
Zoning Administrator
Chatham County Department
Of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Post Office Box 8161
Savannah, Georgia 31412

Dear Bob:

Re: Application for Variance by Wilmington Island Investors, LLC, regarding
Height of
Buffer Fence; MPC Reference File Numbers: P-020416-30649-1 and P-001009-
35636-1

At the January 16, 2007 meeting of the Metropolitan Planning
Commission, the above referenced request for a variance was denied.

Subsequently, Wilmington Island Investors, LLC, has modified the privacy fence in order to meet the 8 foot height requirement originally established.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Erwin A. Friedman

Erwin A. Friedman

EAF/bg

cc: Gary Plumbley
Gregory Anderson
Lynn Manrique
Eric Gadson

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6. BOARD APPROVAL OF PAYMENT AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FROM ASSURANCE AMERICA CLAIM SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,293 FOR TOTALED 2005 CROWN VICTORIA (VIN:2FAFP71WX5X162783) DRIVEN BY MAJOR JOHN WILCHER. ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON 10/17/06. ASSURANCE AMERICA'S INSURED IS ROSA BROWN; CLAIM NUMBER 1GA0042495.

County Attorney Hart said, this is a claim which we talked about some — last meeting in which I misspoke thinking it was Major Wilcher's accident where we were at fault. It was just the reverse of that. I think I corrected that in a memo to y'all shortly after, and my apology to Major Wilcher. This is a situation where his car was totaled while he was driving it. He was not a fault, it was the other party's fault. The insurance company got in touch with us and our Risk Management and the insurance company worked out a value for \$14,293, this being the fair market value for the replacement value of the vehicle.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the payment and execution of documents from Assurance America Claim Services in the amount of \$14,293 for totaled 2005 Crown Victoria (VIN:2FAFP71WX5X162783) driven by Major John Wilcher from an accident which occurred on 10/17/06 with Rosa Brown. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-6

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To accept settlement offer from Assurance America in the amount of \$14,293.00.

BACKGROUND:

On October 26, 2006, Major John T. Wilcher was involved in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Mall Boulevard and Oglethorpe Professional Court. Major Wilcher was rear-ended by the driver of the other vehicle, Darien Jarrod Brown and was not at fault in the accident. The cost to repair the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria involved in the accident exceeded the value of the automobile and Darien Jarrod Brown's insurance company, Assurance America, has offered \$14,293.00 to pay for the damages caused by its insured, Darien Jarrod Brown.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. On October 26, 2006, Major John T. Wilcher was involved in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Mall Boulevard and Oglethorpe Professional Court.
2. Major Wilcher was rear-ended by the driver of the other vehicle, Darien Jarrod Brown and was not at fault in the accident.
3. The cost to repair the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria involved in the accident exceeded the value of the automobile and Darien Jarrod Brown's insurance company, Assurance America, has

offered \$14,293.00 to pay for the damages caused by its insured, Darien Jarrod Brown.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept settlement offer of American Assurance in the amount of \$14,293.00.
2. Do not accept settlement offer of American Assurance in the amount of \$14,293.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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7. PRESENTATION OF SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, again because of the prudence and the quality of decisions you've made in the past over budgeting, we're halfway through this fiscal year. Ms. Cramer is here to give you a briefing on where we stand. By and large it is extremely good. I want to point out some highlights I know that some of you were concerned about going into the budget. First of all, Recorder's revenue, which is in Special Service District, has come in at an expected level. I certainly want to tell my thanks to the Police Department and particularly at the time, Acting Chief Lovett, who once the action was taken by him, we see an immediate change in the way revenues are coming in from Recorder's Court, and the action of the Metropolitan Police Department for that I tell Chief Lovett and now Chief Berkow thank you for that. We do have one issue on police that I want just to highlight to you, we're looking at the balance of our fiscal year, which is just shy of six months, and we are concerned based on additional information received from the City of Savannah as to whether additional adjustments will have to be made in the budget for the MPD for the balance of the fiscal year. We're working it out with the help of Chief Berkow and the City's Finance Department. And then finally, as I mentioned in my budget message to you, we were looking at the mid-term point of the budget year to come back with possible adjustments in our building permit fees. We still see a problem. We are yet in the position though to have specific recommendations, but I did not want the six-month point to pass without reminding us all that it may be necessary even before the end of the fiscal year to come back with some adjustments in building permit fees, which as we all know are substantially lower than the City

of Savannah's, and Mr. Anderson had done a wonderful job of managing the way in which we account for the actual cost of enforcing those permits, but we've reached a point where we've exhausted nearly our reserves and, thus, the early warning. And the final comment has to do just with our health insurance fund and you see that \$8.3 million figure that we are about mid-year and that's about what we are — our estimates are. With that continuation, just like you've all said, particularly the remarks of Commissioner Odell and the Chairman, we're spending a heck of a lot of money on health insurance.

Commissioner Odell said, unless there's some — from my point of personal privilege — I think Mr. Abolt has given an excellent summary and I had an opportunity to review the report, and unless there are just questions, I'm not certain if a greater detail — unless some Commissioner who hasn't read the report needs more detail.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I can tell you this, because the excellent work that the County Manager, especially the Finance people and our departments, because of what the County Commissioners have voted on and put into place, we can see, you know, we're on a great financial basis at this particular time. So thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, real briefly, at the — I believe it was the last County Commission meeting that we had, we had to appropriate a little over \$450,000 in order to fulfill our obligations for the Police Department from the Special Service District, a couple of days after that meeting I was approached by Chief Berkow and he said that I was in error in calculating it \$450,000, that about \$130,000 of that had in fact been transferred back to the General Fund, and I can't place how that happened. Could you just research that with Chief Berkow and — County Manager Abolt said, let me do it. Commissioner Shay said, — get a report because that —. County Manager Abolt said, he was straightforward with us. It was \$450,000. He had some —. Commissioner Shay said, he came to me and said that I might have been in error in my motion. County Manager Abolt said, I would hope that the Chief would have come to me, but we'll sort it out. Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you, Linda [Cramer]. Ms. Cramer said, thank you. Chairman Liakakis said, we appreciate it. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Commissioner Odell said, excellent report.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-7

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To present the Fiscal Year 2007 Second Quarter Report dated December 31, 2006 to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND: Financial reporting conveys information concerning the position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional government managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The Second Quarter Report covers various county funds and presents budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are presented as well as variance data. Prior year numbers are presented for comparison on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
- 2) The Second Quarter Report reviews year-to-date financial activities for the funds and activities listed on the attached table of contents.
- 3) The amended budgets shown herein reflect budget transfers approved through December 31, 2006. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date numbers.
- 4) Items noted during the Second Quarter review include the following:

General Fund M&O

- The General Fund received revenues of \$78 million during the first half of fiscal 2007 and expended \$65.4 million. The fund has a positive cash position.
- Year-to-date revenues were at 60% of annual budgeted amounts. Since a high amount of property taxes are collected in November and December, the high revenue percentage is characteristic for this time of year.
- General property taxes of \$60.3 million were received. General property taxes are the fund's main revenue source constituting 75 % of the budget. Real and personal property taxes showed high collection activity during the second quarter.
- Sales and use taxes were 58% of budget; however, the last two months of the quarter showed a downward trend.
- Expenditures are paid more evenly throughout the year, and the year-to-date expenditures of over \$65 million represent approximately 50% of budgeted expenditure amounts.
- Investment earnings were \$316,356 at mid-year and had exceeded budget expectations. Positive cash positions have allowed the County

to invest and earn more revenue. In addition, market rates have improved over prior years.

- Housing prisoner billings were below budget; however, there is a timing lag in the billing of these revenues which stabilizes as the year proceeds.
- The impact of utility costs are under analysis by staff, and a recommendation will be forthcoming later in the third quarter regarding usage of the contingency account to supplement utility budgets.
- During the fourth quarter, the City and the County will reconcile calendar 2006 expenditures for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. Upon reconciliation, budget adjustments in the M&O and SSD Funds may be required.

Special Service District (SSD)

- Through the second quarter the SSD Fund showed revenues of \$14.9 million and expenditures of \$11.8 million.
- Current year expenditure levels are lower than those shown in the prior year. This is because during December 2005 transfers out to the CIP Fund were made totalling \$3.8 million.
- Revenue collections were 61.8% of budget. Strong collections continued for property taxes in November and December. Mid-year franchise taxes were 57% of adopted budget.
- The fund's cash balances remained positive and investment earnings of \$233,441 exceeded budgeted amounts.
- Records Court revenue at mid-year showed an improved position over the prior year. At mid-year, the category was \$133,774 above prior year levels and 45% of budget.
- Lagging performance in the Building Safety & Regulatory Enterprise Fund may require a subsidy from the SSD Fund before the end of the fiscal year. Such a recommendation may be made on the Third Quarter Report.

Multiple Grant Fund

- Quarterly grant drawdowns should eventually offset the difference between fund revenues and expenditures. Budget adjustments made in January 2007 should offset the budget variances shown.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

- Hotels and motels have until the 20th of each month to remit their tax returns and checks to the County. This report only reflects five months of activity. The fund shows an improved position over the prior year, when some concern had been expressed about collections.

Land Bank Fund

- Fund operations are dependent on property sales. A January property sale should eliminate the 2006 deficit fund balance shown in the 2006 CAFR, and budget revisions will be presented for this fund in February 2007.

Building Safety & Regulatory Enterprise Fund

- The fund is showing lagging performance for the year. Building permits are \$238,543 below prior year levels at 30% of the revenue budget. Issued permits were 1,055 as of 12/31/06 and 1,163 as of 12/31/05. The County continues to await the report of the arbitration committee. Upon receipt, options for the fund's solvency will be discussed.

Henderson Golf Club

- Mid-year fund performance shows activity fees lagging expenditures. The amount payable to the General Fund from the Henderson Golf Club Fund currently totals \$276,906.

Health Insurance Fund

- Claims and administrative costs of \$8.3 million have been incurred through mid-year for the health plan. This is on target with budget estimates.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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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, because we've got to go into appointments and all of that, we have the Action Calendar right now, and that's the last thing on the agenda that we'll have to go over to, because we have no First or Second Readings — County Manager Abolt said, and Mr. Chairman, by action of adopting the entire calendar, if that be your choice, by addendum you're removing Item 13 regarding the Right-of-Entry with Savannah Airport related to the Gulfstream Project. Chairman Liakakis said, and we also will pull Item 3 — was requested to remove that Item 3 also.

Commissioner Odell said, I move for approval of the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion and a second. Do you want to ask a question, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to make that one correction on the liquor license for the Franklin Creek Activity Center just to get it correct.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 1 through Item 23-N, except Items 3 and 13. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2007, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2007. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 4 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2007.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period January 4, 2007, through January 31, 2007, in the amount of \$10,316,923. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 3. REQUEST FROM SLADEK ENGINEERING, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, COMPASS DESIGN & MANAGEMENT, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PALMETTO ROW, PHASE 1, INITIATE THE TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND ACCEPT A REDUCED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was removed from the agenda.

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- 4. REQUEST FROM SURVEYING CONSULTANTS, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, SAVANNAH QUALITY HOMEBUILDERS, TO APPROVE THE RECORDING OF THE PLAT FOR HALF MOON RIVER, LOTS 13-18, AND ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY BEING DEDICATED.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Surveying Consultants, engineer for the developer, Savannah Quality Homebuilders, to approve the recording of the plans for Half Moon River, Lots 13-18, and accept the additional right-of-way being dedicated. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve the recording of the plat for Half Moon River Lots 13 - 18 and accept the additional right of way being dedicated.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Surveying Consultants, for the developer, Savannah Quality Homebuilders, requests the County record the plat for Half Moon River Lots 13 -18 and accept the additional right of way being dedicated.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Half Moon River is a single family home subdivision. This plat will recombine 6 existing lots to create two new lots. No new paving or drainage improvements are being dedicated with the plat recording. Water is provided by Chatham Water and each lot will have an individual septic system.
2. Additional right of way for North Street is being dedicated with the recording of the plat. The additional right of way will allow the County to maintain the entire length of North Street from Walthour Road to the cul-de-sac.
3. Recombination plats are typically considered minor subdivisions that do not require Board approval. However, because additional right of way is being dedicated to the County with the recording of the plat, this recombination plat is considered a major subdivision.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the recombination plat for Half Moon River Lots 13 - 18 and accept the additional right of way for dedication.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN FAWCETT SUBDIVISION AT WILD HERON.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request to accept the sewer improvements in Fawcett Subdivision at Wild Heron. Commissioner Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: Request Board approval to accept the sewer improvements in Fawcett Subdivision at Wild Heron.

BACKGROUND: Staff is requesting Board approval to accept sanitary sewer improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Fawcett Subdivision is located on Wild Heron Road. The water improvements are maintained by the City of Savannah. The City of Savannah is intending to take over maintenance of the sanitary sewer improvements once the County has accepted them from the developer.
2. The sanitary sewer improvements consist of the gravity sewer mains and sanitary sewer lift station.
3. The improvements were inspected and found to be constructed in accordance with the approved plans and Chatham County Standard Specifications.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board accept sewer improvements in Fawcett Subdivision at Wild Heron.
2. That the Board not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the Subdivision Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 6

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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- 6. **REQUEST FROM HUSSEY GAY BELL & DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR KONTER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR SALT CREEK LANDING, PHASE 2, INITIATE THE TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD, AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for Konter Development Company, to approve the constructed improvements for Salt Creek Landing, Phase 2, initiate the twelve-month warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve the constructed improvements for Salt Creek Landing, Phase 2, initiate the twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

BACKGROUND: Konter Development Company, through their engineer, HGBD, requests that the County approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Salt Creek Landing is a single-family residential community. Salt Creek Landing is located on Cottonvale Road. This phase consists

of 66 lots on 17.88 acres. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities. Paving and drainage will be maintained by Chatham County.

2. The required site improvements are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer previously submitted a letter of credit issued by The Savannah Bank in the amount of \$1,088,274.85. The developer is requesting that the bond be reduced to \$371,080, which is 50% of the cost of dedicated improvements.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the constructed improvements for Salt Creek Landing, Phase 2, initiate the warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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- 7. REQUEST FROM HUSSEY GAY BELL & DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, KONTER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO END THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR LEGACY SQUARE, PHASE 2-B, RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Konter Development Company, to end the warranty period for Legacy Square, Phase 2-B, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-9**AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007**

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

ISSUE: To end the warranty period for Legacy Square, Phase 2-B, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung, for the developer, Konter Development Co., requests that the County end the warranty period and release the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Legacy Square is a single-family residential subdivision located in Berwick Plantation. This phase of Legacy Square consists of 80 lots on 27.25 acres. Paving and drainage will be maintained by the County. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Construction of the required improvements is complete. The improvements have been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
3. The warranty period was initiated on December 17, 2004.
4. A letter of credit from The Savannah Bank in the amount of \$143,510.97 was submitted as a financial guarantee during the twelve month warranty period, and now the developer requests the letter of credit be released.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To end the warranty period, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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8. **REQUEST FROM HUSSEY GAY BELL & DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, KONTER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO END THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR LEGACY SQUARE, PHASE 2-C, RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS. [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Konter Development Company, to end the warranty period for Legacy Square, Phase 2-C, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

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

ISSUE: To end the warranty period for Legacy Square, Phase 2-C, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung, for the developer, Konter Development Co., requests that the County end the warranty period and release the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Legacy Square is a single-family residential subdivision located in Berwick Plantation. This phase of Legacy Square consists of 48 lots on 17 acres. Paving and drainage will be maintained by the County. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Construction of the required improvements is complete. The improvements have been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
3. The warranty period was initiated on February 4, 2005.
4. A letter of credit from Branch Banking and Trust in the amount of \$78,900.00 was submitted as a financial guarantee during the twelve month warranty period, and now the developer requests the letter of credit be released.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To end the warranty period, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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9. **REQUEST FROM KERN-COLEMAN, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, NORTH GODLEY DEVELOPERS, INC., TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGES AT BERWICK PLANTATION, PHASE 1 (VILLAGES AT BERWICK PLANTATION, PHASE 2A), INITIATE THE TWELVE-MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Kern-Coleman, engineer for the developer, North Godley Developers, Inc., to approve the constructed improvements for the Villages at Berwick Plantation, Phase 1 (Villages at Berwick Plantation, Phase 2A), initiate the twelve-month warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve the constructed improvements for The Villages at Berwick Plantation, Phase 1 (Villages at Berwick Plantation, Phase 2a), initiate the twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Kern-Coleman, for the developer, North Godley Developers, Inc., requests that the County approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve-month warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Villages at Berwick Plantation is a single-family residential community. It is located in Berwick Plantation. This phase of the Villages at Berwick Plantation consists of 74 lots on 29.81 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
- 2. The required site improvements are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
- 3. The developer previously submitted a letter of credit issued by BB&T in the amount of \$845,936. The developer is requesting that the bond be reduced to \$248,450.50, which is 50% of the cost of dedicated improvements.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To approve the constructed improvements for The Villages at Berwick Plantation, Phase 1, initiate the warranty period, and reduce the financial guarantee.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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10. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, GATEWAY PHASE III, LLC, TO END THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR HENDERSON GOLF COMMUNITY, PHASE 3B, RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, Gateway Phase III, LLC, to end the warranty period for Henderson Golf Community, Phase 3B, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-10**AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To end the warranty period for Henderson Golf Community, Phase 3B, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, Gateway Phase III, LLC. requests that the County end the warranty period, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Henderson Golf Community, Phase 3B.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This phase of the Henderson Golf Community consists of 24 lots on 8.8 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the County. The water and sanitary sewer are maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. Construction of the required improvements is complete. The improvements have been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
3. The warranty period was initiated on November 22, 2002.
4. A letter of credit from BB&T Bank in the amount of \$72,900 was submitted as a financial guarantee during the twelve month warranty period. The developer requests the letter of credit be released.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To end the warranty period, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Henderson Golf Community, Phase 3B.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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**11. REQUEST FROM HUSSEY GAY BELL & DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, GREENWAY DEVELOPERS, INC., TO END THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR THE LAKES OF COTTONVALE, AKA COTTONVALE PLANTATION, PHASE 1, RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Greenway Developers, Inc., to end the warranty period for the Lakes of Cottonvale, aka Cottonvale Plantation, Phase 1, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-11
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

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

ISSUE: To end the warranty period for The Lakes of Cottonvale, aka Cottonvale Plantation, Phase 1, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

BACKGROUND: Greenway Developers, Inc., through their engineer, HGBD, requests that the County end the warranty period and release the financial guarantee.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Lakes of Cottonvale is a single-family residential subdivision located on Cottonvale Road. This phase consists of 94 lots on 28.694 acres. Water and sanitary sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities. Paving and Drainage will be maintained by Chatham County.

- 2. Construction of the required improvements is complete. The improvements have been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
- 3. The warranty period was initiated on September 10, 2004.
- 4. A letter of credit from Fairfield Financial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$649,576.95 was submitted as a financial guarantee during the twelve month warranty period, and now the developer requests the letter of credit be released.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To end the warranty period, release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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12. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM THE SALE OF 208 STEPHENSON AVENUE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to confirm the sale of 208 Stephenson Avenue, PIN 2-0144-11-021, described as "PT Blk 5 26 Oakdale Sub Mingledorff Wd & Pt of Alley," approximately .43 acres in size. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-12
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

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

ISSUE:
To confirm the sale of 208 Stephenson Avenue in Savannah.

BACKGROUND:

At the August 11, 2006 meeting, the Board declared as surplus 208 Stephenson Avenue and authorized its sale via a sealed-bid process as required by Georgia law.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The property on Stephenson Avenue, approximately .43 acres in size, is PIN 2-0144-11-021. The legal description is "PT Blk 5 26 Oakdale Sub Mingledorff Wd & Pt of Alley."
2. The property was sold in accordance with Georgia law through a sealed bid process to the highest bidder after a period of marketing to generate interest. Unlike fair market sales in which a willing buyer and willing seller may negotiate on property, public real estate law prohibits any negotiation. The sale of property begins at a minimum value and then increases through competition (unlike a fair market sale in which the asking price becomes negotiated down through mutual agreement).
3. The sale generated a \$375,000 highest offer, and netted \$325,987. Of four bids, the high bidder was Savannah Land Company.

FUNDING:

Sale of the property became deposited into the Land Bank/Surplus Property Account. That part which the SPLOST funded will be transferred to SPLOST 1993-1998.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board confirm the sale of 208 Stephenson Avenue.
2. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Georgia Code § 36-9-3 et. al provides certain legal requirements for the disposition of publicly-owned property to maintain fiduciary responsibility for publicly-owned assets.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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~~13. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION TO~~

FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRODUCT SUPPORT ROAD. *GDOT will let project. No need for agreement with County.*
[DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was removed from the agenda.

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14. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE THE DESIGN OF THE LITTLE HURST DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
[DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request to approve a Right-of-Entry Agreement between Chatham County and the Georgia Ports Authority to facilitate the design of the Little Hurst Drainage Improvement Project. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-14

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: Request that the Board approve a Right of Entry Agreement between Chatham County and the Georgia Ports Authority to facilitate the design of the Little Hurst Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Little Hurst Drainage Improvement project is a part of the 1998 - 2003 SPLOST. At its meeting of March 24, 2006, the Board approved an engineering services contract with Integrated Science and Engineering (ISE) for permitting, geotechnical and preliminary engineering work.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Little Hurst Drainage Improvement project includes enlarging the culvert beneath the railroad which runs along the western edge of property owned by the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA). The GPA property is commonly known as Mulberry Grove. Access to the project site must be made through the GPA property.
2. The work to be performed by ISE includes geotechnical work to evaluate soils conditions and an environmental site assessment for the drainage improvement project. To accomplish this work, the consultant must access the site by crossing GPA property.
3. The Right of Entry Agreement will give the County and its consultant the right to enter upon GPA property. Without the Agreement, the consultant will not be able to accomplish their work as described in the professional services contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve a Right of Entry Agreement between Chatham County and the Georgia Ports Authority to facilitate the design of the Little Hurst Drainage Improvement project.
2. That the Board not approve the agreement.

FUNDING: No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District 7

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

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- 15. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A VOLUNTEER ACCESS TO THE PLACENTIA TIDEGATE FOR PURPOSES OF VOLUNTARILY CLEANING PUBLIC PROPERTY.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioners Odell moved to authorize a hold harmless agreement to grant access to Ms. Carol Moore to the Placentia Tidegate for purposes of voluntarily cleaning of public property. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-15**AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

To authorize a hold harmless agreement to grant access to a citizen for purposes of voluntarily cleaning county property.

BACKGROUND:

For several years, a citizen, Carol Moore, has voluntarily cleaned around and in the Placentia Canal Tidegate. This includes her standing on a narrow ledge on the tidegate to clean trash, including bottles, cans, and other litter, from the basin, which prevents the litter from polluting the waterway either upstream or downstream into the Wilmington River. The recent fencing of the property to restrict illegal access now keeps her from the property except by illegal trespassing. Staff suggested that if the Board agreed to grant access, contingent upon her releasing Chatham County of any liability by signing a hold harmless agreement, she could continue her volunteer efforts.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Staff applauds Ms. Moore's initiative and spirit of volunteerism in cleaning up the Placentia Canal Tidegate. For example, from January 1 through January 15, she filled 15 55-gallon trash bags with litter which she removed from the canal and tidegate area. This would be trash, bottles, cans and other human litter which either would flow into the Wilmington River or upstream into the Placentia Canal.
2. In cleaning this area, she uses a fish net from the banks or tidegate ledge to scoop up the litter. Ms. Moore has also worked with staff on a beautification and drainage project in this area, which is often viewed by tourists on their way to Bonaventure Cemetery, which adjoins the Placentia Tidegate drainage project. In this area, she also convinced Savannah Electric to place high kilowatt transmission lines underground because roosting pelicans would often fly into them (more than 10 found dead).

- 3. While staff applauds her efforts, she nonetheless trespasses on county property, which is now fenced with secure gates.
- 4. Should the Board agree to grant access, she would sign a hold harmless agreement, which would indemnify Chatham County. In return, the Board would grant access by authorizing the release of a key, which would enable her to unlock and re-lock the gate to gain entry for purposes of continuing to clean the area.

FUNDING:

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board grant Carol Moore access to the secured Placentia Canal tidegate area by allowing staff to provide her with a key in exchange for her signing a hold harmless agreement.
- 2. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board encourages citizen volunteerism, and while this particular citizen’s initiative and diligence should be applauded, the safeguard of a hold harmless agreement establishes a partnership and provides sufficient protection for Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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16. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CHATHAM-SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR HOMELESS AND THE COASTAL CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE FUEL AND GARAGE SERVICES TO THE VEHICLE FLEETS BELONGING TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve an agreement with Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and The Coastal Center for Developmental Services to provide fuel and garage services to the vehicle fleet belonging to local non-profit organizations. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-16**AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

Issue: To request Board approval of an agreement with the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and the Coastal Center for Developmental Services to provide fuel and garage services for their state owned vehicles.

Background: On September 22, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved the request from the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and the Coastal Center for Developmental Services and instructed staff to prepare the necessary Agreements (please see attachment I).

Facts and Findings:

1. Staff has prepared an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and for the Coastal Center for Developmental Services. The Agreements are contained in attachment II.
2. The Intergovernmental Agreements have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's office. The Agreements have also been reviewed by both agencies. Staff is requesting that the Board approve the attached Agreements.

Funding: No additional funding required. The County, where it currently provides fuel and garage services to outside agencies, does so at cost. There is no markup of goods or services.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and the Center for Developmental Services to provide fuel and garage services for their State owned vehicles.
2. Direct staff to take other action.

Policy Analysis: It has been the policy of the Board of Commissioners to provide services when requested to other agencies. The Board has provided these types of services to other municipalities and not for profit agencies when the vehicles were purchased by and titled to the State of Georgia.

Recommendation: The Board approve alternative 1.

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**17. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2007.
PETITIONER: CHERYL D. HULL, D/B/A BEEF O'BRADY'S FAMILY SPORTS
PUB, LOCATED AT 461 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, UNITS 11 & 12.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Cheryl D. Hull, d/b/a Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub, located at 461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Units 11 and 12, for renewal of Sunday sales license for 2007. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-17

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE

Request approval for renewal of Sunday sales license for 2007 Cheryl D. Hull, d/b/a Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub, located at 461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Units 11 & 12.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Hull requests approval of renewal of Sunday sales licenses in connection with an existing new restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department and approved.
2. The application is in compliance with all requirements.
3. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4

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18. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER POURING LICENSE FOR 2007. PETITIONER: RUSSELL C. DAWES, JR., D/B/A SANTINO'S INC., LOCATED AT 5548 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Russell C. Dawes, Jr., d/b/a Santino's Inc., located at 5548 Ogeechee Road, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license for 2007. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-18
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES
WILLIE LOVETT, ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF

ISSUE

Request approval for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license for 2007, Russell C. Dawes, Jr., d/b/a Santino's Inc., located at 5548 Ogeechee Road.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Dawes requests approval for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license in connection with an existing new restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements.

- 2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
- 3. The application is in compliance with all requirements.
- 4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

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**19. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2007.
 PETITIONER: MICHAEL F. MCMAHON, FLYING FISH BAR AND GRILL,
 LOCATED AT 7906 HIGHWAY 80 EAST, SUITE 1.
 [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the petition of Michael F. McMahon, d/b/a Flying Fish Bar and Grill, located at 7906 Highway 80 East, Suite 1, for a new beer, wine and Sunday sales license for 2007. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-19
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE

Request approval for new beer, wine and Sunday sales for 2007, Michael F. McMahon, Flying Fish Bar and Grill, located at 7906 Hwy 80 East, STE 1, Savannah, Ga 31410.

BACKGROUND

Mr. McMahon requests approval for new beer, wine and Sunday sales licenses in connection with a new restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and separation requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The application and business meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
3. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4

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- 20. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE, LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2007.**
- A. PETITIONER: MARK ALLEN MOKREN, ISLAND DAIQUIRI CAFÉ, 313 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**
 - B. PETITIONER: ALDO G. BOTTI, ALDO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE, 461 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following petitions for new beer, wine, liquor pouring, and Sunday sales license for 2007: (A) Mark Allen Mokren, d/b/a Island Daiquiri Café, located at 313 Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4], and (B) Aldo G. Botti, d/b/a Aldo's Italian Restaurant and Lounge 461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4]. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-20-A

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE:

Request approval for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday sales for 2007, Mark Allen Mokren, Island Daiquiri Café, 313 Johnny Mercer Blvd., Savannah, GA 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Mokren requests approval for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday sales licenses in connection with a new restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and separation requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 4

AGENDA ITEM: X-20-B
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE:

Request approval for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday sales for 2007, Aldo G. Botti, Aldo's Italian Restaurant and Lounge, 461 Johnny Mercer Blvd., Savannah, GA 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Botti requests approval for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday sales licenses in connection with a new restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and separation requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 4

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21. **REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2007.**
- A. **PETITIONER: SURENDRA PATEL, D/B/A DENNY'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED WITHIN THE BEST WESTERN AT ONE GATEWAY BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 7.]**
 - B. **PETITIONER: DAVID D. OSBORNE, D/B/A OZZY'S GRILL, LOCATED AT 7403 SKIDAWAY ROAD. [DISTRICT 1.]**
 - C. **PETITIONER: WEN JIE HUANG, D/B/A 17 SAKURA RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 5730 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE 470. [DISTRICT 7.]**
 - D. **PETITIONER: HEIDI ZHANG, D/B/A SAKURA PLACE, LOCATED AT 1190 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD, UNIT A-4. [DISTRICT 6.]**
 - E. **PETITIONER: PETER J. ROUILLARD, D/B/A HENDERSON GOLF CLUB, LOCATED AT 1 AL HENDERSON DRIVE. [DISTRICT 7.]**
 - F. **PETITIONER: JULIE DONALDSON LOWENTHAL, D/B/A HOULIHAN'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 17029 ABERCORN STREET. [DISTRICT 7.]**
 - G. **PETITIONER: RICKY PERRY, D/B/A FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, LOCATED AT 5406 LAROCHE AVENUE. [DISTRICT 3.]**
 - H. **PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A FRANKLIN CREEK ACTIVITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 900 FRANKLIN CREEK ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following petitions for renewal of Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 2007: (A) Surendra Patel, d/b/a Denny's Restaurant, located within the Best Western at One Gateway Boulevard [District 7]; (B) David D. Osborne, d/b/a Ozzy's Grill, located at 7403 Skidaway Road [District 1]; (C) Wen Jie Huang, d/b/a 17 Sakura Restaurant, located at 5730 Ogeechee Road, Suite 470 [District 7]; (D) Heidi Zhang, d/b/a Sakura Place, located at 1190 King George Boulevard, Unit A-4 [District 6]; (E) Peter J. Rouillard, d/b/a Henderson Golf Club, located at 1 Al Henderson Drive [District 7]; (F) Julie Donaldson Lowenthal, d/b/a Houlihan's Restaurant, located at 17029 Abercorn Street [District 7]; (G) Ricky Perry, d/b/a Fraternal Order of Eagles, located at 5406 LaRoche Avenue [District 3]; and [H] Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Franklin Creek Activity Center, located at 900 Franklin Creek Road [District 4]. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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22. **REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2007.**
- A. **PETITIONER: COBY GARRETT BROOKS, D/B/A HOOTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC. LOCATED AT 4 GATEWAY BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 7.]**

- B. PETITIONER: CARL JONES, AGENT FOR RESTAURANT CONCEPTS II, LLC, D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, LOCATED AT 5460 AUGUSTA ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]
- C. PETITIONER: CARL JONES, AGENT FOR RESTAURANT CONCEPTS II, LLC, D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, LOCATED AT 4705 U.S. HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 4.]
- D. PETITIONER: ROBERT DOSTOR MIMS, III, D/B/A STEAMERS RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 1190 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 6.]
- E. PETITIONER: MARY ELIZABETH GARRETT, D/B/A THE SHELL HOUSE RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 8 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, WEST. [DISTRICT 7.]
- F. PETITIONER: RAYMUNDO L. JAIME, D/B/A EL POTRO MEXICAN RESTAURANT #14, LOCATED AT 1 FORT ARGYLE ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]
- G. PETITIONER: WILMA LEA WEAVER, D/B/A CHEERS TO YOU, LOCATED AT 135-B JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]
- H. PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A DEER CREEK CLUB, LOCATED AT #1 DEER CREEK ROAD, THE LANDINGS. [DISTRICT 4.]
- I. PETITIONER: SCOTT ROBERT JACKSON, D/B/A SICILIANO'S, LOCATED AT 4700 HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 4.]
- J. PETITIONER: JAMES J. BARTA, D/B/A BARBARA JEAN'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 138 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]
- K. PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A MARSHWOOD CLUBHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1 PALMERS DRAW, THE LANDINGS. [DISTRICT 4.]
- L. PETITIONER: DONNA M. LOVE, D/B/A LOVE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 6817 CHIEF O. F. LOVE ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]
- M. PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A PLANTATION CLUB, LOCATED AT 1 COTTONWOOD DRIVE. [DISTRICT 4.]
- N. PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A OAKRIDGE CLUB, LOCATED AT 11 WESTCROSS ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]
- O. PETITIONER: ALAN G. GAMBLE, D/B/A CABANA BAR - MARSHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, LOCATED AT 1 PALMERS DRAW. [DISTRICT 4.]
- P. PETITIONER: BELINDA F. FLANIGAN, D/B/A THE CRAB SHACK AT CHIMNEY CREEK, LOCATED AT 40-A ESTILL HAMMOCK ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]
- Q. PETITIONER: HERMAN R. SHIRAH, JR., D/B/A THE ISLANDER, LOCATED AT 221 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following petitions for renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2007: (A) Coby Garrett Brooks, d/b/a Hooters of Savannah, Inc., located at 4 Gateway Boulevard [District 7]; (B) Carl Jones, agent for Restaurant Concepts II, LLC, d/b/a Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar, located at 5460 Augusta Road [District 7]; (C) Carl Jones, agent for Restaurant Concepts II, LLC, d/b/a Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar, located at 4705 U.S. Highway 80 East [District 4]; (D) Robert Dostor Mims, III, d/b/a Steamers Restaurant, located at 1190 King George Boulevard [District 6]; (E) Mary Elizabeth Garrett, d/b/a The Shell House Restaurant, located at 8 Gateway Boulevard West [District 7]; (F) Raymundo L. Jaime, d/b/a El Potro Mexican Restaurant #1, located at 1 Fort Argyle Road [District 6]; (G) Wilma Lea Weaver, d/b/a Cheers To You, located at 135-B Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4]; (H) Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Deer Creek Club, located at 1 Deer Creek Road, The Landings [District 4]; (I) Scott Robert Jackson, d/b/a Siciliano’s, located 4700 Highway 80 East [District 4]; (J) James J. Barta, d/b/a Barbara Jean’s Restaurant, located at 138 Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4]; (K) Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Marshwood Clubhouse, located at 1 Palmers Draw, The Landings [District 4]; (L) Donna M. Love, d/b/a Love’s Seafood Restaurant, located at 6817 Chief O. F. Love Road [District 6]; (M) Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Plantation Club, located at 1 Cottonwood Drive [District 4]; (N) Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Oakridge Club, located at 11 Westcross Road [District 4]; (O) Alan G. Gamble, d/b/a Cabana Bar - Marshwood Country Club, located at 1 Palmers Draw [District 4]; (P) Belinda F. Flanigan, d/b/a The Crab Shack at Chimney Creek, located at 40-A Estill Hammock Road [District 4]; and (Q) Herman R. Shirah, Jr., d/b/a The Islander, located at 221 Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4]. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Contract for the construction of the Old Highway 204 Bridge Replacements	SPLOST	The Industrial Company	\$654,198	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Old Highway 204 Bridge Replacements Project
B. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract to construct a new police precinct on Whitemarsh Island for additional services	SPLOST	Pioneer Construction, Inc.	\$46,448	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Police Merger

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
C. Automated License Plate Recognition system	ICS	Motorola Communications (State Contract)	\$16,215	General Fund/M&O - ICS
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Halcyon Bluff Drainage Improvement Project for additional work	SPLOST	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$25,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage - Halcyon Bluff Project
E. Contract to construct the Health Department Roadway Connection project	Health Department	A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc.	\$154,991	2005 DSA Bonds - Health Department
F. Contract for construction of the Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements east of US 17	SPLOST	E & D Contracting (WBE)	\$1,046,870	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage - Quacco/Restoration USACE project (pending Board approval of the amended 1998-2003 SPLOST project)
G. Third automatic renewal option and an amendment to the contract to provide inmate health care	Detention Center	Prison Health Services	•\$4,166,480 •\$27,331 for additional nursing staff member	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
H. Change Order No. 9 to the annual contract to provide monthly pest control services to various locations	Detention Center	Ideal Pest Control Services	\$300	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
I. Extend the professional audit services contract for one year	Finance	Karp, Ronning & Tindol, PC	\$114,886	•General Fund/M&O - Audit Contract •SSD - Audit Contract •Enterprise Fund - Audit Contract (Pending Board adoption of the FY07/08 budget)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
J. Contract extension for mapping services to update flood hazard maps	SPLOST	Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc.	No Cost	No additional funding required
K. Annual contract with automatic renewals with four (4) additional one year terms, for fire extinguishers services for various County facilities	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Hendrix Fire Protection	\$28,709	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
L. Contract for the construction for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum addition	SPLOST	Collins Construction Services, Inc.	\$3,210,970	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum addition project (Pending Board approval of transfer)
M. Term contract to provide construction equipment and services for the County	SPLOST	Blankenship Landscape Company	Not to Exceed \$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST (1985-1993) •SPLOST (1998-2003) •SPLOST (2003-2008) •Land Bank Authority
N. Contract for the County wide classification and compensation study	Human Resources	The Archer Company	\$135,860	General Fund/M&O - Special Appropriations

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 23-A through 23-N, both inclusive. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

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>
Install concrete pavement, sidewalk, slide gate trough at the sand mixing building	Mosquito Control	E & D Coatings, Inc	\$9,455	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Pick-up truck bed cap with accessories	Mosquito Control	Commercial Van Interiors	\$3,761	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Weightlifting equipment	Weightlifting Center	EMPI (Sole Source)	\$3,844	•General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center - \$3,500 •Department of Community Affairs Grant - Weightlifting Center
Installation of manual locking mechanism for Skidaway Bridge	Bridges	Alloy Industrial Contractor, Inc.	\$6,598	General Fund/M&O - Bridges
Approximately 200sq ft of asphalt overlay for Richardson Creek Drive	Public Works and Park Services	Apex Property Maintenance	\$5,990	SSD - Public Works
150 tons stone for road repairs	Public Works and Park Services	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$2,625	SSD - Public Works
Miscellaneous grinder repair parts	Solid Waste	The Trading Company	\$3,212	Solid Waste Fund
Install wet hydraulic system on Mack tractor	Solid Waste	Powertrain, Inc.	\$2,547	Solid Waste Restricted Fund
Create digital images of historical maps on CD's	Land Bank	Digital Image	\$2,950	Land Bank Authority
One (1) Dell computer	Land Bank	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$4,756	Land Bank Authority
Replacement pump for Winterberry water system	Water and Sewer	J.H. Poore, Inc.	\$2,769	Water and Sewer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Additional clearing of understory and small trees in Canal D area of Truman Parkway mitigation	SPLOST	Blankenship Landscape Company	\$2,542	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway - Phase III
Clear understory and small trees in and along the drainage outfall ditch at the Detention Center	SPLOST	Blankenship Landscape Company	\$8,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jail Expansion
One (1) used 2005 Ford Focus for Assessor's department	SPLOST	Fairway Lincoln - Mercury	\$9,979	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Status reports were attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway

a. Phase 3. Lighting project by GDOT is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2007.

b. Phase 4. Punch list items are pending before acceptance is made by GDOT from R.B. Baker.

c. Phase 5. Right of way (ROW) plans were approved by the GDOT on June 30, 2005. The property acquisitions will take until April 2008 to complete (26 parcels acquired by early acquisition; 65 parcels to acquire). Design is underway.

2. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004. Preliminary design was completed in June, 2004. Staff was advised in January, 2005, however, that the widening of the median for landscaping and the proposed reduction in speed limit would require amending the previously approved Concept Report and Environmental Assessment. The wider median with landscaping causes four additional residential displacements and increases GDOT's ROW acquisition costs. The revised Concept Report was submitted to GDOT on July 6, 2005. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on February 28, 2006. As a result of a meeting with the GDOT Project Manager on May 2, 2006, the GDOT provided (by email) written guidance as to an acceptable minimum landscaped median width (not less than 40 feet) and a design speed (45 mph). The consultant received additional comments from GDOT on July 19, 2006, and responded on August 17, 2006. Approval of the Concept Report (and the design) is on hold pending resolution of the median width (24 feet, 40 feet or 50 feet) and tree planting opportunities.

3. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204: The bonding company for the GDOT project awarded a new contract to complete the job. The completion date is March 2007.

4. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. Scheduled completion is May 31, 2008.

5. Diamond Causeway Widening. Because of issues regarding the impact of changed design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) on approval of the EA, the GDOT has taken over management of the project. In the meantime, the County offered to do the improvements on Skidaway Island by permit. The plans and permit are pending GDOT

approval. The Landings Association has signed the donation letter. Closing is pending.

6. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. The Concept Report was approved by the GDOT on February 9, 2005. The FHWA approved the Draft EA for Advancement to Public Hearing on October 20, 2006. The public hearing was held January 18, 2007. The next milestone is completion of the EA and approval by FHWA.

7. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). The FHWA approved the Final EA on March 3, 2006. On September 22, 2006, the Board approved a change order for the engineering services contract to complete the design.

8. Stephenson Avenue. Substantially complete as of April 1, 2005. Liquidated damages totaling \$54,450 were assessed from December 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. GDOT, County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the joint final inspection on June 14, 2005. A punch list was compiled (129 items) and given to APAC on June 21, 2005. APAC is handling project close-out through their attorneys. APAC has had ample time to correct deficient items. They have not had a presence on the project for many months and have effectively abandoned the project. Staff has begun the process to find them in default of the contract.

9. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A PIOH was held on August 12, 2004. The Need and Purpose Statement was revised to essentially create a 3-lane section from Willow Road to Cedar Grove (near entrance to Country Day School) and to improve the two lanes (i.e. widen pavement to 12 feet wide travel lanes) from Cedar Grove to Rose Dhu Road. It was submitted to GDOT January 19, 2006. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side. GDOT has transferred management of the project from Atlanta to the Jesup District Office. The revised Need and Purpose Statement has been approved by GDOT and sent to FHWA for comments.

10. Eisenhower Widening from Abercorn to Truman Parkway. The Concept Report was approved by GDOT on June 22, 2004. Because of the high estimated ROW costs (over \$22 million -- local cost), the City of Savannah, County and consultant proposed reductions in the project. The proposal was sent to GDOT October 28, 2005. This project has also been transferred to the Jesup District Office to manage. City and County staffs have met to discuss further reducing the scope of the project. Decision from the City on reducing scope is pending.

11. Abercorn Widening from Truman Parkway to U.S. 17. The GDOT is managing a project for Abercorn Street from Truman Parkway (Phase 5) to U.S. 17. PIOHs were held November 14 at AASU and November 15 at the SW Middle School on U.S. 17.

12. Skidaway Widening. The Final EA was approved by the FHWA on December 30, 2004. The Board approved a new engineering services contract with the County's consultant on October 20, 2006, to resume design of the project incorporating all new GDOT requirements known to date.

13. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. LPA Group (consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report. A PIOH was held on May 26, 2005, presenting three alternatives to construct high span bridges. Written responses to the comments are complete. The last utility relocation estimate was received and the consultant submitted the Concept Report on August 8, 2006, to GDOT.

14. Abercorn Intersection Improvements (DeRenne Avenue, Mall Boulevard, Apache Drive, Tibet Avenue). The County has certified the ROW to GDOT for DeRenne, Apache and Mall Boulevard. The ROW issue with the City of Savannah involving Tibet has been resolved. Appraisals for the Tibet Avenue intersection are complete. Condemnations are pending filing by the GDOT.

15. Local Roads

a. Fountain Road. Board approved the construction contract on June 12, 2006. NTP was issued July 24, 2006. The Georgia Power poles in the middle of the newly aligned road were moved the week of January 15. Estimated completion is in April 2007.

b. Mobley Street, Yucca Place, Perkins Place. The Board approved award of the construction contract on April 7, 2006. The project is substantially complete.

c. Heather Street, Shore Road. The Board authorized the award of the construction contract on April 7, 2006. NTP was issued on June 21, 2006. Utility conflicts on both streets delayed the projects. Water and gas lines have to be relocated. Shore Road is substantially complete except for some ditch regrading that remains. Clearing on Heather Street is complete. Storm drains are being installed. Estimated completion is March 2007.

d. Dulany Road. The request for County Contract with GDOT was approved by the Board on October 21, 2005. Several alternatives have been

designed. The project is on hold because of right of way issues with one of the two property owners affected by the project.

e. Palm Drive. Construction plans are complete. ROW negotiations are underway on three parcels impacted.

f. Old Pine Barren Road. ROW negotiations are complete. Construction plans are complete. Funding from GDOT for a County Contract has been delayed due to the amount of funds already committed to projects in Chatham County (e.g. for the Gulfstream Product Support Road).

g. Stone Street. The Board authorized entering into a County Contract with GDOT on February 24, 2006. The request (GDOT Form 532) was sent to GDOT on March 1, 2006. GDOT authorized preparation of a County Contract by copy of letter to the Jesup District Engineer Glenn Durrence dated November 8, 2006. Contract documents are in the process of being executed. Final construction plans and plats to acquire ROW were returned to the design consultant for corrections on October 27, 2006. Two parcels are impacted.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS

February 2007

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Phase 5	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete April 2008 Feb 2007	County County/GDOT County/GDOT GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisition underway. CST FY 2009
US 17: Ogeechee River to SR 204	Construction	March 2007	GDOT	
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	May 2008	GDOT	Change order with APAC signed May 31, 2006.
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Mar 2006	County County County GDOT	Final EA approved by FHWA. CST LR

Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI approved 2/13/04. On hold - median/tree issue. ROW funded FY2006/07 CST FY 2008
Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	GDOT GDOT GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 05. ROW FY 2007 CST FY 2010
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12/30/04. New contract 10/20/06. CST FY 2010
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Mar 2007	County County County GDOT	Draft EA approved 10/20/06. ROW (Local cost) FY 2008 CST LR
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	CST FY 2010
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental Construction		County	Concept Report approved 6/22/04. CST FY 2010

NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2007-2009 TIP.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

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

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For construction contracts that have been awarded, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. All project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, larger bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

5. Pipemakers Canal

1. Phase 1 (From the outfall at Savannah River to SR 21). Double channel size, replace bridges, replace tidegate, and provide maintenance access.
 1. Construction work is complete and the new sluice gates function automatically. A final pay request from the contractor and a summary change order are outstanding.
 2. A project to make adjustments to the equipment to improve operation was completed in January and achieved expected results.
 - b. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Double channel size and provide maintenance access. The permit application documents have been submitted to the USACE for approval. The Consultant and staff are working to address preliminary comments.
 - c. Kahn Mitigation Site. This site will provide the necessary wetland mitigation for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement project. The project is being reviewed by the USACE on a parallel track with the Phase 2 permit application.
 - d. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove an existing bridge that restricts drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Work has been suspended while options with the Georgia Ports Authority are discussed.
6. Hardin Canal
1. Phase 1 (SR307 bridges). Widen channel and replace bridge crossings. The permit from the USACE has been obtained. Preliminary right of way drawings are under review by staff and design work is underway.
 2. Phase 1 (Southbridge bridges). Replace bridge crossings. The owners of the Southbridge Golf Course have offered to cooperate in a project to replace two bridges with wider structures. Right of way acquisition is underway. Design work will commence after the right of way is secured.
 3. Phase 2 (From 307 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date. Staff is working to acquire canal rights of way for the future improvements on property owned by the Georgia Ports Authority.
7. Placentia Canal Phase 2 A project to correct drainage problem along Tennessee Ave. and to improve the appearance of the canal near the Bonaventure Bridge. Construction is on hold pending acquisition of the required easements.

8. Westlake/Springfield Canal
 1. Acquisition and removal of flood-prone properties are complete. Construction of a project to improve access for maintenance of the canal is complete.
 2. CSX railroad undercrossing. Final Design is complete. Staff is working to acquire access onto Hunter Army Airfield property which is required to facilitate project construction. Staff is working to secure permission to enter onto HAAF property for project construction.

9. Conaway Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal) Widen channel with road crossing improvements and a maintenance road from north of Main Street to the Pipemakers Canal.
 1. Phase 1A extends from Pipemakers Canal to Conaway Road. Right of way acquisition is underway. Coordination with GDOT for the crossing at Highway 80 is ongoing.
 2. Phase 1B extends from Conaway Road to Main Street. There is no target date for completion.
 3. Phase 1C includes the area west of Maple Street. Construction costs are to be funded by the City of Bloomingdale. Recommended improvements have been provided to the City of Bloomingdale.

10. Little Hurst Canal Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR21. A project to acquire rights of way and easements, and to acquire the required permits is underway. Work is underway to conduct preliminary geotechnical investigations to be used for final design of the improvements. The project work has been delayed, waiting on approval to enter property owned by the GPA.

11. Wilmington Park Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road. The permit from USACE was received on July 5, 2002. Project is under design, incorporating changes to reduce cost while still attaining storm water goals. Review of preliminary report and recommendations is complete. Staff expects to begin acquisition of easements and rights of way in the near future.

12. Kings Way Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and enlarge culverts from Kings Way Court to the Truman Parkway. Preliminary design and easement plans have been reviewed and returned to the consultant for revisions.

13. Romney Place Drainage Phase 2 Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Final design drawings are complete. Permitting has been completed and acquisition of rights of way and easements is underway. The project will connect to the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvement Project which will include improvements to the roadside ditch.
14. Village Green Canal, Phase 2 A project to improve the outfall. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. Staff is negotiating a final engineering scope of work and fee, to be presented to the Board for approval in the near future.
15. Port Industrial Park Increase the capacity of the crossing under State Route 307 and improve the channel downstream to Pipemakers Canal. Design of the project to improve the canal downstream from SR307 to Pipemakers Canal is complete. Staff is working with Garden City staff and the property owner to coordinate plans for future development with the needs of the drainage improvement project.
16. Louis Mills Canal Widen channel from Veterans Parkway downstream to outfall at Westlake Canal and improve crossing under Marshall Avenue. Design is complete. Acquisition of Easements and ROW is underway. The permit from the USACE has been obtained. Staff is working to secure the necessary Stream Buffer Variance from the Department of Natural Resources. Construction work will be delayed until improvements can be made to the downstream railroad undercrossing that is a part of the Westlake/Springfield Canal Drainage Improvement Project.
17. Redgate/Rahn Dairy A project to provide larger undercrossings at several roads, canal widening and provisions for maintenance access. This project will reduce storm water flows in the Louis Mills system as well as improve the drainage in the Rahn Dairy canal. Preliminary design is complete and the permit from the USACE has been obtained. Staff is working to secure the necessary Stream Buffer Variance from the Department of Natural Resources. Acquisition of easements is underway.
18. Diggs Avenue Drainage (part of Louis Mills) This drainage improvement project involves improving drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. Notice to proceed with construction was issued to the contractor on June 9, 2006. Construction is complete.

19. Ogeechee Farms Phase 2 Improve road crossings at various locations. The permit from the USACE has been received. Mitigation requirements have been met. A fee proposal from the Consultant for design of drainage improvements in additional areas identified by Public Works has been requested.
20. Fawcett Canal Phase 2 Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Acquisition of the remaining easements is underway. To protect existing residential structures, a limited investigation of geotechnical conditions is underway.
21. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. The permit from USACE has been received and required easements have been acquired. A contract for construction is pending approval by the Board.
22. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Design work is underway.
23. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction is approximately 70 percent complete.
24. Golden Isles Subdivision Phase 2 Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Approval by Health Department to proceed with the project has been obtained. Right of way acquisition is complete. Options to provide access for maintenance of the outfall are being evaluated. Staff is negotiating a fee proposal with the consultant to provide surveying services.
25. Georgetown Canal Upgrading roadway undercrossings to improve drainage capacity at St. Ives Way. This project is complete.
26. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. Design work is completed and necessary easements for construction work have been obtained. The permit from the USACE has been obtained.

- 27. Henderson Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
 - 1. Brown Thrush Canal (a.k.a. Channel 1): Crossing and channel improvements on the canal parallel to Brown Thrush Road, from Al Henderson Blvd. to Little Neck Road. Design work is underway.
 - 2. Little Neck Crossing: Replacement of the undersized culvert. A contract for design and permitting was approved by the Board on September 22, 2006. Design work is underway.
 - 3. Henderson Canal: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. No target construction date.

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

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Provide Board a status update on RAP

BACKGROUND:

At the Board's request, staff has developed a Recreational Action Plan (RAP) that best utilizes the additional funds allocated to Parks and

Recreation for FY 07. It is staff's overall commitment to improve the visibility of the recreation facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of this community.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To provide the Board with data on RAP
2. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:
 - In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms
 - Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park
 - Hired nine Maintenance Workers
 - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
 - Purchased three new vehicles
 - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
 - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
 - Contracts were awarded to replace the roof on the large pavilion at Lake Mayer, and reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts
3. With remaining funds allocated for FY 07, staff established a priority project list and anticipate proceeding with the following:
 - Replacement of the large pavilion roof at Lake Mayer was started on 1/2/07.
 - Work to reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts is expected start prior to the end of this month.
4. Priority projects identified on previous RAP reports that are still unfunded:
 - Back stop fencing and dugouts replacement at L. Scott Stell

FUNDING:

Looking at CIP choices by Board in early 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Information Only

[All Districts]

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Kicklighter and seconded by Commissioners Stone and Odell, the Board recessed at 12:40 p.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to make the following appointments to the Metropolitan Planning Commission: Reappoint Stephen Lufburrow and appoint Carl L. Palmer with terms to expire on December 31, 2009. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to reappoint Stephen T. Lindell to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission, with a term to expire April 7, 2010. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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3. COASTAL AREA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to appoint Ms. Deepika Paul to the Coastal Area District Development Authority with a term to expire October 1, 2009. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present with this vote was taken.]

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4. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to make the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Reappoint Steven Day and Jimmy W. Watford, whose terms will expire August 1, 2010, and August 1, 2011, respectively, and appoint David Hoover, whose term will expire August 1, 2012.

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5. COASTAL GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to reappoint Richard St. Pierre and Elizabeth Marsh to the Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF NATIONWIDE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., BOAT DAMAGE, CAUSTON BLUFF BRIDGE (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to settle the claim of Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company regarding boat damage at Causton Bluff Bridge for \$20,123.35. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. DISCUSSION REGARDING JEFF JENKINS' WORKER'S COMPENSATION CASE, WHICH WAS SETTLED BY MEDIATION ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007, FOR \$35,000 PLUS CLOSURE OF MEDICALS (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the settlement of Jeff Jenkins' worker's compensation claim for \$35,000 plus closure of medicals. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present when this vote was taken.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT (COMMISSIONER THOMAS)

Commissioner Thomas said, I would like to thank the Commission for supporting the Civil Rights Project. This will allow it to proceed, and we will be giving you a report from time to time. Thank you so very much. Commissioner Shay said, you're very welcome.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - COMMISSIONER FARRELL

Commissioner Farrell said, before we leave, again I want to also express my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of this Commission to fulfill something that has been on my mind for many years, and this guy [Rodney Hall] is a really standup guy, and I also apologize for not giving some of the Commissioners a little more information at an earlier time, but I want to thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, if he's half as standup as you, then he's a very, very good man.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION