

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 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 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 27, 2007.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Priscilla D. Thomas gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Patrick Shay, District Three

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

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion from the Commission to excuse Commissioner Patrick Shay, who is out of the country. Commissioner Odell said, I'll make the motion. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to excuse Commissioner Patrick Shay. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

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YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Liakakis said, as most people know that we have our great Chatham County Youth commission and generally we have two or three members of the Youth Commission who participate with us in our County Commission. But the Chatham County Youth Commission today they do not have representatives here because they are participating in the Read It Loud Program. They are going to the Savannah Pre-K Reading Day festivities and the Youth Commission, along with some members of the Chatham County's Management Development Program, will visit every Savannah-Chatham County elementary school and read a book to the pre-K classes. And they will also provide each member of those classes a free book. And this is really important. You've heard us talk about it before, but Famous Amos, Wally Amos, who started this pilot program in Savannah to help our school systems and reduce the dropouts because many of our students drop out of school because they cannot read. But this is a terrific program and we're going to see some results in years past, and I'd like to thank, of course, Priscilla Thomas, who heads up and it was her idea for the Youth Commission and here they are doing another great thing in our community. We appreciate that.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. SWEARING IN FOR CNT COMMANDER ROY HARRIS.

Chairman Liakakis asked, did the Judge come yet? Oh, okay. There he is, just in time. Okay. I want each and every one of you to know this morning we're going to have the swearing in of our CNT, our Counter Narcotics Team Commander, Roy Harris. He will be sworn in this morning by Chief Judge Perry Brannen, and we're glad to have Commander Roy Harris on board with us. You can look at his resume and the things he's retired, as Deputy Head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, he's been involved in a number of drug action while on the GBI, he's been an instructor with them, and he had a long law enforcement career, and we appreciate him coming

on board because I know with his expertise and his know-how and training and all, that we're going to see a lot more good results from our Counter Narcotics Team. And now I'd like to ask Perry Brannen and the others to please come up to the podium.

Judge Brannen said, Judge Oliver used to say it's not ten o'clock until I arrive. It's a great pleasure to do this this morning. We're looking forward to having you here in our community and working with you very much. Raise your right hand and repeat after me [Judge Brannen rendered the following oath, which was repeated by Commander Harris.]:

I, Roy Harris, do solemnly swear that, to the best of my ability and skill, I will, during the continuance of my office, faithfully discharge all the duties which may be required of me; in all cases conform to the rules and regulations which shall be made by the Commissioners of Chatham County; enforce all the laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, and the ordinances of Chatham County; and support and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia.

I further swear that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I am by the laws of the State of Georgia prohibited from holding; and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So Help Me God.

Judge Brannen said, congratulations. Commander Harris said, thank you, sir. Judge Brannen said, Mr. Chairman, that concludes it.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Judge. I appreciate it. Roy [Harris]?

Commander Harris said, Mr. Chairman, I have my family here today. I'd like to introduce them, too. I have my wife Melinda and my son, Scott. My father, Roy Harris, Sr., and my stepmother are all here with me, and we have a lot of friends and supporters that I want to thank personally for being here with us. But I'd like to take this opportunity also to thank you, Commissioners, for your foresight many years ago when you set up this unit. There are a lot of drug units in the State of Georgia, but this one is unique in many ways. And that foresight is still bearing fruit today that you continue to support this unit, and it is much needed in this County as the others are in the State. I want to thank all of these criminal justice supporters that we have here today from various agencies, and I think what they are telling me and they should be telling you is we're here to work this together. It doesn't matter what type of badge that they carry. It can be a local police officer, police chief, a deputy sheriff, the sheriff of various counties, it can be a state agent, a state trooper, federal agent, federal police officer, correctional officer, whatever. We are all here because we're a part of that. The prosecutors on both the District Attorney's level and the U. S. Attorney's office are represented here and they're also a part of this team that we're going to put together. Their present here today is telling us that we've all been touched by drugs in our lives.

All of you have and all of us have. It may be the destruction of the life of a son or daughter that we've seen. It may be the senseless murder of a ride-by shooting or some other violent drug-related crime. It may be the loss of productivity in our businesses where drug abuse has caused problems, or it may be the loss of a professional who for various reasons just needed a little bit of help from pharmaceuticals to get by and that we lose their talents forever. Yesterday I had the sad occasion to attend the last meeting that I will be at for my hometown Rotary Club, and we had a guest speaker there who was a lady who's 67 years old and she is the Mayor of a small city, and she has just taken on a new job and she said someone asked her — and Mr. Abolt asked me this same thing when I went through my interviews — why do you want to do this? And she said, I remember an old saying that my husband and I had observed many, many years ago. She didn't know who said this, but she said that you cannot turn back the hands of time but you can rewind the clock. Mr. Abolt and Commissioners, I appreciate it. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to rewind my clock and I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Roy [Harris]. We're glad to have you on board and, of course, we are glad to see all the law enforcement people here this morning that came to support your swearing in, and that's really important because the law enforcement people that are out here in the audience and around our community and around the state and the nation are very important. The number one duty of any government is the protection of life and property. Everything else is incidental to that. I know that health and everything else is mighty important, but of course to save lives and to protect our citizens is number one. We have representatives here not only from law enforcement, but I see out in the audience from the District Attorney's office and then we have our Mayor here also this morning, Mayor Otis Johnson, and what's really nice to see our U. S. Marshal here, James Roberts, who heads up the U. S. Marshal's Program and has done an outstanding job because we see their task force where they go out and apprehend some of the violent criminals or those that have escaped or whatever the circumstances might be. But on behalf of the Chatham County Commission I'd like to thank each and every one of you for the things that you do to make our community safer and the situation sometimes where you put your lives on the line, and we do appreciate that and, if it wasn't for you, we could have a jungle in our community. So thanks again to each and every one of you.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Commissioner Gellatly now, who would like to say something.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, Commander, I congratulate you. I've known of you for years and years and your reputation is excellent. I don't think we could have possibly picked a more qualified candidate to lead this very critically important drug unit that we have in our County. Just as a reminder for everybody, Chatham County many years ago developed the current drug unit, the CNT Unit, fully funded it, one hundred percent funded by the Chatham County Commission, and I think this is important to note that historically that we have never wavered or been penny-pinchers. Any time you've ever asked for equipment, we've granted the equipment. In fact, I've even made comments that sometimes your requests have been too modest, and what I would like to do now though, I'd like to challenge the chiefs in Chatham County and the Sheriff to keep that unit fully funded. That's a 40-person drug unit and

if the paper was correct today, there's 27 members. That's not a good thing. In other words, we've got openings for 13 people. We've got them fully funded. The money is in the bank and all you have to do is put the bodies in that position, and I would highly recommend that we work hard and fill each and every one of those positions for the new Commander, and I would like to have the paper or someone at some point in time go ahead and flush this out and see exactly who's not putting the manpower into the drug unit because there's absolutely no excuse for it. It's fully funded and again I congratulate all of the members of our CNT Unit. I see my old friend Butch Ward out there. I haven't seen him for a long time there and others, and they do a tremendous job and I'm proud of each and every one of them. It's one of the best things that we ever did. It's a unit that this County should be very proud of. It's probably per capita on a per capita basis the best staffed unit anywhere in the United States and it certainly has the best equipment and it's got the best manpower and womanpower and it also has an outstanding commander, and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. What I'd like to do right now, Paul McBurney, if you would stand up. We do appreciate your interim leadership while we were selecting a new commander. Let's give him a hand. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, just quickly telling you, a lot of people in our community don't know that when the CNT started in 1994 up to the present time, they have made over 10,000 arrests and a number of them were, you know, big suppliers and from across the board and all, and they have confiscated millions of dollars. They've confiscated a huge number of weapons. They have confiscated a huge number of drugs and all of that, and vehicles and even a home. They went through the process to confiscate it also. But they have done, you know, a good job but it needs to be, like the former chief was saying, to have more people on board so that we can make our citizens safer by having more drug arrests and putting the things into place that will make our community hopefully more, as much as we can, drug free because that's really important. As all the law enforcement officers know and other people, drugs is one of the leading problems that we have in our crime area. But I thank each and every one of you. Everybody, and I see others in the audience that have been working in the judiciary that have worked hard also with you, so we do appreciate that. We thank each and every one of you. You are all heroes to our people and savior to many of us, and I'd like for everybody to give everybody a hand on what you do. Thank you. [Applause.]

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2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATHANIEL "BO BO" SMALLS, JR. (COMMISSIONER HOLMES).

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Holmes to present the proclamation. Oh, yes. Before you do that, I know many of them have to go because I see people here from the U.S. Attorney's office and many others, and they have to go back to policing and also they have to go back to court.

Commissioner Holmes said, ladies and gentlemen, I want to take this time to say thank you for letting us recognize some of a product that came through Savannah. BoBo [Smalls] left here quite some time ago and for some reason we lost contact, communication on where he was at, and one day I received a book and the book at the Indianapolis Clowns on it, and here go our product pitching and playing for the Indianapolis Clowns. He's in town for two weeks doing some speaking to some youth around the City of Savannah. If I'm not mistaken, you're going to Spencer after here? Okay. So I want to give you this proclamation, Mr. Smalls, and it reads:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners take great pride in honoring individuals that have accomplished much and given back more, and in that spirit we salute a native Savannahian, Nathaniel "BoBo" Smalls, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, BoBo Smalls attended Beach High School in Savannah, Georgia, and in 1965, he started playing for the Indianapolis Clowns, a team equivalent to basketball's Harlem Globetrotters, and was voted nine times as their Most Valuable Player. He played in more games than anyone in Clown's history and played for 22 years longer than anyone in black baseball history for one team; and

WHEREAS, he was tutored by the greatest pitcher that ever lived, Satchel Paige. Mr. Smalls, who won 30 games in three consecutive years, is the only player to throw five balls at the same time to five players. He was drafted in 1966 by the Kansas City Royals; and

WHEREAS, BoBo Smalls has been inducted in Black History Museums all over the country and was featured in a black baseball film entitled "Back to Jackie", and also in a black baseball book in 1973 entitled, "Some Were Clowns". The movie *Bingo Long's Traveling All-Stars*, was based directly on the Indianapolis Clowns and their headliner-star, Nate "BoBo" Smalls; and

WHEREAS, BoBo Smalls was the last black star of the last Negro League Baseball team to have ever played. He saw the end of the barnstorming baseball in America with the last surviving baseball team and is the last African American headliner-star to play in Negro baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 2007 as:

NATHANIEL "BOBO" SMALLS DAY

in Chatham County and salute this great athlete who for over twenty years entertained, encouraged and enlightened individuals around the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 27th day of April 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

James J. Holmes, Commissioner
District 2

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations.

Commissioner Holmes said, BoBo [Smalls], that proclamation only lists a few of your accomplishments. You know, this little baseball card has just got a few things on there, too, but you brought a lot of recognition to your hometown of Savannah. You know, you excelled in your field of athletics, baseball and all, and the wonderful things you did, like I say, bringing the recognition to our City, to our County, we really appreciate that, and I want to go beyond this proclamation, for you to have this honor medal that we give, you know, to service people and we do appreciate all the things that you have done, and we wish you well on behalf of the Chatham County Commission and our citizens of Chatham County, and we pray that you have a future long and healthy life.

Mr. Smalls said, oh, boy. I don't know how this is going to be topped. I remember when the Hall of Fame first called me in Kansas City and they wanted to get a lot of history on me and what I did, a research museum out of Carrington, Texas, owned by a guy named Dr. Len [inaudible], called me six years ago and told me they was trying to find me to tell me what I did in black baseball. My history in black baseball was not just here in Savannah. It's for baseball players and black baseball all over the world. I'm proud to be from Savannah. Everywhere I've been in the world, every where I've played, they ask me where I'm from. I say Savannah because I'm proud to be from Savannah. I grew up in Crawford Square, raised in Yamacraw Village. My mentor was James Holmes who I always looked up to, my uncle Johnny Brown, who I always wanted to be like, him and my brother and my grandfather. There's so much about black baseball that we don't know about. Whenever you hear people talk about black baseball, they always mention Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, but there was a lot of other of us that played too. There was a lot of people in black baseball that was overlooked. So many times around the country right now — there's only 137 of us left and I'm the youngest one. I'm not going to tell you how old I am. I'm the youngest one, but anytime you can receive an award from your hometown, of all the accolades I've done had in my lifetime, and I've got many, this tops them. All the things I've ever done in my life, being in the Hall of Fame, being in books, being in movies, will never top this because anytime you receive something from your hometown, it's special. And me coming from Savannah, Georgia, from Yamacraw Village and Crawford Square, never knowing what kind of — what was out there for me, this tops it. I've got grandkids that can come to Savannah one day

and say my grandfather, this is where he stayed out, this is where all of it began. Everything I did began right here in Savannah. Wherever I go from now on, Savannah will always be number one. They're getting ready to do a movie about me for the History Channel. They'll be coming back sometime in July to do some filming. So, see, if anybody have ever asked you guys did you know a black baseball player in the Negro League, you can say, oh yeah, we had one, BoBo Smalls.

Commissioner Holmes said, you know, he's really — he's being very candid about something, and I'm going to share this with you. You know all the news media that received Jackie Robinson in the past month and a half, they're doing a new movie and they're locating some old baseball players to participate in that movie, and there is a possibility that Mr. Smalls may be called on to participate in that movie. But as we all know, we've got one of the oldest stadiums in this country, Grayson Stadium, and it's on the radar for every team, every organization, every movie that want to be filmed, they come to Savannah. So wouldn't it be great if we can get Mr. Smalls participating in that movie and it's being shot at Grayson Stadium. Let's keep our fingers crossed, BoBo [Smalls]. Let's make history.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Under Item VI, Chairman's Items, the Fair Housing item, I'd like a motion on the floor to postpone — Mr. Mayor, thank you very much for coming, and Mr. Marshal — U.S. Marshal, we appreciate your attendance today. Thank you.

Mr. Smalls said, I left baseball cards, one for everybody — I left one for everybody. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. FAIR HOUSING FUNDING REQUEST.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to pass the fair housing request under Chairman's Items.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Thomas said, second, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request from Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council for a local match of \$25,000 for their federal grant application to the U.S.

Department of Housing & Urban Development. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present when this vote was taken.]

AGENDA ITEM: VI-1
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL,
INC.**

7 DRAYTON STREET, SUITE 206
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401
PH (912) 651-3136 (888) 570-5082
FAX (912) 651-3137

20 April 2007

Mr. Russ E. Abolt
County Manager
Chatham County, Georgia
P. O. Box 8161
Savannah, Georgia 31401

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO (912) 652-7874 AND US MAIL

RE: Local Matching Funds for Federal Fair Housing Grant

Dear Russ:

We are writing to request a local match of \$25,000 for our federal grant application to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development. Due to cutbacks in funding from United Way and the Sapelo Foundation, we have had to ask for a slight increase from the previous year's amount. Our understanding is that this funding would come from the 2006-07 savings in County Departments' judicious spending practices.

The need for this funding is very crucial as foreclosures due to predatory mortgage lending is projected to increase. In addition, the return of soldiers who have acquired disabilities in their service will necessitate the need for increased affordable, accessible housing.

Competition for these federal grants is again incredibly tight and successful awards will depend upon an organization's ability to secure local support. In 2005, the County's commitment of \$15,000 was instrumental in our successful grant award

of \$134,859 in federal dollars. We are approaching a variety of sources, including the City of Savannah and private funding sources to secure additional local matching share.

As you know, the Fair Housing Council exists on an austere budget, and we continually search for new funding streams. Your past and future efforts attest to the County's commitment to ensuring that all members of our community will enjoy an equal housing choice.

Again, we appreciate your consideration and assistance.

With kindest regards,

/s/ Wayne

David Wayne Dawson, Jr.
Executive Director

c: Chairman Pete Liakakis

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. MINORITY INCLUSION IN SPLOST PROJECTS (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. I had this placed back on the agenda for the mere reason that there were some — a lot of questions still being raised out in the community, and I wanted to make sure that we can revisit this to ensure the — especially the minority public that the Commissioners, we are indebted to doing what is right in terms of the SPLOST projects. And at this time I would like for our County Manager to expound on it a little further for me so that they will have a better understanding as to where we are with this.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. It's very appropriate that Dr. Thomas has brought this before you now. We're on the brink of embarking upon the expenditure as a County and also as a community of several million dollars in sales tax funds and this Commission in the past, those that preceded you, have been a leader in establishing a goal of a minimum of thirty percent minority participation. This reaffirms it. It is not a set aside. It is not anything that would not meet the test of the courts. It's putting the value where the value should be placed. An important part of our community is the economic prosperity of all citizens and this County Commission as you look at awarding future contracts under

SPLOST and certainly other project of any size, regardless of funding, put a great deal of emphasis on a minimum of thirty percent participation.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Abolt, because I think the feeling is that for too long a lot of times we have projects and everybody participates in the voting of the various projects that we pass. You know, we just want to make sure that everybody gets an opportunity to participate in the finances, and that's where we are at this time. So we're going to keep driving at this until we make sure that they are included — we are included in the process.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

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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 (*).

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND M&O TO: A) TRANSFER \$37,835 WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE PROGRAM TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS, B) TRANSFER \$69,190 FROM CONTINGENCY AND \$118,093 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO THE VARIOUS COURTS FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS, C) TRANSFER \$9,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FUND TWO POSITIONS APPROVED ON MARCH 23, 2007 (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND TO: A) INCREASE REVENUE \$425,000 FROM LEASE PROCEEDS, AND APPROPRIATE \$425,000 FOR A JUDICIARY FILE TRACKING & SCANNING PROJECT, AND B) TRANSFER \$103,409 FROM CIP M&O CONTINGENCY TO THE DETENTION CENTER PROJECT , AND (3)**

A TRANSFER OF \$50,000 WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET FROM SALARIES TO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.

Chairman Liakakis said, I need a motion on the floor for that item.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the following: (1) Amendments to the General Fund M&O to: (a) transfer \$37,835 within the Construction Apprentice Program to salaries and benefits, (b) transfer \$69,190 from contingency and \$118,093 from restricted contingency to the various courts for salary adjustments, (c) transfer \$9,000 from contingency to the Sheriff's department to fund two positions approved on March 23, 2007 (2) amendments to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to: (a) increase revenue \$425,000 from lease proceeds, and appropriate \$425,000 for a Judiciary File Tracking & Scanning Project, and (b) transfer \$103,409 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Detention Center project , and (3) a transfer of \$50,000 within the Public Works budget from salaries to Contractual Services. Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 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 to: a) transfer \$37,835 within the Construction Apprentice Program to salaries and benefits, b) transfer \$69,190 from contingency and \$118,093 from restricted contingency to the various courts for salary adjustments, c) transfer \$9,000 from contingency to the Sheriff's department to fund two positions approved on March 23, 2007 (2) amendments to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to: a) increase revenue \$425,000 from lease proceeds, and appropriate \$425,000 for a Judiciary File Tracking & Scanning Project, and b) transfer \$103,409 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Detention Center project , and (3) a transfer of \$50,000 within the Public Works budget from salaries to Contractual Services.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) On April 13, 2007 the Board approved funding for two positions in the Construction Apprentice Program. To facilitate the action, budgets of \$37,835 must be added to the salaries and benefit line items.
- 2) The State's approval of the judges' pay plan requires additional funding to the salaries and benefits line items within the courts' budgets. \$118,093 will be taken from the Restricted Contingency account. An additional \$69,190 is requested from the M&O Contingency account to complete the funding. The following court budgets will be increased: Superior Court \$67,475, State Court \$35,682, \$59,345, and Juvenile Court \$24,783. Probate Court has sufficient salary variances to absorb the impact for fiscal 2007.
- 3) On March 23, 2007 the Board approved funding for two positions in the Sheriff's department. A transfer of \$9,000 from M&O Contingency is required to fund the Board's action.
- 4) On April 13, 2007 the Board approved the purchase of a judiciary file tracking system and related scanning equipment through a lease agreement with G.E. Capital Corporation. Budgets for the lease proceeds as well as the related project budget need to be established within the Capital Improvement Fund.
- 5) The Detention Center has requested \$103,409 for the replacement of a dishwasher within the Detention Center facility. Funds are not available within the department's operating budget. A CIP M&O Contingency transfer is requested as a funding source.
- 6) Public Works has requested use of \$50,000 now budgeted in salaries and wages for contractual service needs for road striping. A transfer from the salaries and wages line item is thereby requested.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O contingency, the Construction Apprentice Program budget, the Public Works budget and the CIP Fund M&O Contingency account. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Capital Improvement Program Fund related to the lease agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) transfer \$37,835 within the Construction Apprentice Program to salaries and benefits,
- b) transfer \$69,190 from contingency and \$118,093 from restricted contingency to the various courts for salary adjustments, and

- c) transfer \$9,000 from contingency to the Sheriff's department to fund two positions approved on March 23, 2007.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

- a) increase revenue \$425,000 from lease proceeds, and appropriate \$425,000 for a Judiciary File Tracking & Scanning Project, and
- b) transfer \$103,409 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Detention Center project.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

transfer \$50,000 within the Public Works budget from salaries and wages to contractual services.

- (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.

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2. PUBLIC HEARING, SOUTHSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT LEASE/PURCHASE OF AERIAL FIRE TRUCK WITH BB&T. PUBLIC FORMALITY FOR TAX INCENTIVE FINANCING.

Chairman Liakakis said, a public hearing we had earlier [at pre-meeting] for the Southside Fire Department's lease/purchase of an aerial fire truck with BB&T and the public formality for tax incentive financing. We have Chief Meadows here, who you know is the outstanding Chief of the Southside Fire Department, has worked diligently and hard for the citizens. Not only are they protecting the citizens on the Southside and the unincorporated areas, but we can see what the Southside Fire Department has mutual aid and come in to help the Savannah Fire Department and other fire departments in our community and around the State of Georgia and some of his people have gone nationwide. We really appreciate that.

Chairman Liakakis said, now this particular item here, the aerial fire truck, is needed. They have two now in the County in different parts, but they want another for another part of the County. The aerial truck, you know, a lot of people think that the aerial truck is just for high-rise buildings, but that's not so. It is for that purpose, but also it is to be able to reach into areas where you can't get to by normal circumstances, and so this truck is vitally needed. This will not cost the citizens of Chatham County any money whatsoever. It will be funded by the Southside Fire Department and I'd like a motion on the floor to approve this.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, Chief, thank you very much. We appreciate you. Chief Meadows said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, all right.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A public hearing having previously been held, Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Southside Fire Department to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement through BB&T Bank , at no cost to the citizens of Chatham County, to obtain an aerial ladder truck that will cost \$736,531. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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3. VERBAL BRIEFING BY MR. CHIP KING, CONSULTANT ON COMPENSATION AND COMPLIANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, Michael Kaigler, our Human Resources Director, will speak first.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, just to introduce the subject and a goal you've set forward, Commissioner Odell was the one that championed this. Money was allocated to do this. We're on the brink now of not just accomplishing what you wish us to accomplish, but making a major step forward in the fair compensation of all County employees.

Mr. Michael Kaigler said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. As you know, having a competitive pay plan is to an organization's ability to recruit and retain a viable workforce. Sound HR and management practices dictate that you review that compensation and pay plan on a regular basis. As the Board — as the Board of Directors for this organization, we recognize that need and allocated the funding to conduct a comprehensive compensation and pay study. Today I'd like to introduce — formally introduce Mr. Chip King. Chip [King] is the Vice President with The Archer Company. Staff recommended The Archer Company mainly because of their extensive work with other jurisdictions in the State. Their methodology of putting on and conducting the pay study is really unique and we felt that it would meet the needs of Chatham County. Chip [King] will come forward this morning to introduce himself, go over his process and answer any questions that you may have. We feel real certain that his firm will meet our needs. We look forward to working with them and I think that we'll have a product at the end of this process that we will be able to implement and I think it will bear fruit for us. Chip [King]?

Mr. Chip King said, good morning and thank you. I'm humbled to be on an agenda that includes Roy Harris and BoBo Smalls, Jr. Clearly, HR is not as exciting as a topic as some of the things

that you have to deal with, but of course Human Resources is one of your most important County resources you have available. I'd like to thank the Commission and Mr. Abolt and Mr. Kaigler for inviting us here to make this presentation, but more specifically for inviting us to partner with the County in this very important endeavor. I wanted to provide you with just a brief overview, but most importantly make myself available for any questions that you may have to make sure that we get this project started off on the right foot and in the direction that this Commission is intending it to go.

Mr. King said, Human Resources, of course, is your most important resource in order to serve the community's interest and to accomplish the objectives of the organization. And as Mr. Kaigler referenced, it's very important that your human resources systems have a good foundation, a good basis for establishing fair and competitive pay, and that's what this study is really about. There are a couple of objectives that we're trying to accomplish and it involves a very thorough and detailed look at every position in the organization to make sure that we establish some internal equities, some fairness in the way the positions are treated in the pay plan, but also that we introduce aspects of competitiveness in the marketplace to make sure that the County is in a position to continue to recruit and retain the qualified and talented individuals that you need to move this County and organization further. As part of this process, we'll be updating job documentation. There is an emphasis and an expectation that we work towards a couple of steps which includes the possible consolidation of multiple pay plans and consolidation of multiple classifications into a more manageable streamline pay plan for the organization. But ultimately what we're looking for is to make sure that the pay plan is fair and it's competitive and that there's an objective and defensible means by which pay recommendations are made in this process. There will be some attention to some specific classification issues that the Commission and the County Manager and HR have identified. We have talked in depth with the HR staff in terms of how we're going to accomplish that, and I believe we've got a plan moving forth that will help us do that. The study is expected to take about a year. We're going to begin in May, whereby we will be conducting orientation and rollout meetings with staff and its employees to help them get up to speed with what we're doing. We expect to come back, we'll be doing a lot of work over the course of the year, but a couple of key milestones for you is that we will be doing some interviews and onsite observations, probably in July or August. We'll be conducting a market analysis starting in July primarily to allow for the changeover in the new fiscal years, and we're aiming to get the bulk of the work done in the next nine months in order to provide this Commission with some solid cost estimations for budget preparation for the next fiscal year. So we've got a lot of work ahead of us, but I believe it will be a very fruitful, very productive and very successful process, and it's important for you to understand that we look at this as a partnership with the County. This is not an outside consultant coming in and dictating to the Commission, dictating to the management in terms of how you should do things. It's a partnership in trying to help you establish an appropriate approach to classification of compensation and it's very important that we introduce and account for key aspects of this organization — fiscally, organizationally, the environment of the management and culture and, of course, the direction of the Commission as well. So we look forward to this partnership with you in this process.

Mr. King said, brief information about The Archer Company. We've been in this business for 30 years now. The methodology that we have that we're bringing to the table is the direct product

of many years of research. It has been validated many times over and it has stood the test of time. We've got over 27 years experience applying this methodology to local municipal governments, county and city as well as school boards, utilities, et cetera, and it's proven to hold two objectives for objectivity and validity in classification compensation. Our project team has on average about 19 years of experience in human resources. As project manager, we've got a lot of experience working not only nationally but specifically in Georgia. We've provided you with a list of some of the counties that we've worked in. I personally cut my teeth when I first started in this business working on pay plans for the City of Atlanta, for DeKalb County, for Athens-Clarke County, for Savannah, Georgia, and numerous others, and just in the last three years we've worked on I think I've estimated about 19 different organizations in Georgia alone, county and city governments that we've been providing this type of service. Again, we're a national firm but we've got a lot of direct experience in knowledge of local governments in Georgia. I think that will serve you very well in our understanding of the process to make sure we're meeting your needs. Again, we're very excited about this opportunity and we look forward to partnering with Mr. Kaigler and his staff in order to give them the best foot forward in how they're going to manage this plan in the long term, and we're at your availability for any questions or any issues you have. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, good morning. Mr. King said, good morning. Commissioner Odell said, one of the advantages of doing a pay plan is that if you have a diverse organization like Chatham County where you have constitutional officers mixed with those positions that report to the County Manager, and often compensation decisions are made offsite, over a period of time equal pay becomes a major consideration. Department A may have a position that they call Senior Vice President whereas in Department B they may have a position called Clerk III and they may be doing the same identical thing. The know-how, accountability and responsibility may be identical. So it gets away from titles so that in years past many organizations had used a way to bastardize the compensation system by giving a good employee a new job title, didn't increase the know-how, didn't increase the accountability, didn't increase the responsibility, but it did increase the pay and over time that put that system or that position out of line with other positions in that global organization as far as competitive pay. So this study is necessary. It's kind of like doing an audit. You need to do an audit of your biggest expenditures. The biggest expenditure that we make, when we're not building roads or we're not doing the drainage kinds of things, on an annual basis, repetitive basis, is what we pay people. People are our biggest expenditure and we need to ensure that we are competitive. In that regard, I didn't see it in here, benefits vary widely from organization to organization. Some organizations that are heavy with a younger population tend to have a benefit structure that is not as aggressive, not as competitive on the assumption that younger people have less need for health insurance and other kinds of things and more need for direct cash in their pockets to pay for student loans. When you do the analysis and we compare apples to apples, will we look at our competitors' benefit programs as a part of the compensation or just the payroll check?

Mr. Kaigler said, we plan to look across the board and we recognize that some jurisdictions they may pay more in salary and lesser benefits, so we're going to try to do a balancing act on that because we recognize that fact. So when we survey the different counties and local governments

and the businesses, when we do the salary survey we're going to also get a snapshot of what their benefits are. So we're fully aware of that, that the benefits differ and benefits is a part of your compensation plan. So we plan to look at that also.

Commissioner Odell asked, and when we do the job analysis I am hopeful that each department has goals and objectives. They're definite things that Department A is designed to do and that positions are a way of fulfilling those obligations. So if you take the department's goals and objectives, you can plot out what positions, how they interact in that department meeting those objectives. I know that we will send out the questionnaire to the employees. Will that be a sampling of employees or all employees? Mr. Kaigler said, all employees. Each employee will have the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire. We're going to do a sampling. Take, for instance, in the Equipment Operator series we may have a hundred Equipment Operator I. We won't interview — personally interview all of the hundred, but we'll do a reasonable sampling of that one hundred. But each employee will have an opportunity to fill out the questionnaire. They'll have an opportunity to participate in group discussions when the consultant goes in to interview and brief them on their job. So we plan to have a lot of employee input with this. Also, they're going to go out and interview all of the department heads and elected officials, so they'll have an opportunity for their input into this process also. Commissioner Odell asked, so ultimately we're going to have a book that clearly identifies every position, every job activity for every position —? Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell asked, — have it then reviewed by the department head? Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. All of the questionnaires the employee fills it out and they send it up to the department head. The department head supervisor signs off on it. We ask that they not change anything, but typically we find that an employee may have left something out. So we want to make sure that we've got agreement up the chain, but we ask that the department head don't change the form.

Commissioner Odell said, and I've just got two more questions and I'm finished, David [Gellatly]. Hopefully, at some point we will look at a systems engineering program and a system engineering program is we're identifying what people do and we're identifying or making some rational decision as to the know-how it takes to do this position, whether or not the know-how is that of the high school equivalent or two years of college or a bachelor's degree, what level of know-how is necessary. Mr. Kaigler said, right. Commissioner Odell said, accountability — what is that position accountable for, what is that position responsible for. Wouldn't it be great if we could ultimately tie that in to a systems engineering program whereas we know what they're doing, but this program will not change what they're doing because what they are doing may be the longest way home. It may be the absolute worst way that you can do it. Let me give you a for instance. Before David [Gellatly] was Chief of Police, they had a police schedule where police officers were assigned particular shifts. If you bring that forward and look at today's date, you see that crime, burglaries, car break-ins, occurred at particular times, and you can almost isolate and say certain kinds of crime occur in certain locations, and as the Chief, as the Chief has concluded, wouldn't it be a great thing to have the shift of the police officers to correspond when the criminal activity occurs? Doesn't that just kind of when you think about it make sense? And I think they're doing that, and my point most nearly is wouldn't it be a good thing to add onto this somewhere down the foreseeable future a systems engineering where we — we make a determination as to is this the most logical, most cost efficient way to accomplish this particular task because I think as it

happened with the police scheduling, things grow up in departments out of personality of the people who do the job and the familiarity with procedures, but it may not be the most efficient way to do a particular task, which ultimately gets back to us and it gets back to us in a sense that if you have a ten people doing because they're using an archaic system to do something and you can get by with eight, you just saved two positions. So all of those cost-containment hawks — and I don't look to my left for any particular reason just because Dean [Kicklighter] and Dave [Gellatly] are sitting there — if we could ultimately get to that without taking anything away from anyone, we could ultimately reduce our costs without reducing efficiency and without ultimately upsetting the department heads because we implemented attrition at positions or have to be refilled, we modified those systems in that particular department. Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, I am hopeful that the clerks are doing this. I see they have an item on the agenda which as far as the judicial file tracking system, which I applaud them for.

Commissioner Odell said, my last comment is that we have some exceptional department heads. We have really excellent department heads, and most citizens, and I was like most citizens before entering County government. I thought by being in private business whereas if you don't kill it you don't eat as opposed to every week or every two weeks, however you get paid, that there may not have a high level of efficiency, but having served on the Commission, I find that that's totally untrue. We have dedicated, hard-working efficient people. We have exceptional people, and I take this opportunity to compliment our County Manager, but I'd like to also see us to review as part of this study some of the department head positions also. Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, and the reason for that is that as you all are compensation experts, 20 years ago I used to be a compensation expert, there is something called compression. If you got a department head who's artificially held low because of their salary, then you wonder why you lose certain positions. Position three is never going to make more than position one. That is a rule of compensation. So we have to take a careful look to make certain that what we're paying our department heads are comparable, you know, or consistent. And — will we also look at some of the professional positions? Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir, they're included in this study. All department heads, they're all included in this study. Commissioner Odell said, the only reason why I asked that is being a lawyer I see lawyers who go from either public defenders or the district attorney's office to the U. S. attorney's office and their a couple of good reasons to do that. One is you make substantially more money, and I know that money is not important in public life — not to your wife, not to your children, not to your church — but I'd like to see us pay a competitive wage because there's no substitute for experience. I mean, you can — we could reduce our payroll about twenty-five percent by firing everybody who had experience. You reduce your payroll, but you increase your overhead almost double that amount, and I think that there are studies out there that support that. That's how many consultants, who are time efficiency people, they come in, they look at a staff, they figure out a way to get rid of everyone with ten or more years, they bring in new people, pay them twenty-five percent less, and so overall they've saved twenty-five percent on their payroll.

Mr. King said, and they wonder why the organization gone downhill.

Commissioner Odell said, right. And we have to have a system that we keep good employees, and we have some excellent people here. I've not been happy with our compensation. I think

that the simple fact that you're in government work, these people around here work hard. We need to pay them a competitive wage. I mean, we need to pay — a liveable wage shouldn't just be for the contractors. We've got that in our prevailing wage in our contractor provision. We should apply that to employees and to the people that we compete with, and there will be exceptions that you have to pull out of the salary system because I know we had the problem, and I did work for Hays [phonetic] & Associates — Are you familiar with Hays? Mr. King said, I am. Commissioner Odell said, and occasionally we'd home in, we'd find out that we were just a — this company was just a training ground for a particular position. Well, there were two reasons. One is our pay — that company's pay was substantially less and if you looked at it just on the [inaudible] system and know-how, accountability and responsibility, the position didn't require a higher rating for know-how, accountability and responsibility, but because of market forcing you had to pull it out and make that market adjustment. And when we made those market adjustments, our turnover rate dropped. We stopped being a recruitment for other companies who would let us get them in for six months to a year and pay them twenty-five percent more and they'd leave and we'd wonder why.

Commissioner Odell said, I thank you for the opportunity. This is something that is near and dear to my heart. The only thing we do is provide service. We don't make widgets. We don't do anything but provide service. You come to the courthouse — service. You come to public works — service. We are a service organization and we have to have contented, happy and fair compensation for our people who do the work that we need them doing.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not my topic, but Harris [Odell] touched on this. Indeed, when I came to Savannah in 1980 the shifts were designed where you had the exact number of police officers and equipment available on a Sunday afternoon when nothing happens and the exact number of people were on duty at one o'clock on a Saturday night when everything happens, and that certainly caused a lot of interesting scenarios to occur, not the least of which why it had a terrible impact on crime. When we did away with that and put manpower and equipment where activity was most likely to occur, there was a sixteen percent reduction in crime in a one year period of time. The Chief also received a lot of hate mail from employees who were now working at two o'clock in the morning on a Saturday night, but these things need to occur. My question or comments or observations are, number one, I think what you do is both an art and a science and if you're really good at one and not the other, why, you're not going to succeed. It's got to be a blending and a mesh on what you do. I think that you're going to, you know, it points out where, I'm using as examples and not picking on, but the difference between the public defenders office and district attorney, that's difficult, number one. They listed David Lock. Well, David Lock has been there for almost 30 years. The public defenders office has only been here a couple of years. You know, so I mean you've got some balances. You've got to determine, you know, length of service and what the people have actually done during that length of service. Are they just drawing a paycheck, why they probably don't need the job, never mind any type of an increase in pay. But at any rate — and another example. You know, when they were merging the police department together one of the questions was, gee, they've got a sergeant over here in the old Savannah Police Department that's been here 30-some odd years

and he's making more money than most lieutenants are and it's way up there. How do we solve this? Do we go ahead and move everyone up to this and that would have thrown the lieutenant, captain, major salaries out of wack, or do we look at this and say, well gee, one of the reasons the sergeant is making this kind of money, not only has he been here 30-some odd years, but because of his outstanding work output he's got merit increase after merit increase after merit increase; therefore, it wouldn't make sense to just go ahead and move all salaries up because if you went along with that type of philosophy, we can't afford it. You know, it's just as simple as that.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and another thing that Harris [Odell] touched on, and I totally agree on, when you take a look through our different positions, you're going to see people with a lot of different titles that have had it for a lot of different reasons, and you've got to find out in their job capacity over, you know, ten or fifteen, twenty years, their job may have become more difficult. They may have supervised more people. The exact opposite is true, too. In other words, they may have been involved in some type of equipment that we almost don't have any more of, but yet they retain the title and they got the merit increases every year and things of this nature. The exact opposite may occur in another department where fifteen years ago they were in charge of all computers, which was no big deal because computers were not a big deal in government fifteen years ago. It's a big deal now and it's a big deal because it requires a lot of expertise and there's a lot of liability there if you don't do it right. So that's person title needs to be taken at look at, and where I have a lot of respect for what you do, there's nothing anymore emotional than what my paycheck looks like, you know. That Joe Blow over there is making this much money and Joe Blow is a rinky-dink and doesn't even — shouldn't even be employed, never mind having a paycheck, you know, and it's a very emotional issue and it's going to be very challenging when you go from employee to employee. And again, as Harris [Odell] alluded to, Chatham County is very blessed, very blessed in that we have very competent and caring employees at all levels and they all do a really good job and they do deserve to be compensated at a fair and equitable level. And I know of your firm and I know you're well qualified to do the job, and I wish you a lot of luck. And I would also say we're very blessed and fortunate to have Russ Abolt as our County Manager. That's it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, just I guess in summary, Mr. Chairman, it is our job to keep evaluating what we do and how we do it. Nothing as we all know stays the same. You can look at the world of computers and electronics and what was current and new five years ago is now obsolete, and we can't just stay where we are especially regarding our employees. So I'm glad to see this in effect and I'll look forward to some of the results, hearing some of the results.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. The only thing I wanted to say is that I thank Commissioner Odell for going in depth with this discussion. It was long needed and I appreciate it very much. I also appreciate the fact that you mentioned that it's going to be a partnership in

this, and I think when we do that and work together, we can accomplish much, much more. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. We appreciate both of your presentations.

Mr. King said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Chip King of The Archer Company gave a verbal briefing on the compensation and compliance study which will begin in May 2007.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

(The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.)

Chairman Liakakis said, we have items on the Action Calendar 1 through 9 and under Item 9 we have items for disbursements A through I. Do we have any —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, J. Chairman Liakakis asked, excuse me? Commissioner Kicklighter said, through J. Chairman Liakakis said, J. Excuse me, J. Do we have any —?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve the Action Calendar. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do is hold out Item 5. I want a brief discussion on that.

Commissioner Thomas said, maybe it's just my lack of knowledge. I want to find out where is Bell's Landing? County Manager Abolt said, Commissioner Thomas, it's on the Purchasing Report, Item G, page seven. Commissioner Thomas asked, it's where? Chairman Liakakis said, Item G. County Manager Abolt said, Item G on page seven. Commissioner Thomas said, okay. I just wanted to know where it's at?

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Withholding Item —.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, where's it located? Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I wanted to know. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, Bell's Landing.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you, Russ [Abolt], page seven. County Manager Abolt said, after all the nice things you said about me. I apologize. I'll defer to Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, she's so sweet. She was going to sit quiet through —. County Manager Abolt said, Commissioner Gellatly?

Chairman Liakakis asked, where is Bell's Landing? She wants to know. Commissioner Farrell said, it's hard to get directions in that crowd.

Commissioner Gellatly said, it's in the Sixth District and it's located on — if you go down Abercorn to Apache and take a left on Apache, why it goes straight down to the river from there. Commissioner Farrell said, near the new mall. Commissioner Thomas said, but it's not —. Commissioner Gellatly said, very near the new mall. Commissioner Thomas said, okay. But it's not at The Landings? Commissioner Gellatly said, oh, no. Absolutely not. Nowhere near The Landings. Commissioner Thomas said, I just saw Landings and I —. Okay, thank you. That's all.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve the Action Calendar withholding number five. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 1 through 9-J, except Item 5. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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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 APRIL 13, 2007, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2007. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 5 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2007.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period April 5, 2007, through April 18, 2007, in the amount of \$7,282.452. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST FROM CURTIS L. AND JANE M. BRAGG AND GEORGE AND LORETTA TYSON FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE PORTIONS OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR TILTON STREET AND SECOND AVENUE AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE PROPERTY TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request from Curtis L. and Jane M. Bragg and George and Loretta Tyson for the County to declare portions of the rights-of-way for Tilton Street and Second Avenue as surplus and to quitclaim the property to the adjacent property owners. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To present to the Board a request from Curtis L. & Jane M. Bragg and George & Loretta Tyson for the County to declare portions of the rights-of-way for

Tilton Street and Second Avenue as surplus and to quitclaim the property to the adjacent property owners.

BACKGROUND: The Braggs and Tysons own property on both sides of Tilton Street and on the western side of Second Avenue. Through their attorney, they have requested a quitclaim sections of Tilton Street and Second Avenue adjacent to them. To avoid a resulting isolated section of Second Avenue located north of the requested right-of-way, staff contacted the two adjacent property owners to see if they wanted to participate. Neither of the two rights-of-way (ROW) appear to have ever been opened as a road.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The locations of the two requested ROW are shown on the attached map. Neither of the ROW appear to have ever been opened as a road and staff has verified that there is no likely County use for these ROW.
2. There are two property owners involved in the original quitclaim request: Curtis L. & Jane M. Bragg (PIN: 1-0099 -03-003) and George & Loretta Tyson (PIN: 1-0099 -04-001). They jointly requested the ROW delineated on the attached map as the "Original Quitclaim Request". The subject portion of Tilton Street is approximately 250 feet long by 50 feet wide. The subject portion of Second Avenue is approximately 110 feet long by 60 feet wide.
3. The requested quitclaim would isolate a portion of Second Avenue as shown on the map. This portion of Second Avenue is approximately 130 feet long by 60 feet wide. Staff contacted the property owners adjacent to that section to see if they were interested in participating in the quitclaim petition. Both property owners, Rocky R. & Helen D. Stokes (PIN: 1-0099 -03-002) and Joseph F. Dillon, III (PIN: 1-0099 -07-007) have indicated that they would be interested.
4. Staff is recommending that Tilton Street and Second Avenue be divided among the four property owners as shown on the attached map.
5. If approved, the petitioners must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisals, deeds, and plats at their expense. The appraiser is selected by the petitioners and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia.
6. Staff reviews the submitted appraisals, deeds and plats for completeness and reasonableness before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Declare portions of the rights-of-way for Tilton Street and Second Avenue as surplus and to quitclaim the property to the adjacent property owners, to be divided as shown on the attached map. The petitioners must pay the County the ROW fair market value to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisals, deeds, and plats at their expense.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Alternative No. 1

District 4

Prepared by: Vincent Grevemberg

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE 5.
[DISTRICT 2.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a right-of-entry agreement between Chatham County and the City of Savannah for Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve a Right of Entry Agreement between Chatham County and the City of Savannah for Truman Parkway, Phase 5.

BACKGROUND: Right-of-way plans for the project were approved June 30, 2005. Right-of-way acquisition is underway. A similar Right of Entry agreement was used

between the City of Savannah and Chatham County on the Middleground Road Widening Project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Savannah owns three properties along the route of the Truman Parkway from which the County must acquire rights of way and/or easements (Parcels 43, 45 and 53) in order to construct Phase 5.

2. Normally on projects of this nature where the County must certify ownership of the right of way to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the County would obtain a quitclaim deed from the City for the required rights of way. Since portions of the project are within the City, the County would subsequently convey all rights of way and easements within the City limits back to the City after the project was completed and accepted by the GDOT.

3. The GDOT has advised that they will accept a Right of Entry from the City to the County in lieu of a deed.

4. The Right of Entry Agreement was approved by the City Council on February 8, 2007, and has been executed by the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve a Right of Entry Agreement between the County and the City of Savannah for Truman Parkway Phase 5.

2. That the Board not approve the agreement.

FUNDING: No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District 2

Prepared by Allan R. Black, P.E.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO MOVE THE CHATHAM COUNTY SAFETY NET PLANNING COUNCIL TO A NOT-FOR-PROFIT 501(C)(3) STATUS.

Chairman Liakakis said, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners created the Safety Net Planning Council in 2004 to address the needs of uninsured and underinsured health care needs of the citizens of Chatham County. After three successful years of working with all healthcare service delivery partners in the County, the Safety Net is now positioned to become a free-

standing entity to seek additional funding from the State of Georgia, the federal government, and private foundations to strengthen its mission and further the work of the Safety Net. In fact, what happens is under this plan is that they'll be able to get additional monies in and, of course, the County puts a substantial amount of money into this particular area. I see that we have in the audience Dr. Skelton, who is the Executive Director head of this Coastal Health District area, which includes more counties than Chatham County, and Dr. Weems out there, who is the Safety Net Planning Council Chair of that, and both of them have done an outstanding job. We know that Dr. Skelton, since he's come on board, is the Executive Director, that with his leadership that a lot of good things have occurred for the health of our Chatham County citizens, and of course over the years Dr. Weems has been there as Interim and heads up not only the Safety Net, but has really worked at many areas we've seen in the community. We appreciate that. But we see how important this is right now, and I'd like a motion on the floor to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make the motion. Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Board, I do want to also recognize this Board for your leadership in working with NACo. At pre-meeting you said some very appropriate and very forthright comments about your association with the Association County Commissioner of Georgia, but also your participation, active participation in NACo really was the seed behind the Safety Net. We received a grant for well over \$200,000 to make this happen, and because you are leaders and recognized as leaders this national organization said, here, begin something, and the beginning now is in the middle of developing true innovation in what we pay for major expenditure of indigent health care. Dr. Skelton, Dr. Weems, and so many others are now coming up with a way of making sure those dollars are correctly spent. It was a very flattering, I believe, editorial that I read a least a couple of days ago about what Safety Net is doing and now allowing them to establish this new status will create more innovations this next fiscal year and the years to come.

Commissioner Odell asked, may I? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, this is an excellent program. I had a chance to meet with Dr. Weems and I strongly support it and plan to vote for it. I can't emphasize too much that our participation in NACo was absolute and imperative and when — and we need to give the right hand a fellowship to former Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers, who —. We cannot be isolated, and what I mean most nearly is that we have to participate in the Georgia County Commissioners Association, we have to participate in the National because if we're not at the table when the cards are dealt, we don't get a hand. So it's imperative. This is a product of the former Commission's participation laying the seed. It is a crystal moment in that it's the right thing at the right time with the right staff. This is a golden opportunity. We have to be grateful not only for Dr. Skelton and for Dr. Weems, and Dr. Weems has been running point on this under the leadership of Dr. Skelton. This is like mom and homemade apple pie. I mean, it really is. It is a win/win for this County, and by making this move it opens up the door that we can do more and it costs us less. Isn't that a great opportunity? We can do more and it costs us less.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to publicly apologize to this Board for wearing the Hawaiian outfit when you guys had the political courage to move forward and do what you felt was best for the County. You stood up to the political mess that, I guess, that I in great part helped to stir up. I owe y'all an apology. I'll take \$200,000 for this County which y'all have brought home through NACo. I think that's well worth the trip and maybe Dave Gellatly and myself will join y'all in Hawaii next year. But I think you did an excellent job and that's a huge return on going to these conferences and it will only get better as you guys keep working your way through. So, good job.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah. I just want to say thank you very much also, but I also want to point out the fact that in addition to Commissioner Rivers, we worked very hard, those of us who have been attending NACo over the years. I know for one that I have worked very hard and very closely not only with Commissioner Rivers, but served on many committees in this regard, and so I just want to make sure that that is understood as well. We feel very good when we can get a return such as this from going and attending our meetings. That's why it's important that you have interaction with others.

Commissioner Odell said, I didn't mean to leave out Dr. Thomas and, Priscilla [Thomas], please accept my apology. I was talking about past Commissioners, but you have been just an outstanding champion for Chatham County, not only with the Youth Commissioners, which is national, but your participation. And you've got to participate. If you do not know the leadership of the organization that hands out the money, you don't get the money. I mean, I wish that we could say that it's like the lottery and that anybody who buys a ticket gets a chance. That's not true. It's based upon your being able to, I guess, sell your story to the leadership or the committee that makes the decision. It's not accidental that we got an increase in our jail funding. That's not accidental. I mean, Commissioner Stone — I mean, they gave us more money just to get rid of Helen Stone. They increased what they paid us by fifty percent so that this Commission, so that Helen [Stone], Priscilla [Thomas] and Pete [Liakakis] will leave them alone. And, Dean [Kicklighter], you don't us an apology. The good thing about this Commission is that everyone has the right to their opinion and hindsight is always 20/20. We work as a group. Individuality is necessary because it brings in those ideas so that we can get what it's like from your perspective, which is necessary. You owe no one on this Commission, especially me, an apology. You're compassionate. I respect that. I hope the people of your district respects that, but I do compliment Priscilla [Thomas] and James [Holmes] and Patrick [Farrell], our middle man who is a conservative republican, who went to Hawaii, and you all did a good job and thank you. I appreciate it and I know the rest of my Commissioners do also.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to approve Item 5. Commissioner Odell said, so moved. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second —. Excuse me? Commissioner Stone said, we already made the motion. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Odell said, Dr. Skelton, I know you had a wonderful speech, but is it as good as winning without saying anything? Dr. Skelton said, I learned years ago, Commissioners, that when you're on a roll, say thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request to move the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council to a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) status. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5**AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007****TO:** Chatham County Board of Commissioners**THROUGH:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** W. Douglas Skelton, MD, Coastal Health District Director
Diane Z. Weems, MD, Chair, Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council**DATE:** April 18, 2007**ISSUE:**

Request Board of Commissioners' approval to move the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council to a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) status.

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners created the Safety Net Planning Council in 2004 to address the needs of uninsured and underinsured healthcare needs of the citizens of Chatham County. After three successful years of working with all healthcare service delivery partners in the county, the Safety Net is now positioned to become a free-standing entity to seek additional funding from the state of Georgia, the federal government, and private foundations to strengthen its mission and further the work of the Safety Net.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. All healthcare providers in Chatham County are members of the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council.
2. To date, the Safety Net has received financial support from each of the providers in addition to grants from the Healthcare Georgia Foundation and United Way of the Coastal Empire. The United Way currently serves as the Safety Net's fiscal agent.
3. The annual report submitted to the Commission in 2006 provided evidence of the Safety Net's success. In sum, the Safety Net has evidence to support the following measures of success:

- a. 3,326 uninsured/underinsured patients were linked through the local emergency departments to a primary care medical home. Of those, 513 patients identified with chronic medical conditions, most commonly diabetes and cardiovascular disease were enrolled in the Care Navigator case management program. A total of 4,330 uninsured/underinsured patients were served by the Care Navigator Program operating at the hospitals emergency departments, Curtis V. Cooper Primary Healthcare Center, Community HealthCare Center/Savannah Health Mission, J. C. Lewis Health Center, Community Cardiovascular County, and Chatham County Health Department.
- b. Increased the number of individuals in Chatham County receiving pharmaceutical assistance through Safety Net providers in the community by 2,902 patients over 2005, totaling 9,657 patients served in this capacity in 2006.
- c. Increased the number of uninsured with a “medical home”
- d. Increased the number of children enrolled in PeachCare by 496 or approximately 10%, from 4,749 in 2005 to 5,245 in 2006.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the request to submit an application for 501(c)(3) status.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

FUNDING:

The Safety Net will be self-funded through various grant-funding streams. No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Once the Safety Net has officially received non-profit status it will begin to aggressively build its infrastructure currently in place and seek additional funding streams to continue to support the Care Navigator program, and strengthen the information technology network between all healthcare providers. The goals are to provide better healthcare delivery service in the county and reduce healthcare costs for uninsured and underinsured patients.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Commissioners adopts Alternative #1.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE AN INTERN POSITION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN MANPOWER SHORTAGE AT THE CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to create an Intern position for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department to assist in manpower shortage at the Chatham County Juvenile Court at a cost of \$9,714 which will come from General Funds through the Decision Package. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6**AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007****Date:** 18 April 2007**To:** Board of Commissioners**Thru:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager**From:** Sheriff Al St. Lawrence**Issue:**

To request Board approval to create an Intern position for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department to assist in man power shortage at the Chatham County Juvenile Court.

Background:

One Intern is needed at the Juvenile Court. The intern will reduce our man-hour requirements by handling many small tasks. Wit the tremendous increase in court functions, the Sheriff's Department is unable to keep pace with the required services. Overtime expenditures are high and we have no control over court time. Employing interns provides a multi fold benefit. The interns receive required college credit, and we are able to economically employ persons to provide restricted duties. All but minor services in total interns relieve Deputies of lesser duties and allow the Deputies to place emphasizes on court security. One intern requires \$9,714. per year.

Facts and Findings:

1. The Chatham County Juvenile Court case load has increased two folds in the last few years making it necessary to provide additional security within the courtroom and around the juvenile facility.
2. The Chatham County Sheriff's Department in an attempt to free up a deputy from minor duties that can be performed by non certified personnel is requesting an additional intern. This will enable the Sheriff's Department to use certified personnel more effectively.

Funding:

The funding of an Intern position of \$9,714 will come from General Funds through the Decision Package.

Policy Analysis:

In the past, the Board of Commissioners has approved resource enhancements to departments where a need has been demonstrated, and these enhancements maintain the delivery of services to the citizens of Chatham County at adequate and efficient levels.

Recommendation:

That the Board fund this position.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE AN ACCOUNTING TECH III POSITION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to create an Accounting Tech III position for the Chatham County Sheriff’s Department with a salary of \$28,098 to come from General Funds through the Decision Package. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

Date: 19 April 2007
To: Board of Commissioners
Thru: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
From: Sheriff Al St. Lawrence

Issue:

To request Board approval to create an Accounting Tech III position for the Chatham County Sheriff’s Department.

Background:

New services funds are for the addition of one Accounts Tech III. The Sheriff's Department currently employs one Accounts Tech IV that handles all purchasing functions for the entire department. This employee also handles other duties due to the staff shortages. The Sheriff's Department is the largest department in Chatham County Government. This one employee is assisted by personnel assigned to other duties. The workload is enormous. We are probably the only department that burdens one person with such responsibility. It is necessary to add one Accounts Tech III to assist the Accounts Tech IV. This action is practical and necessary in order to improve production and raise both quality and quantity of work.

Facts and Findings:

1. The Chatham County Sheriff's Department is the largest department in Chatham County Government.
2. The Chatham County Sheriff's Department is one of the largest purchasers within the county with almost a 40 million dollars budget between the Corrections Bureau and the Enforcement Bureau.

Funding:

The funding of an Accounting Tech III position of \$28,098 will come from General Funds through the Decision Package.

Policy Analysis:

In the past, the Board of Commissioners has approved resource enhancements to departments where a need has been demonstrated, and these enhancements maintain the delivery of services to the citizens of Chatham County at adequate and efficient levels.

Recommendation:

That the Board fund this position.

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8. REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2007. PETITIONER: SHARI SUE HALDEMAN, D/B/A LANDINGS HARBOR MARINA, LOCATED AT 600 PRIEST LANDING DRIVE, 31411. [DISTRICT4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Shari Sue Haldeman, d/b/a Landings Harbor Marina, located at 600 Priest Landing Drive, for a new liquor pouring license for 2007. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GREGORIS. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

ISSUE

Request for approval of new liquor pouring license for 2007. Shari Sue Haldeman, d/b/a Landings Harbor Marina, located at 600 Priest Landing Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31411.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Haldeman requests approval of new liquor pouring license in connection with an existing marina or fish camp. A beer and wine pouring license is already in place and is current. Ms. Haldeman now wants to add liquor pouring to her establishment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application is not required to be reviewed by the police department since the business already possesses a beer and wine pouring license and all the necessary requirements have been met for this year.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The county Fire Marshall inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility previously for 2007.
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 hearing time and date.

RECOMMENDATION

The Chatham County Occupational Tax Division request approval.

District 4

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9. 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> |
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| A. Contract for the Fawcett Canal Phase Two drainage improvement | SPLOST | Sharp Tree Service | \$46,920 | SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Fawcett Canal Project |
| B. Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract to provide various high demand inmate supply items for the Detention Center to recognize a manufacturer imposed price increase on mattresses | Detention Center | Bob Barker Company | \$43.52 each | General Fund/M&O - Detention Center |
| C. One (1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria sedan | CNT | Allan Vigil Ford | \$21,385 | CIP - Vehicle Replacement |
| D. Annual price agreement to provide "as needed" delivery of batteries | Various | Batteries Plus | Varies by item | •General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various |
| E. Purchase and installation at Mosquito Control of one (1) 350kW generator with transfer switches | CIP | Cummins Power South | \$89,025 | CIP - Finance - Hurricane Preparedness |
| F. Insurance renewal for Tybee property | Finance | Arch Specialty Insurance Co., Inc. | \$40,040 | Risk Management Fund - Insurance and Surety Bond premiums |
| G. Floating dock and walkway for Bell's Landing | Parks and Recreation | Gator Dock and Marine, LLC through the Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division | \$16,000 | CIP - Recreation - Boat Ramp Repairs |

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>DEPT.</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>FUNDING</u> |
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| H. Purchase and installation of an environmental control system for the evidence room of the CNT Headquarters | CNT | Boaen Mechanical | \$21,919 | Confiscated Funds - CNT |
| I. Purchase, delivery and installation of office furniture for temporary offices for the Assessor's office to be located at 408 West Broughton Street | SPLOST | Office Services (State Contract) | \$42,824 | SPLOST (2003-2008) - County Courthouse Construction |
| J. Deductive Summary Change Order No. 5 for the construction contract for Pipemakers Canal Widening Project to adjust the final contract amount | SPLOST | Phoenix Construction Services, Inc. | (\$165,784) | No funding required |

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-J, both inclusive. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

1. AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY TO UPDATE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES UNDER THE COUNTY MANAGER.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1**AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager**ISSUE:**

To amend the *Code of Chatham County* to update departments and offices under the County Manager.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 4, Article 1, of the *Code of Chatham County* relates to the administrative structure of county government, and more specifically, the department and offices under the County Manager's responsibility (this does not affect any elected offices nor departments nor the authority of the County Manager). Since written in 1985 when the Enabling Act became effective, Chapter 4 has not changed despite changes in the organization because of name changes of departments, elimination of departments to provide efficiencies in streamlining administration of services, and reorganization of departments.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Article 1, is attached, which provides 11 departments under the County Manager's responsibility. The proposed amendment relates to structure only and does not affect the County Manager's authority, which Chapter 1 of the Enabling Act provides.

2. Since the Enabling Act became effective in 1985, Chapter 4 has not been updated despite changes within the organization. Noted below are the specific changes:

2.1 The Central Services Department became eliminated and its services and divisions became assigned to other departments as part of a reorganization to streamline departments in October 2001. The divisions and responsibilities of Central Services became assumed by other departments as noted below.

2.2 Human Resources became Human Resources and Services in October 2001 when it assumed assigned divisions and services from the deletion of the Central Services Department.

2.3 Building Safety and Regulatory Services became renamed from the Inspections Department in January 2000. The name change recognizes its expanded regulatory duties for building inspections, zoning and property maintenance, as well as responsibility for occupation and business licenses, alcoholic beverage licenses and special permits.

2.4 Information and Communications Services department became renamed in October 2001 when it assumed assigned divisions and services from the

elimination of the Central Services Department. ICS has also assumed responsibility for telephone and communications services.

2.5 The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs become deleted in July 2003 and its responsibilities merged with Public Works as part of a reorganization to streamline the organization.

2.6 The Department of Public Works and Parks Services became renamed in July 2003 when it assumed assigned divisions and services from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

2.7 The Counter Narcotics Team became a new department in March 1994 under a reorganization of the Chatham County Police Department.

2.8 The Emergency Management Department should not be reflected under Chapter 4, Article 1, since the County Manager does not assume responsibility for the department, which Georgia law and other county ordinance govern.

3. The adoption of the amendment will make consistent the structure and workings of the organization with the legal document which governs the County's organization and structure.

FUNDING:

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter IV, Article I.
2. That the Board take no action on the proposed amendment to Chapter IV, Article I.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Enabling Act authorizes that only the Board of Commissioners can adopt amendments to the County Code. The proposed amendment to Chapter IV, Article 1, makes consistent previous organizational changes for purposes of efficiency and streamlining the organization with the legal document which governs the organization of departments which report to the County Manager.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES UNDER THE COUNTY MANAGER

Chapter 4, Article I, is amended, as follows:

Establishment of Departments and Offices Under the County Manager

The following departments and offices are hereby established. The County Manager shall be responsible for staffing, directing, and managing each department pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1 of this Code and applicable State law:

1. County Manager’s Office
2. Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department
3. Counter Narcotics Team
4. Engineering Department
5. Finance Department
6. Human Resources and Services Department
7. Information and Communications Services Department
8. Internal Audit Department
9. Mosquito Control Department
10. Police Department
11. Public Works and Parks Services Department

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2. AMEND SECTION 4-5.1 PROVISIONS REGARDING USE IN C DISTRICTS AND R-DISTRICTS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW HONEY PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HONEY AND HONEY RELATED PRODUCTS AS A MATTER OF RIGHT WITHIN THE C-A (AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION), R-A (RESIDENTIAL

**AGRICULTURE), AND R-A-1 (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE-LIMITED)
ZONING DISTRICTS. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-070315-38709-1
[UNINCORPORATED AREA-TEXT AMENDMENT.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

**AGENDA ITEM: XI-2
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007**

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

Amend Section 4-5.1 Provisions Regarding Use in C Districts and R-Districts of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to specifically allow honey production and distribution of honey and honey related products as a matter of right within the C-A (Agriculture Conservation), R-A (Residential Agriculture), and R-A-1 (Residential Agriculture-Limited) zoning districts. The MPC recommends approval.
MPC File No. Z-070315-38709-1

Issue:

The petitioner is proposing that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to specifically allow honey production and distribution of honey and honey related products as a matter of right within the C-A (Agriculture Conservation), R-A (Residential Agriculture), and R-A-1 (Residential Agriculture-Limited) zoning districts.

Background:

Honey production and the distribution of honey and honey related products are not specifically listed as permitted uses in the existing Chatham County Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner is proposing an amendment to the Ordinance that would, subject to limitations, allow said uses in specified zoning districts.

Findings:

1. The petitioner represents the owner of certain property that has most recently been used as a greenhouse and plant nursery. As proposed, the petitioner intends to relocate his existing honey and honey products business to the greenhouse/plant nursery site. Because the distribution of honey and honey related products are not expressly listed as a permitted use in the Chatham

County Zoning Ordinance, the County Zoning Administrator has advised that a text amendment should be sought to clarify the existing use provisions of the Ordinance.

2. Although honey production and distribution is not currently listed as an expressly allowed use, it can be argued that such uses are not detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of community residents. Therefore, the challenge is to determine appropriate zoning classifications where such uses might be located. Due to the very nature of the product in question and its origins, the logical extension is to allow honey production and distribution in those zoning classifications most closely associated with agriculture and agriculturally related uses. With the existing Ordinance framework, those districts would be C-A (Agriculture-Conservation), R-A (Residential-Agriculture), and R-A-1 (Residential-Agriculture-Limited) classifications.
3. The petitioner makes reference to a specific property. However, if an amendment is granted, the change would not only impact one property, but would be applicable to all properties located within the districts approved. While it is probable that most locations would be appropriate for the type of use proposed; others may not. In recognition thereof, it is suggested that limitations of use also be added as follows:
 - a) Such uses shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground which abuts a collector or higher classified street.
 - b) The site upon which such uses are established shall be not less than two acres in size.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the petitioner's request to specifically allow honey production and distribution of honey and honey related products as a matter of right within the C-A (Agriculture Conservation), R-A (Residential Agriculture), and R-A-1 (Residential Agriculture-Limited) zoning districts.
2. Deny the proposed text amendment.

Policy Analysis:

Text amendments are applicable countywide. Therefore, the potential impacts of proposed amendments must be considered on a countywide basis. While the impact from a single property may not be deemed detrimental, it is imperative to consider all properties the amendment would affect.

No detrimental effects are expected to be associated with honey production and distribution. Such usage should, however, be subject to development criteria that prevent possible disturbances to adjacent and adjoining neighbors.

The amendment offered by the petitioner with the development criteria suggested will provide the necessary assurances. Additionally, because the proposed

amendment requires the use to be located on a collector or higher classified street, development of such a site must adhere to the site plan requirements of Section 4-6.5 (Planned District) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend APPROVAL of the petitioner’s request to amend Section 4-5.1 Provisions Regarding Use in C-Districts and R-Districts to permit honey production and the distribution of honey and honey related products in the C-A, R-A, and R-A-1 districts subject to the following criteria:

- a) Such uses shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground which abuts a collector or higher classified street.
- b) The site upon which such uses are established shall be not less than two acres in size.

ENACT

46. Honey production and the distribution of honey and honey related products

Provided that the following criteria shall be met:

- a) **Such uses shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground which abuts a collector or higher classified street.**
- b) **The site upon which such uses are established shall be not less than two acres in size.**

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP, Director
Development Services

April 3, 2007

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. SEE AMENDED STAFF REPORT.

Chairman Liakakis said, you have the staff report on that. We had conversation on that at the last meeting. So what we’d like now is a motion on the floor to approve.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to approve this ordinance. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the ordinance pertaining to commercial vehicles in residential areas. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

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

ISSUE:

Consideration of enactment of ordinance pertaining to commercial vehicles or recreational motor homes exceeding 22 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight parked in residential areas. The County Attorney's Office met with the Police Department and have discussed the ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The Savannah/Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) has received a number of complaints from residents who reside in residential areas concerning vehicles being parked on private residential property. The vehicles are often motor coaches, motor homes, trailers and vans. The County's an ordinance prohibiting the parking of a vehicle within a residential subdivision upon the public thoroughfares and rights of way is extended to parking on property zoned residential.

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. At the recommendation of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, the proposed ordinance was amended to delete the exception for residential units

located on tracts larger than 3 acres, and it was determined that the ordinance would only apply to subdivisions that had restrictive covenants or, in the past had restrictive covenants.

4. The suggestion concerning the exception made by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has been incorporated into the ordinance.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Adopt the ordinance.
- 2. Do not adopt the ordinance.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County Attorney's Office and the Chatham/Savannah Police Department believe an ordinance is needed to regulate the parking of commercial vehicles or recreational motor homes exceeding 22 feet in length and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight parked in residential areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**MOTOR VEHICLES, ROADS, STREETS AND
HIGHWAYS ORDINANCE OF CHATHAM COUNTY**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES, ROADS, STREETS AND
HIGHWAYS ORDINANCE OF CHATHAM COUNTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Article III of Chapter 12 is hereby stricken and a new Article III is adopted as follows:

"ARTICLE III

Commercial and Recreational Motor Home Vehicles
Parking in Residential Areas Prohibited

§ 12-301 Parking of Specified Motor Vehicles, Motor Homes, Trailers, Semitrailers or Truck Tractors on any Lot or Private Property in Residential Zone Prohibited. "It shall be unlawful for any person to park or cause to be parked any motor vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, and or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any trailer coach, motor home, trailer, semitrailer, or truck tractor, or part of such vehicle on any lot or private property located within a subdivision zoned residential that has, or has had in the past, a restrictive covenant against parking of commercial vehicles, motor homes, semi trailers or truck tractors on lot within said subdivision zoned residential within the unincorporated areas of Chatham County, Georgia.

§ 12-302 Parking of Specified Motor Vehicles, Motor Homes, Trailers, Semitrailers or Truck Tractors in Residential Zone Prohibited. No motor vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, and or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any trailer coach, motor home, trailer, semitrailer, or truck tractor, or part of such vehicle, shall be parked or stored upon the road, street or right-of-way adjacent to any lot or property zoned residential except:

(a) Commercial vehicles, when such vehicles are being expeditiously loaded or unloaded, or equipment on such vehicles is being used to perform the special operations for which it was designed, including, but not limited to, the construction, operations, removal or repair of utility or public utility property or facilities or public streets and rights-of-way.

(b) Motorcoaches, trailer coaches or motor homes when parked for a period of less than 24 hours.

§ 12-303 Definitions.

1. "Gross vehicle weight" shall mean the weight of a vehicle without load plus its rated carrying capacity, as specified by the manufacturer of the vehicle.

2. "Trailer" shall mean any type of wheeled vehicle, regardless of the use for which it is designed, which is designed to be pulled by a motor vehicle.

3. "Motorcoach," shall mean any wheeled motor vehicle which is a single self-contained unit with motor powers, which is designated and generally used for occupancy by persons for residential purposes.

§ 12-304 Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed."

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Sybil Tillman, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

[SEAL]

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**2. THE PETITIONER JAMIE CSIZMADIA, AGENT (FOR KERN COLEMAN & CO) IS REQUESTING THE REZONING OF A 33.45 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 663 LITTLE NECK ROAD FROM A R-A (RESIDENTIAL - AGRICULTURE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A PUD-M-6 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 6 UNITS PER NET ACRE) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-070302-29580-1**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dean Kicklighter, that's in his district.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there is no opposition in the audience for this, I move for approval. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to approve this change. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. We appreciate your participation. Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Jamie Csizmadia, Agent (for Kern Coleman & Co) requesting the rezoning of a 33.45 acre site located at 663 Little Neck road from a R-A (Residential - Agriculture) zoning classification to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development - Multi-Family Residential - six (6) units per net acre) classification. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2007

Jamie Csizmadia, Agent
663 Little Neck Road
MPC File No. Z-070302-29580-1

MPC recommends that the following described property be rezoned from its present R-A (Residential Agricultural) to a PUD M-6 (Planned Unit Development–Multi Family Residential–units per net acre).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point located on the centerline of Little Neck Road approximately 1660 feet north of its intersection with the centerline of Henderson Oaks Drive, thence proceeding in a southerly direction along a line South 63 degrees 05 minutes West for a distance of approximately 814 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line South 42 degrees 57 minutes East a distance of approximately 242 feet to a point, thence southerly along a line South 63 degrees 53 minutes West a distance of approximately 685 feet to a point, thence northwesterly along a line North 42 degrees 14 minutes west for a distance of approximately 1478 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line North 70 degrees 10 minutes East a distance of approximately 875 feet to a point, thence southerly along a line South 26 degrees 14 minutes East for a distance of approximately 368 feet to a point, thence along a line North 64 degrees 31 minutes East to its intersection with the centerline of Little Neck Road, thence easterly along the centerline of Little Neck Road back to the point of beginning.

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:

P.I.N.: 1-1028-01-005a, 035, 036, 037, 038

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: April 27, 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> |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Professional services provided for the 6 th floor space plan at the Montgomery Street Courthouse as part of Courthouse construction project | SPLOST | Eric Meyerhoff | \$5,000 | SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction |
| Completion of baseline monitoring and data interpretation at County mitigation site expansion area | SPLOST | Sligh Environmental Consultants | \$8,500 | SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal |
| Four (4) helicopter door glass | Mosquito Control | Techtool Plastics, Inc. | \$5,180 | General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control |
| Grinding operation at Wilmington Island Drop Off Center | Solid Waste | Evergreen Tree & Turf Care, Inc. | \$3,295 | Solid Waste |
| 54 tons asphalt for dust suppression at Wilmington Island Drop Off Center | Solid Waste | Carroll & Carroll, Inc. | \$2,808 | Solid Waste |
| Five (5) computers with monitors and four (4) year next business day support | Juvenile Court | Dell Marketing (State Contract) | \$6,965 | General Fund/M & O - Juvenile Court |

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>DEPT.</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>FUNDING</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Four (4) computers with monitors, with no sound bar or speakers, and four (4) year next business day support | Superior Court Judiciary | Dell Marketing (State Contract) | \$5,460 | General Fund/M & O Superior Court Judiciary |

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Commissioner Patrick Farrell right now.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I'd like to ask the Commission to pass a resolution to encourage the Georgia Department of Transportation to expedite the replacement of the existing drawbridge over Skidaway Narrows to a four-lane high-level bridge. This will greatly enhance the safety of all people who live and work on Skidaway Island who are now subject to the vagaries of an antiquated drawbridge that is constantly in need of repairs.

Commissioner Odell said, we need to do a motion to amend the agenda. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, he [Farrell] makes the motion and I second it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I make a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution to today's agenda. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, item added as passed to the agenda.

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MOTION TO ADD A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) TO EXPEDITE REPLACEMENT OF THE DRAWBRIDGE OVER SKIDAWAY NARROWS.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, this is really important. A number of us here on this Commission has pushed really hard. We've got some really stressed out people who live on that. Commissioner Kicklighter said, he has to now make the motion again and we've got to approve that motion. Chairman Liakakis said, right. Yeah, we're going to do that. But this thing really needs to get pushed along. We've been to Washington, we've been to Atlanta, had multitudes

of conversations, you know, on this particular thing because it's, you know, something for the citizens of almost 10,000 and it's really necessary and, you know, I have talked to, and I'm sure Patrick [Farrell] has, numerous people who live out there and especially the older people. They are really stressed out that they're afraid that if this bridge breaks down like it has multiple occasions in the past, that they will be trapped and lose their lives, and that's the actual situation. I'd like a motion on the floor to approve this resolution to send to GDOT.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, there's another item that was not printed in the agenda, so I'd like to add this to the agenda, too, for an Executive Session for appointments and legal items also.

Upon a motion being made by Commissioner Kicklighter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 10:46 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. SETTLEMENT REGARDING MARK HOWARD, WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a motion to settle the workman's compensation claim of Mark Howard for \$80,000 with a potential total of \$83,000. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell 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 Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present.]

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APPOINTMENTS

1. METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to appoint David Hoover to the Metropolitan Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2010. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.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