

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 9:35 a.m., Friday, August 10, 2007.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Patrick Shay 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
 Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven
 Helen L. Stone, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to call on Commissioner Patrick Shay for a motion.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion, with the forbearance of the CAT Board members, that we delay the CAT meeting agenda until the end of our agenda today. I would like very much to be present at that meeting. I have a visitor visiting from China visiting my office this morning and considering the distance they traveled I would like to attend that meeting. I'll be back for the CAT meeting. Commissioner Farrell said, I'll second that motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Commissioner Shay said, thank you very much.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR MAJOR DOUG BURKHALTER ON HIS RETIREMENT.

Chairman Liakakis said, this is a proclamation for a retirement and I'd like to call on Major Doug Burkhalter to come forth to the podium with his family and other supporters. Chairman Liakakis said, you know, sometimes we have happiness because people retire and they want to retire and all of those kind of things, but it's sad on my part and I know a number of the citizens of Chatham County and our County Commissioners for this particular retirement ceremony this morning because we have one of the most able-bodied law enforcement officers who has served this County and all the citizens in Savannah, Chatham County and the surrounding areas for almost 40 years, and he's done an excellent job. He's worked in many areas of law enforcement. He has always supported other law enforcement agencies, helped them, and done some wonderful things. And because of Doug Burkhalter, we can see many good things that have happened and for the protection of our citizens and our community, and what I'd like to do right now, of course, is read this proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chatham County is honored to have dedicated and professional law enforcement officers who give 110 percent to ensure the safety of the lives and property of our citizens, and today we express our pride and appreciation to Major Doug Burkhalter; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1968, Major Burkhalter became a proud member of the then Chatham County Police Department and became an outstanding police officer who brought pride and distinction to the department; and

WHEREAS, Major Burkhalter attended and successfully completed numerous training courses and applied what he learned from the various seminars he attended to ensure that he performed his duties to the utmost of his ability; and

WHEREAS, he received favorable evaluations, was promoted several times due to his thoroughness and professionalism, and in October, 2002, Doug Burkhalter was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Police and served as chief during the absence of former Chief Sprague. He retired as Major of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby applaud:

MAJOR DOUG BURKHALTER

for thirty-nine years of dedicated service in the battle against crime and extend sincere appreciation for a job well done.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 10th day of August, 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Frances Q. Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, congratulations to you, Doug, and I know your family members and all for the support that they have given you all the years and the citizens really appreciate what you have done. And before you come up, Doug, I would like to call on the Sheriff. You know, we have some other supporters here, maybe the Chief and all, that would like to say something about your service.

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, I can tell you I was involved in the hiring of Doug Burkhalter in 1968 and that's more years back than I care to remember. But I can tell you that law enforcement is better off having had Doug Burkhalter during his years of service. That's when we were kind of going from the old school to the new school and the emphasis was on training and professionalism, and Doug helped us a great deal in that fashion. I think his talents will sorely be missed. Thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, ladies and gentlemen, a couple of weeks ago there was a special event for Doug sponsored by a fraternity of his fellow men and women who worked in law enforcement, and many of them are here today as a testimony to the man that those that care are here and those that could not be here still care. This is a man of great flexibility, intellect and courage. My comments to him that night are still the same today. He's helped my

family through the department for a number of years and for that I am appreciative. Also, he has a sense of humor that sometimes isn't quite as obvious as some might think. During the merger he was given a responsibility to take over Animal Control and then the Mounted Patrol and, of course, was very active during the G-8 Summit, and Doug had a way of telling me privately that now he was in charge of the Police Department's dog and pony shop. I thought it was funny, Doug. This is the flag from Chief Berkow and Chief Lovett in the Metropolitan Police Department:

Presented to Major Douglas Burkhalter in appreciation of 39 years of faithful and dedicated service from the 1st of June, 1968, until July 27, 2007. Your leadership and commitment to excellence has served as a hallmark of professional police service through the citizens of Savannah and Chatham County and the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department. Given this 10th day of August, 2007.

County Manager Abolt said, we'll miss you. Major Burkhalter said, I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Chief.

Chief Michael Berkow said, well, I've had the shortest relationship so I'm happy that the Sheriff was here to speak for about 30 years ago, and I won't talk about where I was in 1968, but I've had the privilege for the last seven or eight months to work with Doug and he has run one of our more challenging units because it has so many elements from animal control to marine patrol so [sic] homeland security to what are we doing with very sensitive issues that people care about a lot and very much in their personal life, and Doug has handled a lot of issues with a great deal of sensitivity and respect, and I greatly appreciate that. I also value 40 years of service is a phenomenal amount of service, and that's just a tremendous testimony to him as a man and his family and to the departments. So, I just want to thank you for your service.

Major Billy Freeman said, I'd like to say that Doug worked for me —. Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself for the —. Major Freeman said, Billy Freeman. Doug worked for me many years and when I retired he got out the Maalox, which was good, but let me tell you, he was a good police officer and all that stuff, and it's almost unheard of — it's almost unheard of for anybody to work 40 years at any job and in police work that's almost unheard of. Again, he was a special guy and he was a good guy, and I'm very, very proud of him.

County Manager Abolt said, I do want to give to Mrs. Burkhalter a lamp that commemorates Doug's service and also indicates that obviously Major Freeman has stole the lightbulb.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I want to say one more thing. That Doug had a journalism degree from the University of Georgia and I knew that when I hired him. I thought he might be a mole that the local media was putting in there. I never said nothing to him about it, but it turned out he wasn't. Someone said, you can be sure of that after 40 years.

Major Burkhalter said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, this is a great day for me and my family, a moment that we will remember for a long time. Thanks for taking the time to recognize me with this proclamation. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Doug. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

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~~2. PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF GEORGE A. ZETTLER, FORMER CITY OF SAVANNAH ALDERMAN (COMMISSIONER ODELL AND COMMISSIONER GELLATLY).~~

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3. PRESENTATION BY JACQUELINE ELMORE ON YOUTH FUTURES AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT.

Ms. Linda Zoller said, good morning. I'm Linda Zoller and I'm the current Chair of the Youth Futures Authority. I want to thank you Chairman, thank you Commissioners, thank you all for putting us on the agenda today. This is our annual report to you on the condition of children in Chatham County. We actually are required by the legislation which you aided YFA to report to you each year. This is because you are responsible for appointing members to our Authority. You have four appointments on our Authority of 23 members and one of our County appointments is vacant at this time. I'm very proud to brag today on what a dedicated board Youth Futures has. I would like to introduce the members of our board who are here today. We have Bernie Polite, who is our Past Chair and who is chairing our Advocacy Committee and working hard on the Family Resource Center transition. Your current appointments to our board are John Finney, who is here who is from the EOA, we have dr. Bix Rathburn, who's out of town conducting a retreat today. He's one of your appointments and he is also our Secretary-Treasurer. He serves on our Executive Committee and he chairs our Budget and Planning Committee. Don Stubbs is one of your appointees, who is a Vice President with St. Joseph's/Candler. Don serves on our Executive Committee, he is the Vice Chair of our authority and he chairs our Evaluation Committee. With these men the County has a very strong and influential voice on our Authority, but you're not at maximum strength and you have one vacancy which we very much want you to fill so that you can have your full voice on the Authority. These are critical times for our youth and we need the County to be at our table full force.

Ms. Zoller said, today I'll make some opening comments and then introduce our Executive Director, Jacqueline Elmore, to explain things in more detail. As I said, earlier, we're here to report to you about children's issues. We also go

before our other appointing bodies, the City Council, the Board of Education, the local Legislative Delegation, and certain State agencies which are charged with child welfare and well-being. Our role at Youth Futures is to be the key planning and advocacy authority for children and families in Chatham County. You have the Chatham Metropolitan Planning Commission for land planning uses. We're the equivalent to that for children. When you need clear strategy for children's issues, come to us. When you need the latest data, and you do use our data — Ms. Elmore will speak about that later — I want you to think of the Youth Futures Authority.

Ms. Zoller said, let me tell you a little bit about today's Youth Futures Authority. Over the past two years we have become more focused in our approach to children. We are letting the data we produce lead our work. Every year we publish a children's profile for Chatham to see how our children are doing. We document health, we document school success, we document delinquency and all sorts of things. Data has improved since YFA was formed in 1988, but we know we have a long way to go. We can't even sit back and enjoy what this community has accomplished because there's so much left to be done. Georgia still ranks in the bottom quarter of States in its condition for children and in many areas we in Chatham County rank below the State average. To let our data leave our strategies, we've honed in on four priority areas. The first one that many, many, many of our of our manpower hours are going into this year is the juvenile justice. We have a juvenile justice cap for us that meets monthly. Jacqueline [Elmore] will explain this to you in depth, but when she does listen carefully about our work to expand mentoring opportunities for children. This is for the kids at risk of dropping out of school or getting into trouble with the law because they don't have strong role models in their lives. Listen carefully to our efforts with the local ministers in our newly formed faith coalition that is stepping up to the plate to begin more greatly involved in troubled children that live in the areas where the churches are located. Children succeeding in school is the second priority. We recognize Dr. Lockamy as being one of our greatest community assets at this point in time and we have great faith in the changes he's putting in place to reach out to the children who are disruptive and unable to learn. Our strategy is to support him wholeheartedly, but we will continue to work with him on out-of-school suspension, which are of great concern to us.

Ms. Zoller said, teen pregnancy is a focus for us this year. The numbers were looking good for some years and then they crept up a little, so we're doing some fine tuning in that area and the transition of the Family Resource Center at the former St. Pius School is a fourth priority. As YFA, as we get out of being a service provider and return to its roots as an advocate and a planner, it's critical that we make sure that nothing gets lost in the process and we're taking a step to further see that our successes at St. Pius get replicated in other centers across the County. This year we had a clean audit, as we've had for some time now, but you know our monies have shrunk considerably from the early days of Youth Futures, but what we have maintained in funding we have managed well, and we're proud of it. One of the issues we want to talk to you about and in the future — not today, Mr. Chairman — is the reinstatement of the original compact between YFA, the School Board, the City Council and the County Commission that worked so very well for over 10 years. Right now City Council is the only remaining compact member that's funding our organization and, as we move out of running programs which generate grant money which can cover our operating cost and into planning and advocacy, we need your help to revisit funding issues so we'll be back, but at a later time. And now let me turn it over to Jacqueline [Elmore], who will make some comments and then I'll thank you again.

Ms. Elmore said, good morning. I am Jacqueline Elmore. I'm the Executive Director for the Youth Futures Authority and Commission Chair Liakakis and Members of the County Commission, I do appreciate an opportunity to give you an update on the work that's being done on behalf of children in Chatham County. Of course, the Authority's role is to be a coordinating body, a reporting body, a data repository and a monitoring agency. But it is also very clearly our role to give you some indication on how well our partners are doing. When we came before you last year we brought the priorities of juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy and ensuring education success. What I'd like to do very briefly is to review the Children in Chatham sheet that is in your handout and give you more detailed information on those three priorities that we presented to you during our last update.

Poverty and household income are indicators that certainly will give you some precursor as far as how well our children will fair in any community. This is an area where the Authority is very supportive of the areas that's being covered by the poverty reduction initiative as well as the work that's being done with our Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Labor and looking at the workforce preparation and workforce enhancement to ensure that families are in fact able to be self-sufficient. Low birth weight and teen birth weight are clearly concerns in Chatham County. As we looked at the kids count data for Georgia, we were in 41st in the nation as a state and all of the indicators that are in the kids count, and I know you are very familiar with them, they're only two areas where Chatham County exceeds the state and national average. Those areas are child death and children being involved in accidents, and in those areas it appears that Chatham County has done a very good job in trying to keep our children alive and not involved in accidents, and that's very, very good news. Ultimately, that's what we would like to have happening. Our concerns, however, are for those things that are occurring for children who are alive. Their place is where Chatham County is below the state average and certainly below the national average. In the area of infant death, we are very much below what happens in Georgia and what happens across the country. We very recently brought together the healthcare providers in Chatham County and had discussions about what can be done differently to improve those numbers. It is agreed upon by our partners at the Health Department, by those providers at Curtis Cooper and by private physicians that the healthcare of the mother prior to the birth of the baby is a key indicator. Some of the places where our partners are stepping up to the table, at Curtis Cooper there will be an additional staff person who has a concentration on prenatal health. At the Health Department they are looking at some teen pregnancy strategies and prenatal care strategies that will certainly improve those numbers. The Authority has reached out to Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, which is an Atlanta-based state organization that goes into homes. I'm very pleased to announce to you today that Chatham County will be one of the first places that they're going to provide a very moderate demonstration of what their services are outside of the Atlanta area. On September 4th we will have them announce that they're going to come in and partner with the Authority so that they will be able to go into homes and counsel mothers and actually talk to folks who may not either be motivated or understand that the healthcare issues of the mother are that critical. So that's a service we're very pleased to announce that we have spent considerable time in trying to bring to Chatham County.

Ms. Elmore said, abuse and neglect and missing and exploited children, they're not better than the State or the national average, but as you can see from your children in Chatham snapshot, there have been some improvements in those

areas and we're going to continue to support DFCS, the Cities, the Police Department and any other entity that's working to reduce those numbers.

School retention and suspension are the next two items on your Children in Chatham snapshot. We are elated to be supported of our school superintendent. It is very clear that Dr. Lockamy's priorities and agenda are very much in line with those of the Youth Futures Authority. So the Authority has taken the stand that we will support his efforts, his strategies, the changes that he is bringing to the school system to ensure that we're going to reduce those numbers that are not desirable for anyone in Chatham County.

Juvenile delinquency is the primary issue for this community. I am not saying Youth Futures Authority. It is the primary issue for the entire community. When we last came before you we talked about the numbers for 2005. For 2006 there has been an increase and I will admit because I know Chief Berkow is in the room that there's discrepancy over the number, but whatever the number ultimately is reported, it is too high for Chatham County. The number of youth who are being incarcerated is totally unacceptable and the Authority is simply one entity that works in tandem with youth, the Police Department, the City of Savannah and other concerned citizens to find strategies that can reduce these numbers. Our Juvenile Justice Task Force identified three areas where we wanted to put some energies and some encouragement. One being the immediate response to juveniles being arrested or juveniles being taken into custody. We found two very successful strategies, one being of course that of the Police Department's response and the State now supports for children and adolescents a crisis response system where individuals can call 24-hours a day to have therapists to come out to those situations — counselors, I'm sorry — to come out to those situations. So those are two very good strategies that we believe and support as far as response.

The second area was that of mentoring because it is clear the data shows that when children have a consistent adult present in their lives that the potential for them to fair better and be healthy and productive are exponentially higher. So the mentoring efforts in Chatham County are sketchy and fragmented at best. The Authority has now with some partners defined those elements that should be involved in any quality mentoring program and are using them as guidelines for any group that is attempting to mentor our youth.

The third area is community involvement with a specific emphasis on the faith community. We have helped to coordinate and convene a Faith Coalition made up of religious leaders throughout the County. A large number of those ministers, of course, are located within the city limits, but it is a Chatham County Faith Coalition. There's two churches in Pooler, I checked this morning before I came here to make certain that I could announce that to you. This group of leaders has thus far hosted a Safe Summer Saturday, and we had your Commission Chair to join us there. We had over 400 children to come in and find out what could keep them safe and directed during the Summer months. We had 40 of our service provider partners to be there and to share with the youth and their families what could be done during the Summer. These faith leaders are now conducting some research as well as some partnership conversations with our Chief of Police, who was kind enough to not only come and talk with us about his vision, but send in other police officers who talked with us about what's happening in the streets and how this group can assist them in combating youth crime and youth violence. This group has made the efforts to reach out to the school system, which has been responded to very positively. This group has also looked at how it can publicize the resources that it has, make itself available to the Police Department to go into homes and they're now working on a strategy to really go into the neighborhoods where the children are who are committing the crimes to help intervene prior to the commission. It is a corps group of about 17, that's the corps group of ministers; however, there are a group of about 31 who will attend based on their schedules or their availability to come in and talk about how they can coalesce around this issue.

Ms. Elmore said, so there's quite a bit of energy that has been expended since we last reported to you in those areas that we brought to you as priorities and some that we're now identifying as concerns that we should begin to take a better look at. We wanted to make certain we allowed you the opportunity to hear what's happening this morning. I appreciate the time and I will now, as well as Ms. Zoller, respond to your questions.

Commissioner Holmes said, Ms. Elmore, you and I spoke about — what, a month and a half ago — about the transition that we're going through. At this point, what is the status of that? Ms. Elmore said, the transition of the Family Resource Center is what Commissioner Holmes is referring to. The Authority has determined that the day to day management of the Family Resource Center is an area that our staff should not spend its time on. It is a percentage of my time, in particular, that we would want to have directed toward the planning and the advocacy roles. To that end, we're attempting to very responsibly turn over the management to a community entity that can maintain the integrity of the services. The status at this point is we have some legal advise and some legal assistance in creating a limited liability cooperation that would have the sole purpose of the day to day management of that facility. It is to come to fruition, the desire of the Authority, is by the Spring of 2008, and I emphasis the desire because I want to make certain we reiterate that the responsible transition so that those co-location of services that are provided for families and children in that community are not in anyway compromised by a change in management.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, good morning, Ms. Elmore. Ms. Elmore said, good morning. Commissioner Odell said, I appreciate your providing the information and I'm not certain if the full impact is fully appreciated by not only all of the Commissioners but by the listening public. It appears to me that there's a direct correlation between juvenile crime with teen pregnancy and poverty. Would you agree with that conclusion? Ms. Elmore said, I would agree that most of the ills that our children are facing are consistent with poverty. Absolutely. Commissioner Odell asked, do we have a method of doing an unmet needs assessment of those individuals who go through our juvenile justice system? Ms. Elmore said, that's something I'm really not at liberty to give a positive response on. I know that the children who come into the system have some assessments that are done. To what degree and how thorough they are, I can't speak to that. But in terms of the needs, and I understand what you're asking, but in the terms of the needs that's not something that I can say with certainty that they're able to capture at the juvenile justice entry point. Commissioner Odell said, the only way I make this comment, and I made the comment many, many years ago when our Mayor was head of the Youth Futures, is it to me, and I'm no scientist, but it appears that if juvenile crime is a growth area and a primary

problem, would it not be beneficial if we not only had a detailed analysis of those people who go through our juvenile crime system so that thereafter we could develop programs hopefully to get into the prevention mode. I guess my point is that I'm not certain if we will ever fully address the problem without the identification of the factors which led us here, and I think the best way to do that is juvenile crime is a growth area. If we were to do detailed analyses of those individuals who unfortunately are confronted with our juvenile justice system, then I think that we would have a profile of the kind of things we need to do and to attack. Would you agree with that assessment? Ms. Elmore said, I would agree that it is important for us to understand who the children are who are committing the crimes. I think that's very important. What the law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies are able to do is provide and to a degree the Youth Futures Authority knows who the children are, where they live, what their socioeconomic status is, those kind of indicators we are very well aware of. When we begin to analyze the actual crime itself, it really does fall into several categories and the motivation for it falls into an equal number of categories. One of the things the juvenile judges helped us to understand is a large percentage of their crimes are the result of youth who are interested in securing technology and the video games. There's quite a spike in that, and we also found that many of those youth are not necessarily youth who are coming from poverty situations. So in finding out who the youth are who are committing the crimes, it is very essential. I would be in agreement with you on that part of it and I do believe that to some degree those kind of analyses are happening, but to really pinpoint where there is the consistency, I don't know that we've gotten to that point yet. Commissioner Odell said, the only reason why I make that point is that we are in the process of embarking upon a \$90,000,000 jail expansion. To me it just seems more rational that if we were to put more money into social programs, perhaps we would not need as many jails. Having lived in this community for about 27-28 years, teen pregnancy is a major concern because I think we're getting into the third generation of teen pregnancy where you have grandmothers who are 45 years old, and the problem and why poverty is also a concern poverty never meant lack of parent skills back in the 60's when I was growing up and some of my fellow Commissioners were growing up, but I do suspect that today it does because if you have a young person who gives birth and then at 15 or 16 her daughter gives birth, what kind of mothering or parenting skill is that person able to pass on to that child? You know, if we look at what's happening in some of the third world countries, I know if you go to like Haiti, for example, what you have as opposed to a country like Haiti is that the vast majority of the people there are extremely poor, but if you grow up in America in a severe poverty situation in the land of plenty, and you see all of this bling-bling on TV, I think it creates that third world Haitian mentality of hostility. I don't know in Youth Futures we need — how we ultimately start addressing that because if we don't ultimately start addressing what leads children to that [inaudible], then we can continue to spend money, we can continue to analyze, but there are some things we don't need to analyze and I admit that if you come from a family and your family has an income of \$150,000, that there are many parents in that group have successfully raised idiots who are without social values, but I don't think that's the norm. So to me at least education, job opportunities, parenting training are programs that we absolutely must push or the \$90,000,000 we're spending for the jail is a mere beginning. It is a mere beginning and at some point we as a people must practice the faith of our belief, and that is that we are our brother's keepers, and do more than incarcerate. We must understand and do behavior modification to change some of this antisocial behavior, and I just think that analyzing those people who are in the system and doing a detailed profile, not only of them but their families, and developing programs from that or funding programs from that is cheaper than jails. And there's no offense, we need jails and I'm not opposed to that, but ultimately the cost, I think, for building jails are greater than the cost it would take to change behavior and I think that mentoring would help. But I appreciate the effort that you all are doing, and that's my soapbox, but I would like to see programs that would address the teen parenting skills so that at some point we have to stop that vicious cycle which is growing, growing, growing and growing.

Commissioner Odell asked, of all of the live births in Chatham County, live births, for any time period that you can name, what percentage of those live births are born in wedlock or out of wedlock? Do you know? Ms. Elmore said, I don't have those numbers in front of me in terms of, you know, single parent. I don't have those. Commissioner Odell said, it's fairly substantial. Ms. Elmore said, it's a significant percentage. Commissioner Odell said, okay. Ms. Elmore said, it's a significant percentage. Commissioner Odell asked, would it be fair to — and I've seen numbers — would it be fair to say that it would probably exceed 55 to 60%. If you take all of the live births in Chatham County for the last 12 months, that over 55% of those occurred out of wedlock? Ms. Elmore said, I would wager to say it's not that high? Commissioner Odell said, not that high. Ms. Elmore said, not that high, no. Commissioner Odell said, but substantially high enough that —. Ms. Elmore said, substantially high enough —. Commissioner Odell said, — we all should be concerned. Ms. Elmore said, — it's an alarming number, but I would wager to say 55% is a little on the high side. Commissioner Odell said, and when we do the analysis, will we look at the impact, or if there's a correlation it may not be — it may not be a but for correlation, it just might be whether or not there's any correlation between juvenile crime and that single family — whether or not there's a higher incidence of that. National statistics would indicate that there is. Ms. Elmore said, well, that can be confirmed, Commissioner Odell. A large percentage of our juvenile offenders are African-American males. A significant percentage. More than half of them do reside in single female-headed households. That's not something we need to research. That's something that every agency already knows, and I think you did a very good job of really making my point in making the appeal that the prevention mode has to really be inactive. I mean, there is the need for intervention and I agree with you — incarceration is required in so many instances, but the type that we have of juvenile offenders right now really can only be addressed if we begin with the family situation and providing some environmental supports and value instilled in our youth who can help them to make some different decisions. One should never underestimate — estimate the significance of any adult in the lives of a child. There would be arguments on and on about the role of parents. I hear it so much and I make no reservations about saying to folks I really don't want to hear again it takes the parent. That's an obvious, that's a no-brainer. But the reality of it is right now our crisis requires that it takes Jacqueline and Harris and several other folks to contribute in some way to providing some consistency of a caring adult in the lives of these children. So that is why our efforts are going into encouraging the mentoring and encouraging the faith community to go into neighborhood centers and be there to help them see a positive male image and even though many of our ministers are females, but the idea that on a periodic basis adults do go in and interface with children and begin to instill in them some kind of values and hope that there can be some other choices are essential in helping to turn this tide around. So you are very much on target with the belief that we have and philosophy that we have as far as our needing to help to support our partners who are working in that direction, and I do agree with you as far as where the support and the resources should be reconsidered and redirected for making sure that these youth who are going to be the next generation of leaders and county commissioners are in fact given some opportunities to reach that point. Commissioner Odell said, yeah, and so that it's not misquoted, my comments have nothing to do with making criticism about anyone because

of status and my comments were as to the illegitimacy to show that historically where you have the mentoring and the other family support that's not been a problem. One of our national leaders, Rev. Jesse Jackson, was an illegitimate child — although people might disagree with his philosophy — but he is an active involved citizen. I know of many other people who there were not two parents who have gone on to become eminently successful. What they had were other family members or other people in their lives who could provide — Ms. Elmore said, I understand it. Commissioner Odell said, — who could provide that parenting, that mothering, that nurturing, and I'm afraid that with our society become more mobile that we're seeing less of that family spear or circle that we saw in the 60's or early 70's, and I think that that gives rise to the high incidence of crime, especially juvenile crime. But I've consumed enough time. I thank you and a fellow Tulane graduate, we need to get our alumni association active in restoring our schools. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I just wanted to commend Commissioner Odell for those remarks because he said many things that I would have said, but I would like to also say that I'm very proud of the fact that I was one of the ones that really signed on when the former [sic] Mayor, Dr. Otis Johnson, was the President. I worked with Mr. Bernie Polote — Polite, excuse me, and also with Jacqueline [Elmore], and I just wanted to say that what you are doing has a great impact on this community. Had you not been there for the years back, we would have greater and greater problems today. So you have made a great impact through the Youth, you know, Authority, and I just wanted to continue to ask those who have the ability and the time to continue working with this great organization, and as Commissioners we used to participate. For some reason several years ago, I think, when we started looking at funding for the non-profits and so forth, but going back to what needs to be done, we really all need to get on board and work in this regard and not look at it from the standpoint of, well, it's not in my household or it's not in my back door or whatever. So I just wanted to say thank you so much and the bottom line here again is behavioral modification and it's going to take everybody to do that, not just one individual.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just hope that Youth Futures would avoid the role of being politically correct because apparently to me a couple of the goals in here is more of a political correct thing than I think people believe in the bottom of their hearts, number one being reduce the suspension rate by 50% in the schools in certain grades and all. To me that sounds great, that's politically correct, just let's reduce the suspension, but looking a little deeper than that, one thing that I believe leads to juvenile crime is the lack of what everyone said here, the lack of authority and guidance in their lives. The lack of knowledge and understanding and like we have consequences for negative actions. The one thing we have in place right now that helps get a little bit of attention from a child is the authority figures they have in the school system that can teach them from an early age that, yes, you do have consequences for negative actions, and by reducing the suspension rate for the mere fact of reducing a suspension rate, that's nothing but a feel good measure, where we as a group need to be looking at ways to assist our school with implementing tougher policies, stricter policies, show children from an early age that you have consequences for negative actions. Take someone like myself as a child, had I not known that my dad would tear me up when I got home after doing something wrong, I would have done plenty of things wrong, but I knew that I had something that would happen there. I knew that he would take care of it. I knew back when I was in school the teacher could spank you. You know, they could take the paddle out and spank you. That kept me a little bit quieter in school. But all of that in this politically correct world we live in now is gone. You can't spank little Johnny although he is cussing F-words right at the teacher and doing everything. From that moment as a small child in our schools they know or they have the feeling that I'm untouchable; I get the runaround at home; I can cuss my teacher out, I can cuss my Principal out, and I've got people out there wanting to reduce the suspension rate; I probably won't even get suspended. That's one thing that I think needs to change. I think we need to definitely look at how to help enforce stricter policies in the school. We need to get away from the political correct things — you can't spank your child for acting up in Wal-Mart without getting sued and going to jail, you know. It's your child; if you're not abusing it, you should be able to spank it. We've got to somehow take a shift in this country back to discipline. Discipline works and you opened up the statement by saying that Youth Futures gathers information and statistics, but I was looking at your business card and the mission says that every child will be born healthy, grow up healthy, be secure from abuse and neglect and become a literate, productive, economically self-sustaining citizen. That's the YFA vision statement. Later in listening, growing through, you — I would think that gathering info, simply gathering info and later you said that y'all encouraged mentoring programs. I think Youth Futures needs to take a much larger role than gathering info. We all knows there's problems in all the different areas. We don't know the exact stats — that is important — but I would submit rather than coming up with guidelines for mentoring programs that Youth Futures come up with the mentoring. Get into these schools that we know needs assistance. We have elementary schools — I don't even know how many we have here — that under your leadership and guidance, instead of providing guidelines, y'all have the ability to start it. These kids, y'all can create, you don't have to support. I think supporting — we support y'all, but that don't mean we're doing anything. We're not. I mean, we support you and we appreciate you, but that's totally different than us taking active involvement, and I think that Youth Futures, if you would actually create the mentoring programs, the big brother programs, do some positive after school programs rather than supporting everybody, that feels good. I mean, I support cancer research, but am I active out there? No. I really can — should and could do a lot more for all kinds of programs. So I just think supporting everyone's policies is not the thing. I would just like to see more offers of problems solving than we support Dr. Lockamy; we want to reduce it by 50%. Tell them how. I mean, how? I look at that — my wife's an educator. How are you going to reduce suspensions by 50%. I mean it's great to support it, but y'all are wonderful. I'm just offering suggestions to try to take it to another level because clearly it's going to be a lot larger than y'all, a lot larger than us and every — it's going to take, like Dr. Thomas said, everyone in the community, but y'all are in a position with the Youth Futures Authority to be the leader of helping these children from the beginning, and instead of just supporting everybody, I think everybody ought to be supporting you with your programs, the big brother mentoring, after school programs, positive — I think you can make a difference, but we have to have authority figures, someone that the children can respect at their disposal after school to give them guidance rather than being able to just run freely. A lot of them is being raised by 90-year grandmothers and that can't actively chase the children around, single-family mothers that can't physically discipline the kid, and a good positive role model

would be just the greatest thing for most of these kids. And I thank you for what you're doing. I would just like to see y'all take it one more step.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, just briefly. I do appreciate everything that you all do. Do you have any programs that involve the parents? I mean, as the rest of the Commissioners have said up here today, parents need to be held more accountable and that's part of the problem. So do you have any programs that involve the parents, require that the parents participate, any way that we can educate young people on how to be parents? This is obviously where the void is and I did not know if you all had any programs that involve the parents. Ms. Elmore said, and again, the Authority really does not conduct programs, but I can share with you that on a community base level there are services that are provided at our Resource Center for parenting, and the idea with the Authority is to have partners involved who are really providing the services. With the Head Start Program there's a very strong parenting and parent education component there that I certainly can attest to, and we're all very familiar with the parent university strategy, which is very positive. That's used as well. The City of Savannah as well as the Police Department and the Juvenile Justice Division now is going to be very diligent in enforcing the parental responsibility part of the truancy law that is being enacted, or being enforced more aggressively. So there are places where parents have resources and have outlets and there are other institutions, such as religious institutions, that have parent workshops periodically that we are very much in favor of and we do promote and publicize, but as far as a program that we are running, the Authority does not run parenting programs. Okay. Commissioner Stone asked, but you have direction to point them? Ms. Elmore said, absolutely. Absolutely. Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Ms. Elmore said, we have also, and our resource guide which is on our website, any of the services and support for children and their families and they are categorized as far as after school programs, early childhood, parenting, employment, any of the places that are providing those kinds of services are categorized and the information for contact is in our resource guide in our website. Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I just wanted to reiterate what has been said up here and how important it is to try in every way, shape and form to hold parents accountable for the actions of their children or to encourage parents to be involved in their children's lives. Ms. Elmore said, absolutely.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, just a couple of follow-up points. I think that we have enough criminals in America and there's this growing trend to make parents criminal for the actions of their children, which I am adamantly opposed. I believe in responsible parenting, but making parents criminals for an act of their 15-year-old is more than third world country action not the United States. That's the first one. For those who misunderstand your purpose, ergo, you are a partner, a coordinator. If they want to actually provide programs, then it's easy said, but you really need to step up and put some money where your mouth is. And we can have these lofty expectations, but lofty expectations without funding is hypocrisy. It is being politically astute without being politically aware. We have serious problems. I'm afraid that we're not adequately addressing the problem, but I do believe that we made in the last year or two major, major steps forward the change of attitude as it relates to the Board of Education. My concern is that my own private analysis reveals that if you expel a kid from school, then you need to — the Board of Education needs to transfer \$45,000 per year to the Sheriff's Department so that we can house them in our jail. If they are unwilling to do that, then education cannot be educating only the good little kids. It has to be educating those bad little children because you don't want them to grow up to be bad little adults, and all parents want the best for their children, there are just some parents who do not have either the knowledge or background to make that transition. And that's why we are a compassionate society. It is cheaper to do these social programs than it is to build a \$90,000,000 addition, which is just, Mr. County Manager, just the beginning. Our \$90,000,000 jail is just the beginning. It will not be the end and we will see additional increases unless we stem the tide and start changing. That's why, you know, and we don't often have an opportunity to — when we talk about the Chatham County Youth Commission, which was Dr. Priscilla Thomas' idea, every child that we keep out of our system, we save \$45,000 a year. For every child that we keep out of the juvenile justice system we save \$45,000 a year, and if you look at the kids, Dr. Thomas, has gone through our Youth Commission, we all can be proud of them and it's not accidental. It is not just selective recruitment because we take a wide spectrum of children, but because of the involvement and the concept of Dr. Thomas and others, I think we made a difference in several hundred children's lives that have bought into the system, interested in college — if not college, then trade — want to become productive citizens, and that's what our community goal has to be. How do we make those in that category, how do we get them turned onto the believe that it's okay to work an eight-hour job. There are no old drug dealers in Savannah, Georgia. There are no 55-year-old drug dealers in Savannah, Georgia. I mean, if there are, then we have the police here and they are ordered to immediately put them in jail. It's by and large young boys who commit extremely stupid, make extremely stupid decisions, who eliminate a whole spectrum of jobs that they could perform. I would like to see more preventive things that we can do. You know, I don't want to just continue to identify. I'd like to see us change. Ms. Elmore said, I appreciate your comment, Commissioner Odell, and I think I would be remiss if I did not remind the community that the Authority's role as a coordinating body and a monitoring body and a reporting body is significant; however, we do have the capacity and the authority to incubate programs. We do have the capacity to start them if there's evidence that this program can be successful. As with everything else, our history in incubating successful programs was directly tied to our allocation of resources, and I believe the most important thing that really has been identified in here today is that the community, the folks who are taxpayers and the folks who are decision makers, should understand that we should re-examine how resources are allocated relative to taking care of our children. Commissioner Odell said, let me ask you — Ms. Elmore said, if there are dollars that are available for incubating a successful proven program that would help our children and families, the Authority would either manage it or, as we really would prefer to do, operate a program in partnership with folks who are supposed to provide services.

Commissioner Odell said, just one last question and I'll yield to David [Gellatly]. Does your program evaluate community organizations who allegedly are providing certain services? Ms. Elmore said, that is the responsibility of the Authority. Yes, we do. Commissioner Odell said, see, I like that. I'd like to — if a program claims to provide X-kinds of services and making a major difference and they receive public funds, then that program to me needs to be evaluated because if they are not doing that, then someone else needs to and let's incubate other programs and substitute them. I mean, the reason in part the dinosaurs are extent is they continued to do the same thing although their environment changed. If we have an organization, and I see a lot of organizations, and they tell me all of the good

things that they do, but I have no way of evaluating what they do. Them just saying it, I mean, there ought to be a measurable way to determine success or failure and you all do that with those partners. Ms. Elmore said, that's the responsibility of the Authority. Commissioner Odell said, and you all do that. Ms. Elmore said, absolutely. Commissioner Odell said, okay. And we can have copies of the partners — Ms. Elmore said, absolutely. Commissioner Odell said, I'd be interested in seeing that because when they come to us for funding, I'd like to be able to look at a document and say for the last 10 years we've given you money; we have nothing to show for the massive amount of money that you received other than we don't have that money anymore, and then we can start to apply resources that gets results. And, you know, I think that we can apply the principles of business to non-profit organizations. The principles of business simply are that you get the biggest bang for your buck, and I'm not certain with some of these partnering groups if we're getting the biggest bang for our buck. I think we're getting a great feel good, but we're not getting evaluated results.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I appreciate everything Youth Futures is doing. I can remember years and years ago when the idea was formed in Don Mendonsa's office and I was there with Otis [Johnson] at the time and we all got our marching orders, and it's been a good program, one that I personally supported right along. I personally think that we have to be very careful, that throwing more and more money out there — I'd like to voice my own personal opinion, what I think is absolutely critical and if we don't do this, nothing is going to change. We can put billions of dollars into it and nothing will change. These youngsters in Savannah happen to be predominantly young, black male teenagers. They absolutely have to be exposed to strong successful male role models and if that doesn't happen, nothing's going to change. Nothing is going to change in my opinion, and I think right now that we have young males that are being exposed because they have no male image in their family. You know, they're being raised by a grandmother or a very, very young mother, and their exposure to successful males quite often are drug dealers on the corner. And that's their — you know, what I'd like to see, you know, and I think we've had some attempts in our community, the 100-Man Club and some others and what have you, but I would like for the Youth Futures to identify exactly who in our community as far as strong male role models, what groups, who's available, and we used to have some mentoring programs in the school. I think a lot of those have died on the vine, and it's just my personal opinion that absolutely nothing is going to change in this community until — and another thing that I would say that sometimes I hear that a young or rather that a positive male role model that that person has to be black, I disagree with that. I think that any male role model — these youngsters need to be able to study them and to see how they got that way and what their philosophy is and they just need the exposure to successful strong males that have succeeded and how they got there. And if we fail to do that, why their being exposed to strong males, but they're not — they're ones that are headed to prison — and if we're ever going to break that cycle, why we're going to have to have a really strong commitment in this community to expose our youngsters to men that know how to be men and they need to know that being a man doesn't mean having babies; being a man means that you support those babies after they get here, and unless we spend a lot of time and effort on that, and it takes a lot of commitment and money won't buy that. You have to have a lot of men in the community that are willing to step forward, and I'd like to see Youth Futures be responsible to develop programs like that and, more importantly, to monitor that. That should be part of your statistics and how's that working for us. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, quickly now so that we can move on, but let me say it was just mentioned, and we need to, as I said, move on. We have a lot of crime by juveniles in our community, and the simple fact of the matter is a good interview, when they go in there, put together an interview to interview that juvenile and found out the causes why. Is it poverty, is it because of the parenting, or whatever the cause is right there, analyze that and then address those particular problems we find in the interview. That will also help in the adult crime area, too, because nobody has really analyzed that except maybe a couple of universities or police associations in years past, but that's one of the things that can be done on a local level, especially starting out with the juveniles that we have there to put together what the people, psychiatrists and others that can come in that have this expertise in the youth areas for these particular interviews and find out the causes of it, not just that we know that they did that because some, you know, they wanted money or something, but what are the causes of it and I think that will help. I want to address this thing also. This County on a number of years has put money in there to help in the youth problems and all. One of the things that Priscilla Thomas has done has put together the Summer Bonanza Program where hundreds and hundreds of youth have participated in that over the years and put them in the right direction. The other thing, too, is the Chatham County Youth Commission. We see tremendous successes in that, the money that has been put into there that a lot of them are successful business people, successful professionals, not only here but around the country. We also put a lot of money into the recreation areas to see that the young people get interested in that as opposed to out in crime, and there's a lot of other things that I want the public to know that this Chatham County Commission and other County Commissioners have put money into those things because we want to make the quality of life better for the people in our community. Okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, Mr. Chairman, if I may, real quick. Chairman Liakakis said, well, let's go on with this then because she wanted to come up first. She asked to come up.

Ms. Zoller said, I was going to wrap it up. Are you ready to wrap it up? Chairman Liakakis said, well, if you're going to wrap it up, then Dean [Kicklighter] —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the issue of money, how many staff members do you have on the Youth Futures, paid staff members? Ms. Elmore said, eight. Commissioner Kicklighter said, eight staff members. Do you have a building that would hold 50 people in one room? Ms. Elmore said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, money. What it costs for one staff member to host a meeting of a big brother type group in there, do you have staff — Ms. Elmore said, it would not cost us — Commissioner Kicklighter said, you have the staff, you have the facility and you have —, I'll give one example. My wife's the principal of Inner City Elementary School. She personally walked one little boy home because he was scared because some older little boys wanted to fight him after school. It would have been great for any elementary principal out there or anyone to know that they could pick up the phone, call Youth Futures, and get a big brother, a strong male figure, to come out there that could have walked the child home, comforted the child, maybe even confronted the other children with a positive influence of why they need to do the right thing rather than

her having to go and walk home there. I mean, the influence, the money part throwing at things, I just don't buy the money part of it. There's things that can be done that won't cost money, and you have the facility and the staff. You could create a big brother program with the cost of printing some papers to hand out at the meeting.

Ms. Elmore said, Commissioner Kicklighter, if I just may respond to that very quickly. One of the things that we found in our Juvenile Justice Task Force is that we wanted to is that we wanted to put concerted effort on mentoring in this community. In addition to the informal effort that the Authority itself is doing with our local groups, we approached the United Way and asked that they reinstate the National Big Brother/Big Sister. The United Way is very far along in that process. They have done quite a significant amount of work in getting big brothers/big sisters, the national model, reinstated in Savannah, and that's going to be an independent program that will be available for the youth in Chatham County. So that's an effort that we have been very much involved in, making certain that it's realized here.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Ms. Zoller said, I was just going to wrap it up, but I'm very enthusiastic about the interest that I've heard here today on children's issues. It's very satisfying to hear that. In my introductory remarks I referred to the MPC and have you have an MPC that if you want —, but we are an MPC for children. If you have organizations asking you for money and you want an objective opinion on exactly what they're asking you for and what national research would show as far as this approach compared to another, please come to us. That's what we're here for. We would love to be doing a lot more of that than we're really doing. We aren't competing with these organizations for funding. We are not running programs, and the reasons we're not running programs is so we can be objective and give you the information you need to make sure the programs you're funding are running the best, so please keep us in mind for that. I just want to reiterate, our focus is juvenile crime, which I know your focus is also. Education, succeeding in school, the teen pregnancy is an issue and the family resource transition, so we can spend all of our time giving you the kind of advice and oversight that you need. Our commitment to you today is to be a strong partner and an excellent communicator and we have some problems here in Chatham County that we need to address, but with your help we know we'll be able to move forward. And thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

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4. TYBEE MAYOR JASON BUELTERMAN TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON THE SUCCESSFUL RV PARK (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, he's going to make a presentation for us.

Mayor Buelterman said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could get the screen lowered.

Commissioner Farrell said, welcome Jason [Buelterman]. I would like to extend this invitation to have as a recent conversation with Mayor Buelterman some of the good news and good results that Tybee is experiencing with the project that went through the Recreation Authority recently, and I would like to give Mayor Buelterman the opportunity to share this information with all the citizens.

Mayor Buelterman said, thank you and I appreciate the invitation and I think a lot of times — I know every time I've been here I've been here hat in hand asking for money, usually for sand, and I'm not here to do that. It's nice, I think, when folks come back and thank y'all for all the support you've given. This is one of those cases. Before I start I want to introduce some folks who overcame their "Tybeeitis." I don't know if you know what "Tybeeitis" is, but it's a symptomatic of not wanting to cross the Lazaretto Creek Bridge unless absolutely necessary. So I want to thank Wanda Doyle, who is on our City Council, for coming and Woody Hemphill, who heads up our campground, who I'm going to bring forward here in just a sec [sic]. I had some photos here and it was all set to go and the computer went on the fritz it looks like, but that's okay. I'll try to work through it here.

As you may remember, the City made the decision to try to prevent our RV Park and Campground from being developed. We found out a couple — about a year and a half ago that it was going to be developed into another housing development and made the decision that we wanted to look into preventing that from happening, and we would not have been able to do it I don't think without your support and cooperation. We learned that there — we didn't know this, but there's a Chatham County Recreation Authority, and our City Attorney found out that through that vehicle we would be able to come up with the money to purchase the property to keep the RV Park and Campground what it was. We did it for a number of reasons. The first reason was we wanted to continue to allow people from all walks of life to visit Tybee. Beaches up and down the coast, as you well know, are becoming more exclusive and in many cases out of reach financially for average Americans. One thing we cannot build more of is beachfront property. Less the cost of building, the cost of land, the increases in tax assessments, etc., have all less to higher rents and to higher costs of a visit to the beach. At our facility you can stay there for 30-bucks a night and be able to walk to the beach in minutes. Granted, many of our sites are for pricey Winnebagos, but many sites are also used by those who truly cannot afford the cost of a week's rent at a beachfront condo. So that's one reason we decided to do this. We want to keep Tybee, Tybee.

Mayor Buelterman said, secondly our Island businesses thrive on tourism obviously and the campground allowed for the maintenance of the number of tourists who were coming to the beach. Thank you, I just turned it off. It's okay. So maintaining this facility kept that steady stream of tourists coming to the Island, and that was something that we feel very strongly about. We try very hard to encourage off-season tourism. As you know, of course, to sell an omelet at a place on Tybee that's worth — the land's worth half a million dollars, you've got to charge a little bit more for the omelet than if it's somewhere where the property is only worth \$30,000. So we're trying really hard to keep that steady stream of tourism not just from June to August, but to stretch out the tourist, and campers like to camp in the off-season. So that's another reason that we did this.

Third, the facility is home to one of the largest tracts of greenspace left on our Island. It would have been a shame for us to lose this greenspace and the tree canopy. The seven-acre parcel is being protected now and preserved for future generations.

Fourth, we're making the site available to our own residents who can use the facility for family reunions and such and other large scale gatherings. We also are able to offer a pool to our YMCA for water aerobics and swim classes. And finally we're hopeful that the facility will provide justification for adding portions of the nearby north beach to our beach renourishment project over the long term and potentially help fund this project. So that's why we did it.

Mayor Buelterman said, now the question was how in the heck were we able to afford \$7,000,000 is the question I get asked a lot. I know Pat [Farrell] you get asked a lot and, Pete, I know you get asked a lot. That was what most — the folks who objected to it, that's why they objected to it — it was a high cost; how can we afford to pay for this. Well, to begin with what we did is we set up an enterprise fund for this facility to make sure there's no commingling of funds between our general fund and this enterprise fund and to make sure it could stand on its own financially. The principal and interest to pay back the debt is about \$412,000 a year. The cost to run the facility to pay for the staff, to pay for Woody [Hemphill] and his staff and the utilities, etc., is about \$450,000. So to break even the first year we had to raise \$862,000 in camp fees, which sounds like a lot of money. But I'm happy to report that thus far this year from January 1st to July 31st we've collected over a half a million dollars — \$504,000 with the best month still ahead of us. Based on these figures after only one year, we're optimistic that we will either break even or turn a small profit. Not only that, but there's the obvious fact that once the principal and interest is paid off, the facility will provide a significant amount of funding to our general fund and to potentially be a major funding stream for other recreational activities on Tybee, life our life guards, beach renourishment, etc. So though I hesitate to start celebrating a touchdown on the 20-yard line, the initial returns on this investment were very promising and have exceeded our initial conservative estimates. So I'm here to say thanks. Without the County Commission's willingness to take on this project, we may not have been able to do this. And it's yet another example of the cooperation between the County and the municipalities, which has been one of the hallmarks of this County Commission. I'd like in particular to thank those who sit on the Recreation Authority, along with your County Attorney and our own City Attorney, Mr. Bubba Hughes, and our City Manager, Diane Schleicher, for all her work on this.

Mayor Buelterman said, at this time I want to bring up Woody Hemphill. Woody has a presentation he wants to make to you, Chairman Liakakis, to thank you for all your support. Woody is a native of Thomson, Georgia, and we brought him down to run our facility and he's done an excellent job. He's our ace in the hole and is doing a wonderful job in promoting the facility. Woody [Hemphill].

Mr. Hemphill said, good morning. I wanted to bring this to you all. One of our first acts of courage, so to speak, as far as being the most notable and noteworthy and certainly more politically active campground in the State was to do some marketing, and this is one of our articles that was done in *Highways Magazine*, which is a Good Sam publication. Some of you ought to know what a Good Sam is. It's an article on the cover entitled "Follow the Light to Georgia's Tybee Island" and we were featured in this article as well. And this is a framed copy of it. I just wanted to bring it to you guys to — all right. Anyway I just wanted to bring this to you. This is also another feature story on us. We were named one of the 20 best campgrounds on the coast in the United States in this magazine. This would be for you to take a look at as well. Here's another one entitled "Take a Break and Take In Tybee Island." I think judging from the numbers this year, it's certainly been worth taking a break and lots of people have found out about not only Tybee Island, but the City of Savannah and Chatham County as a whole. Most of our winter guests would love to live here year round and some of them have even bought property here. So — thank you on all you've done to help us out.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much and thank you, Jason [Buelterman]. We appreciate, you know, what's going on at Tybee because that's a beach for all of our citizens here and around the State and a lot of people come from around the country, and we appreciate what Tybee, you know, City Council is doing with your leadership. Thank you.

Mayor Buelterman said, thank you, Pete [Liakakis]. Real quick, I wanted to give you just a — you knew I was not going to mention the beach. Real quick. Just to give you an update. We, as you know, are trying to get our sand on the beach. Congress — there was a need for about \$100,000,000 in beach renourishment. The Senate appropriated \$36,000,000 all over the country and the House only \$9,000,000. Tybee got \$2,000,000 in the Senate and we were not able to get secure money in the House. So we're currently trying to find other sources of revenue so that we can have a beach. There is a Study Committee which Lt. Governor Casey Cagle has established of State Senators to look at long term solution to this problem and the fact that it seems that the Feds are sort of backing out of this nationwide. So that's where we're at and I'll make sure to keep y'all apprised of what's going on with that.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Mayor Buelterman said, thank you. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Mayor Buelterman said, thanks Pat [Farrell].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Mayor Jason Buelterman and Mr. Woody Hemphill brought the Commission up to date on the status of Tybee's RV Park and Campground which was made possible through a debt financed through the Chatham County Recreation Authority.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I'd like to ask for a motion to move up on the agenda the Commissioners Items about the Skidaway Island Bridge. We've got quite a few visitors here today that I somewhat inadvertently misled that we would probably be up on the agenda at least an hour ago. So could I have a second on that. Commissioner Gellatly said second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

[NOTE: Item VII-1 was taken out of order and was heard at this point on the agenda.]

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Commissioner Shay said, I had asked that the CAT meeting be delayed so that I could participate —. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, well we —. Commissioner Shay said, I just want to make note of the fact that I am back.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

5. PRESENTATION OF 2007 ACCG-GHBP HEALTH PROMOTION GRANT TO CHATHAM COUNTY. SHEREA ROBINSON WITH ACCG LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES WILL PRESENT THE GRANT.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have some presentations, so if you'll come up, identify yourselves, you know, concerning this particular grant we'll appreciate it.

Ms. Sherea Robinson said, good morning everyone. Thanks for having me down. Commissioners, Mr. Chairman, I'm Sherea Robinson with Local Government Risk Management Services on behalf of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and today I'm here to present the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Health and Wellness Program and the Wellness Coordinator Tamala Fulton this Health and Wellness Grant and your continuing efforts to support health and wellness for your County employees throughout the County.

Ms. Tamala Fulton said, thank you. I just wanted to thank Ms. Robinson and the ACCG and Local Government Risk Management Services for their continued support of our Wellness Program. Ms. Robinson said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and this is really a good grant, you know, and this Wellness Program can save our citizens a lot of money because we're putting into a more intensive type of Wellness Program for all the 1,600-plus employees that we have with the County so that they will be healthy and hopefully, you know, the program will also get with their families so that they become healthy too and we can reduce the claims that are made their and we can reduce the cost factor of the health insurance premiums, but we appreciate ACCG for the things that they have done in the past and, of course, for this grant. Thank you. Ms. Robinson said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Ms. Sherea Robinson on behalf of the ACCG and the Local Government Risk Management Services presented a grant to the Commissioners for their continuing efforts to support health and wellness for the County employees.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Shay said, I make a motion that we dispense with the request that I had earlier at the beginning of the meeting that we would go ahead and now recess as the Chatham County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor. Excuse me — Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, my only concern is I think some people left and I don't know if they are back yet. Commissioner Thomas said, because you said at the end of the program — end of the agenda.

Commissioner Shay said, okay. Sorry. Then that's fine, we'll just leave it as it is. Chairman Liakakis said, we'll just wait to make sure that we've got all of the —. Commissioner Shay said, I withdraw my motion. Commissioner Gellatly said, I withdraw the second.

Commissioner Stone said, I may be wrong, but it seems to me some of the —. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. I don't see Carl [Palmer] and a few others, they're not here. Someone said, Carl's outside. Chairman Liakakis said, Carl [Palmer] outside? Commissioner Thomas said, but some of the other members —. Chairman Liakakis said, but some of the other Board members who really need to be here for this are not here, so we'll just — we'll hold off of that for right now.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. SKIDAWAY NARROWS BRIDGE (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Farrell who has been working on this particular project. Patrick [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I'd like to first say that I want to recognize that before we start talking about the Skidaway Narrows Bridge that countywide there are many roads and bridge needs. Absolutely without a doubt all over the County, the City and what have you. But when it comes to the Skidaway Narrows Bridge replacement, I believe that compelling arguments come from providing a reliable on and off route for the several thousand people who live on Skidaway Island. When you look at what we have now, the two-lane bridge is the only choice and this structure is very difficult to maintain. The need is very unique in my opinion. Since the early 1970's the population served by this bridge has grown from just few hundred and outstripped the capacity and serviceability of a bridge that should have been replaced some time ago. Problems associated with replacement parts and bridge repair are not going to go away. We want to stop asking more and more this structure that is well past its prime and useful life. Repair is a band-aid, replacement is the cure. One of the first things that was emphasized by Chairman Liakakis and myself after election to this office was the need to replace this antiquated bridge. We very shortly after taking office in 2005 had a video conference with Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl on this very subject. There's different factors that go into any type of road or bridge project, environmental assessment, permitting, land acquisition, and most importantly funding. From that moment on I knew that we had a solid partnership with GDOT to get the job done based on these variables.

Commissioner Farrell said, Senator Eric Johnson was there for us from the beginning and remains a champion for this cause. Much can be said also about Congressman Jack Kingston from the get-go. When we approached him last March of 2006, the Chairman, myself and Ms. Helen Stone went to his office in Washington, DC, and specifically asked if he could help secure funding to get this project started. He knows about the problem and when the Chairman and I talked to him on the initial trip, Jack [Kingston] responded and continues to do what he can to get Federal funding in place.

Commissioner Farrell said, Harold Linnenkohl has agreed to design a bridge in phases to allow construction to be expedited. We are together and understand what must be done and in what sequence. The overarching issue is funding, when it will become available. The task is to be ready when the money is there. We continue to ask for help and have not been turned away. The County Commission has repeatedly supported this project and for that I, as the District Commissioner, say thank you to all the Commissioners. It would not be a bad idea in my opinion for us to direct the Chairman and County Manager to write a letter to Harold Linnenkohl expressing our appreciation for what he has done so far and asking him to give us his view on the best way to proceed and to work with Congress. Nailing down a firm funding source is vital to this project.

Commissioner Farrell said, now having said all that, I would like to recognize that there are many concerned residents from Skidaway Island that have come down and braved the parking situation of downtown Savannah, and for that I commend you and appreciate your show of support. There are many representatives that I recognize here and I can name a few: Linda Seiler [phonetic] from the President of The Landings Association, Shari Holderman [phonetic], the General Manager is here, Howard Stryker has been a serious advocate for this bridge, I see Chief Scobey [phonetic] is out there and I'm sure he's very concerned about the safety of all the residents, Bill Merz has been a bridge advocate for a very long time. I see Carl and is that Paul Kurillo back there somewhere from Public Works, and many, many residents that are here today. At this time I would like to recognize and ask if Linda Seiler would like to come to the podium and have a few words for us and if anybody would like to come up and stand with her on this subject, please feel free to if you so desire.

Chairman Liakakis said, stand right in the middle because you won't have that humming noise if you just — right there.

Commissioner Farrell said, and this is Linda Seiler, the —.

Ms. Kathy Seiler said, Kathy Seiler. I'm President of the Homeowner's Association on Skidaway Islands at The Landings. As you all know, Mr. Commissioner and Commissioners —, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, The Landings Association has been working for years with our local, state and federal representatives on trying to get this project in the works. Recently it's become apparent that the funding sources are not forthcoming as quickly as we would like; however, we want to thank you for everything that you have done and most recently it seems that the bridge part, which is obviously the most — the one that we're most concerned about because it effects the safety of over 9,000 residents and hundreds of people that come back and forth on that bridge every day of the year. So we really do appreciate the efforts that you have made to help us with this bridge and, as I said, most recently the bridge seems

to have been removed from the rest of the total project and we are focused on that, the replacement of that bridge. That is our main priority to get that bridge replaced. We also have another that doesn't necessarily concern the bridge, but it's a project that the County has been working on, and you're all aware that that bid for that work between the bridge and the main gate of The Landings on the Diamond Causeway came back almost double what you were expecting and what was budgeted, and we have been working with — Mr. Kurillo has been working with Mr. Bungard and his department on trying to work through that project and trying to negotiate maybe a smaller scope because the main issue there is the traffic light at the State Park Road. Those are the two main safety issues and, therefore, our two main issues because that's what we have to be concerned about. So we appreciate the work that you are doing and we appreciate the work that the County Engineering Department is trying to do to get part of that project done so that the safety issues are addressed. Thank you very much. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things we want all of you to know and I'm sure all of you really realize this that a number of these Commissioners up here, particularly Helen Stone, Patrick Farrell and myself, not only we have been lobbying for this as well as other Commissioners supporting this, is we've been to Washington several times. We've talked to Senator Isakson and Senator Chambliss more than once. We've also — several times. Jack Kingston's worked hard also in this area. I've talked to him on many occasions. Of course, we also talked to Congressman John Barrow, who represents part of this area also, and what we did the last time we were in Washington, we went to the Democratic person on the Appropriations Committee, who is Sanford Bishop. He serves on that. There are only two people on the House Appropriations Committee and that's Congressman Jack Kingston, who's a Republican as you know, and Sanford Bishop, who is a Democrat, but his Chief Assistant told us that he would have Sanford Bishop, because he understands how important this bridge is, and that he would also lobby for that. Senator Eric Johnson, as was mentioned by Commissioner Farrell, has worked from the beginning with us and has done an outstanding job. You saw the article in the newspaper this morning about the Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl talked about this is a very priority project, but I want each and every one of you to know we've gone beyond this. We know that that bridge is almost 38 years old. They do not make parts for it anymore and we are constantly having people go there, you know, to welding some on the top area. But in case that bridge was to malfunction, we went beyond this. We did. We got with our capable engineer and all and now — Gerald, do you want to put that up on the screen? Okay. As you see that right there where that blue line is, we have — now this is an older picture — but the ramps have been built on each side of the bridge — the southern side of the bridge and the completed, you know, where you see the fishing dock area and also this is an earlier picture, but there's a ramp there and as most of you have seen there's a road leading up to the ramp on the left hand side as you leave the Skidaway Island area. And what we've done with this is to have an emergency exist in case, you know, in the meantime until we get that bridge built that we now have that ramp, and Phillip Webber, who has been working with the Department of Transportation and all, we've looked at either a pontoon bridge or a barge type of vessel so that in case we needed to evacuate or we had to utilize movement of people off of the island or on the island, what have you, that this particular barge area will expand that river. So we want everybody to know that we have gone beyond this and we see our very capable Chatham County Emergency Management Agent — would you come up to the microphone, Phillip Webber? I know that you've been out on Skidaway Island a number of time, but just let the people know about working for this barge.

Mr. Webber said, yes sir. Phillip Webber and I'm glad to speak to this. We felt from the beginning that the best provision that we can make for a bridge disruption in that area is to reestablish the meeting by which people can drive across under their — in their own vehicle. At the same time we need to know that we have backups to that by moving — with plans to move people off by vessel and then buses, but the thing that we want to be able to do is to replace that bridge with some temporary means, and there are different configurations that can do that, whether it's pontoon or whether it's a flexi-float type bridge or whether it's barges, and we met with people in the region that sell and manufacture barges and we believe that a configuration exists that we can push barges in there, string them together and allow people to drive over them either one or two lanes at a time. It would be very slow. It would not nearly be the same flow of traffic that you have right now, but it would provide people the means of getting off the island under their own capacity and in their own vehicles. So — and I think you can put something in place like that although I don't have a firm time on it yet within a few days of a bridge disruption where we saw that the bridge was not going to be operating for an extended period of time to allow people to drive over it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much, Phillip [Webber], but one of the things we want all of the residents on Skidaway Island that this emergency exit that we're talking about, the ramp, that we're going to continue and hopefully that once we find out from the Department of Transportation, the Corps of Engineers, the Naval Seabees, or whoever it is, that have that barge ready so that we can move it in even faster than just a couple of days, you know, in case it was needed sooner. But we really appreciate Phillip [Webber] working on this and we will continue to move along with this project.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, Phillip [Webber], a question. For anyone living on an island in Chatham County, do you have a recommendation for supplies to keep in your home, and we — a lot of residents in this County do live on islands and there may be a bridge disruption at some point. Mr. Webber said, right. We do have a bridge disruption plan. It's a strategy. It's a concept of operations, but it's also in pretty fair detail as well as how we will act as a community. But you're right, even with the details and the planning and the buy-in from people that would respond, the biggest factor is personal preparedness and you need to be able to sustain yourself in your home no matter where you live in this County for probably a week at a time. You know, we talk about three days and 72 hours and I think that's just a starting point. We need to be self-sufficient for about a week and if you can do more, then do more. And most people's homes you have those type of provisions to be able to sustain yourself for a week sheltering in place. And we're working throughout the community in places where we feel like people are more vulnerable and may not have the ability or the capacity to sustain themselves like that, we're reaching out to them and talking to them about what they can do to change that and then reach the desired outcome. But if you live, if you have to go over a bridge and you're cut off because of bridge disruption, you need to have provisions in place to last you for a week. Commissioner Farrell said, we're talking food and medicine. Mr. Webber said, it's food, water, medicine, the basics. But we're going to — you're not going to be — we're going to be able to get to people much quicker than that certainly especially with health and safety issues and life saving issues, that would be there — that type of resource would be there

immediately. It would never go away. We have the ability land, sea and air to get to people if they need assistance in this County. Commissioner Farrell said, so the more the citizens are prepared, then they don't clog up the system, if you will, for citizens that have emergency needs that we can more quickly service those needs if the bulk of the residents, the citizens are well-prepared to hunker down for a few days or up to a week. Mr. Webber said, yes sir, that's right, and it will give the system more time to build to supply, to resupply those type of needs and to get the resources in place to allow people to move as they normally would. And, you know, the smaller the bridge, the smaller the divide that we need to re-bridge, obviously the simpler it's going to be, but people need to — personal preparedness is the key and you're right to point that out. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, having been involved in this a little bit, I would like to thank Senator Isakson, Congressman Kingston, Congressman Barrow, certainly Eric Johnson, but really the Chairman and Commissioner Farrell for keeping this in the forefront. It is very, very important that we realize that we do not want a Katrina-type event where we cannot get people off of an island, and I just want to thank my fellow Commissioners for being on top of this, pushing for this and not letting go because this is what it's going to take to get this done and I really am grateful for the combined effort that's been put forward on behalf of the citizens of this County. Thank you.

Commissioner Farrell asked, Mr. County Manager, do we need a motion for this letter when we do it through consensus? County Manager Abolt said, if no one objects we'll write the letter. Commissioner Farrell said, okay, and for that I thank you and we will continue to lobby our State DOT and our State Legislators to lock down some firm funding so that this project can get off the ground and have a meaningful conclusion in the near future.

Chairman Liakakis said, so everybody remember that we're not letting up on this and hopefully, you know, than it's pushed back, but it's way closer than it was because if we'd have gone by what was in the workings and it was not a priority on the CUTS program, we can see that that might have happened in 2017, 2018 or maybe 2019, or even longer than that, but we will continue this. We thank each and everyone of you for coming this morning and if you have any questions, just pick up the phone and call us anytime night or day. We thank you. Yes?

Mr. Tom Oxnard said, if I could I'd like to have an opportunity to address the issue. I'm Tom Oxnard. I live on Skidaway Island. I am a Chairman of the Skidaway Island Democrats. I'm also on the Chatham County Democrat Executive Committee and the State Democratic Committee, and I want to thank everybody up here, Commissioner Liakakis, Commissioner Farrell, Ms. Stone and others. I agree that this has been a political football to some extent, but it's something that everybody on Skidaway Island wants — I won't say everybody. That's exaggerating. There are some people that don't think it should be built, but I certainly from my standpoint I want you to know you have my full cooperation and I think you probably have the full cooperation of Democrats in Congress as well, and I did want to point out I'm a little resentful of the fact that the local newspaper by article and by editorial and also Congressman Kingston's office have made a strong implication that Democrats have turned this down. I think the Democrats up here on the podium — and I hope you will back me on this — it's not a political issue. If anything in previous years it's been a lack of political will on the part of some people in Congress that have prevented funds for the bridge, but believe me the Democrats on Skidaway Island are very happy that you're going forward and I thank particularly Chairman Liakakis for your efforts.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

The Commission was brought current on the status of the Skidaway Island bridge. County Manager Abolt and Chairman Liakakis were requested to write a letter to Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl at the Georgia Department of Transportation expressing our appreciation for what he has done so far and asking him to give us his view on the best way to proceed and to work with Congress.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

(NOTE: Pursuant to a motion made by Commissioner Shay, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and unanimously approved, the meeting of the CAT Board was delayed until the end of the County Commission meeting.)

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Odell, seconded by Commissioner Stone and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 11:59 a.m., and convened as Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following conclusion of the meeting of the Chatham Area Transit Authority and upon a motion made by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and unanimously approved, the Board reconvened as the County Commission at 1:37 p.m.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

1. PURCHASING ITEM B TABLED TO NEXT MEETING ON JULY 20, 2007, TO LOOK AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. 19 replacement juror chairs	SPLOST	Office Services	\$24,834	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Commissioners.

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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 FY2007 GENERAL FUND M&O TO: A) TRANSFER \$50,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO UTILITIES, B) TRANSFER \$150,000 FROM THE JUVENILE COURT BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, AND C) TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM THE RECREATION BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP; (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2007 SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TO INCREASE REVENUE FROM 5% VICTIM WITNESS FEES \$50,000 AND INCREASE TRANSFER OUT TO THE GENERAL FUND M&O \$50,000; (3) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2007 CIP BOND SERIES 1999 FUND TO TRANSFER \$16,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE ANG PROPERTY PROJECT; (4) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2007 CIP BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE \$150,000 TRANSFER IN FROM JUVENILE COURT AND THE \$250,000 TRANSFER IN FROM RECREATION, (5) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2008 GENERAL FUND M&O TO INCREASE ADR REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE \$8,100 AND INCREASE ADR EXPENDITURES \$8,100 FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS; (6) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2008 CONFISCATED FUND TO APPROPRIATE \$65,215 FOR CNT EQUIPMENT; AND (7) AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2008 MULTIPLE GRANT FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES; A) \$20,000 FOR A DCA GRANT TO THE NORTH PORT WENTWORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL AND B) \$20,000 FOR A DCA GRANT TO THE LUTHERAN SERVICES OF GEORGIA**

Chairman Liakakis said, you've heard all of this request on these items for action. Do we have a motion on the floor for approval?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved. 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: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following: (1) Amendments to the FY2007 General Fund M&O to: a) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to Utilities, b) transfer \$150,000 from the Juvenile Court budget to Transfer Out to CIP, and c) transfer \$250,000 from the Recreation budget to transfer Out to CIP; (2) an amendment to the FY2007 Special Service District Fund to increase revenue from 5% Victim Witness fees \$50,000 and increase Transfer Out to the General Fund M&O \$50,000; (3) an amendment to the FY2007 CIP Bond Series 1999 Fund to transfer \$16,000 from Contingency to the ANG Property project; (4) an amendment to the FY2007 CIP budget to increase revenues and expenditures for the \$150,000 transfer in from Juvenile Court and the \$250,000 transfer in from Recreation, (5) an amendment to the FY2008 General Fund M&O to increase ADR reimbursement revenue \$8,100 and increase ADR expenditures \$8,100 for salary adjustments; (6) an amendment to the FY2008 Confiscated Fund to appropriate \$65,215 for CNT equipment; and (7) amendments to the FY2008 Multiple Grant Fund to increase revenues and expenditures; a) \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the North Port Wentworth Citizens Council and b) \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the Lutheran Services of Georgia. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 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 FY2007 General Fund M&O to: a) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to Utilities, b) transfer \$150,000 from the Juvenile Court budget to Transfer Out to CIP, and c) transfer \$250,000 from the Recreation budget to transfer Out to CIP; (2) an amendment to the FY2007 Special Service District Fund to increase revenue from 5% Victim Witness fees \$50,000 and increase Transfer Out to the General Fund M&O \$50,000; (3) an amendment to the FY2007 CIP Bond Series 1999 Fund to transfer \$16,000 from Contingency to the ANG Property project; (4) an amendment to the FY2007 CIP budget to increase revenues and expenditures for the \$150,000 transfer in from Juvenile Court and the \$250,000 transfer in from Recreation, (5) an amendment to the FY2008 General Fund M&O to increase ADR reimbursement revenue \$8,100 and increase ADR expenditures \$8,100 for salary adjustments; (6) an amendment to the FY2008 Confiscated Fund to appropriate \$65,215 for CNT equipment; (7) amendments to the FY2008 Multiple Grant Fund to increase revenues and expenditures; a) \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the North Port Wentworth Citizens Council and b) \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the Lutheran Services of Georgia.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) Expenditures for utilities in the General Fund M&O have exceeded budget for fiscal year 2007. A contingency transfer of \$50,000 is requested.
- 2) Juvenile Court and the Recreation department have favorable budget to actual variances in fiscal year 2007. These departments have critical funding requirements in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Transfers of \$150,000 from the Juvenile Court budget and \$250,000 from the Recreation budget to transfer Out to CIP are requested. Resolutions to amend the General Fund M&O and CIP fund and copies of correspondence are attached.
- 3) Collections of 5% Victim Witness fees from Recorder's Court in FY2007 exceeded estimates. This revenue is transferred to the General Fund M&O to funds victim assistance programs. A resolution to amend the Special Service District for the additional revenue is attached.
- 4) Expenditures for the ANG Property project in the CIP Bond Series 1999 Fund have exceeded the original budget in FY2007. A \$16,000 contingency transfer is requested.
- 5) Salary adjustments in the Alternative Dispute Resolution department will require \$8,100 in additional funds for FY2008. The expenses in this department are fully reimbursed. A budget resolution to increase revenues and expenditures is attached.
- 6) The CNT Commander has requested an appropriation of \$65,215 for equipment. Funding will come from the fund balance. A staff report is attached.
- 7) The Department of Community Affairs has awarded two grants in the amount of \$20,000 to the North Port Wentworth Citizens Council and the Lutheran Services of Georgia. Copies of correspondence and a resolution are attached.

FUNDING: The budget amendments will establish funding in the General Fund M&O, the Capital Improvement Program Fund, Confiscated Funds, and the Multiple Grant Fund. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O budget and the CIP Bond Series 1999 Fund budget for the transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2007

- a) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to Utilities,
- b) transfer \$150,000 from Juvenile Court to Transfer Out to CIP,
- c) transfer \$250,000 from Recreation to Transfer Out to CIP.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2007

an amendment to increase revenues from 5% Victim witness fine surcharges \$50,000 and increase Transfer Out to the General Fund M&O \$50,000.

CIP BOND SERIES 1999 FUND FY2007

transfer \$16,000 from Contingency to the ANG Property project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2007

an amendment to increase revenues for a \$400,000 Transfer In From the General Fund M&O and increase the Juvenile Court project \$150,000 and Recreation projects \$250,000.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2008

an amendment to increase ADR reimbursement revenue \$8,100 and increase ADR expenditures \$8,100 for salary adjustments.

CONFISCATED FUNDS FY2008

an amendment to appropriate \$65,215 from fund balance for CNT equipment.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2008

- a) an amendment to increase revenue and expenditures \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the North Port Wentworth Citizen's Council.
- b) an amendment to increase revenues and expenditures \$20,000 for a DCA grant to the Lutheran Services of Georgia.

- (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 approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. BOARD DECISION ON ADDED FUNDS.

Chairman Liakakis said, as you know, this is in your book on these particular added funds. Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, again, Mr. Chairman, this is something that the Board did at your workshop a week ago. Staff did not try to put this in any particular format because this is your product. I would assume you applied from the action a week ago that you want to formerly adopt this and that appropriate budgets be made based on this list. It is my true understanding that this list represents what you compiled in a workshop setting but for which you could not make a motion because you were not at a regular meeting.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, this is on the decision packages. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have that list on the decision packages and in addition to that, as you know, this is for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency, Purchasing, Citizens Advocacy, Creative Coasts, Internal Audit, Parks and Recreation, Tybee Island, Juvenile Court, Georgia Forestry – two items, Superior Court Administration, and Park Place. Do we have a motion on the floor for what you brought in for this decision package?

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second for these items. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, now there's one item that I'd like a motion on the floor. The Sheriff had some items in the decision packages and I have spoken to him three different times. What he has requested at this particular point that the Sheriff, you know, and the crime fighting the Commissioners were talking about, in that particular area he would like to fund a new Deputy Sheriff that they put in the sexual abuse program because they have some 399 people that have been convicted and are in our area. He does not have but one person that checks on those persons to make sure they live where they are and work where they are, and so he wants that additional deputy to assist in that program and then he also wants a mechanic and a vehicle, and this amount for this particular program of the Sheriff's Department is approximately \$146,000. Do we have a motion on the floor for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, I make the motion, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to approve the request by the Sheriff on the decision package. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following items to be added to the decision package for FY2008: Chatham Emergency Management Agency for equipment needs \$88,000; Purchasing for Disparity Study \$150,000; Citizen Advocacy for program funding \$20,000; Creative Coast for program funding \$123,384; Internal Audit for management engineering contract \$200,000; Parks and Recreation for Stell Park baseball fields \$200,000; Tybee Island for beach renourishment \$150,000; Juvenile Court for additional position \$70,000; Georgia Forestry for salary adjustments \$5,618; Georgia Forestry for additional positions \$3,855; Superior Court Administrator for expansion of drug court program \$202,782, and Park Place for donation for building \$25,000, for a total of \$1,238,639. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request from the Sheriff's Department for approximately \$146,000 for an additional deputy to assist in the sexual abuse program and to add a mechanic and an additional vehicle. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

DECISION PACKAGE ITEMS FISCAL 2008
Items Favored for Adoption - General Fund M&O
CHATHAM COUNTY, GA

Additions to revenue from tax digest growth **\$ 1,596,414**

Decision Packages:		
Department	Item	Amount
CEMA	Equipment needs	\$ 88,000
Purchasing	Disparity Study	150,000
Citizen Advocacy	Program funding for Citizen Advocacy	20,000

Creative Coast	Program funding for Creative Coast	123,384
Internal Audit	Management Engineering contract	200,000
Parks & Recreation	Stell Park baseball fields	200,000
Tybee Island	Beach Renourishment	150,000
Juvenile Court	Additional Position	70,000
Georgia Forestry	Salary adjustments	5,618
Georgia Forestry	Additional Positions	3,855
Superior Court Adm	Expansion of drug court program	202,782
Park Place	Donation for building	<u>25,000</u>
Total of items favored for adoption		\$ 1,238,639
Remaining available funds		<u>\$ 357,775</u>

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A FUNDING PLAN FOR THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES ENTERPRISE FUND.

Chairman Liakakis said, as you know, we discussed this and it's in your packet also. This is the buildings that inspection and departments and they are requesting this funding plan that has been discussed with us so that they can operate the particular department efficiently. Do we have a motion on the floor for approval?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make the motion, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to add that I really want to keep tabs on this Special Service District Fund for the citizens in the unincorporated area. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second on the approval for that fund. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a funding plan for the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund to effect the following transactions for FY 2007 as follows: (a) A reversal of the 2007 indirect cost allocation made by the General Fund to the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund of \$127,40, and (b) approval of transfers out in the Special Service District to the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund in an amount not to exceed any deficit net assets balance as of June 30, 2007. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: Approval of a funding plan for the Building Safety & Regulatory Services enterprise fund.

BACKGROUND: Activities of the County's construction permitting process are accounted for in an enterprise fund. The fund began operation in fiscal 2005. The fund has run deficits for each of the past three fiscal years.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In 2005 accounting for the County's construction permitting process changed. The activities were moved to an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund is used to account for business-type operations or for activities where a fee is charged to external users. When fees do not cover the fund's expenses, a deficit occurs.
2. Preliminary fiscal 2007 numbers indicate a projected deficit net assets balance in the Building Safety & Regulatory Services fund of approximately \$830,000. This projected deficit represents three years of accumulated fund losses. Although fee increases went into effect on July 1, 2007, it is not anticipated that the fund will absorb the current deficit.
3. The fund's activities were previously accounted for in the Special Service District fund. Preliminary fiscal 2007 numbers for the SSD Fund indicate a favorable expenditure variance.
4. The enterprise fund also shows an annual expense for indirect cost allocations from the General Fund. The amount of the indirect cost allocation in 2007 was \$127,840.

5. Due to the rate increases effective on 7/1/07 and the close of fiscal 2007, it is now an opportune time to offset the projected deficit net asset balance in the enterprise fund. Any transactions would be recorded in the 2007 fiscal year. First, the indirect cost allocation charge by the General Fund to the Building Safety Fund could be forgiven. Secondly, the Special Service District could transfer funds up to the remaining deficit net asset balance. Using current information, the transfer from the Special Service District would total approximately \$700,000. Any amount transferred out from the Special Service District would be analyzed against other needs of the fund and the fund's compliance with adopted financial policies.

FUNDING: Favorable expenditure variances in the Special Service District for fiscal 2007 would provide a funding source for the interfund transfer. Revenues for Personal Property Prior Year and Interest Earnings, combined with expenditure savings in Engineering and Public Works, should bolster fund balance to allow the transfer and comply with adopted fund balance policy.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Subsidies to enterprise funds are often needed if the fund's revenues do not cover expenditures. Since the fund's activities serve the unincorporated area, any transfers to the fund should be provided by the Special Service District. In addition, restoration of the fund to a level basis will allow for evaluation of the impact of the fiscal 2008 rate increases.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board adopt a funding strategy for the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund to effect the following transactions for fiscal 2007 as follows:
 - a. A reversal of the 2007 indirect cost allocation made by the General Fund to the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund of \$127,480, and
 - b. Approval of transfers out in the Special Service District to the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund in an amount not to exceed any deficit net assets balance as of June 30, 2007.
- 2) That no funding strategy be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION: Alternative 1 is recommended.

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4. GULFSTREAM TRACK INACTION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager or we'll go to our Assistant County Attorney.

Ms. Emily Garrard said, Georgia law authorizes you to pass a resolution if there is a railroad track in need of maintenance or repair, and that is what is being presented to you today regarding a railroad crossing at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21, and the County Engineer's office went out there and the tracks — he can speak for Engineering about that — but the tracks apparently are in deplorable condition and we request that the railroad repair and maintain those tracks and if they don't do it you then authorize our office to provide notice to the Department of Transportation to investigate and possibly impose penalties.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Those tracks out there they are really bad. They are causing a lot of damage to vehicles, knocking the tires out of alignment and all, and if anybody has been on that Gulfstream Road they can see, you know, the damage that's being caused. In fact, I've been out there a couple of times. I took pictures and gave it to the County Engineer's office so that they could look at it. I have also talked to the CSX people and they are sort of ignoring it. I talked to one of their executives and I said, "Look, you're making millions of dollars in profit. You're doing a disservice to the people in our County by them going over the railroad track causing damages to their vehicle," and it's like sometimes talking to the wall to get any kind of response, and what this is is the Legislature has set up a plan that once we find that we get the information that there are problems with the track, that resolution — that information goes to the Department of Transportation, they also inspect it and they find out that what we have said is legitimate, and then they give the railroad 30 days to correct this and if they do not correct it in 30 days, they start fining them \$500 a day to get better attention on their part. So I'd like a motion for us to approve this resolution going to the Department of Transportation.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor and a second for this resolution. Let's go on the board. Ms. Garrard said, initially it goes to the railroad. Chairman Liakakis said, it goes to the railroad first. Okay, this resolution would go to the railroad. If they do not respond, then of course our County Attorney's office will get the information to the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Shay said, that's what I meant. Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, okay. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, very good.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to adopt a resolution directing that CSX Railroad take necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21 and, should the railroad fail to comply, request the Department of Transportation to investigate and review the matter and impose penalties as

appropriate. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE:

To adopt a resolution directing that CSX Railroad take necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21 and, should the railroad fail to comply, requesting that the Department of Transportation investigate and review the matter and impose penalties as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

O.C.G.A. § 32-6-202 (a)(1) provides in relevant part that whenever any maintenance of a grade crossing is necessary for the safe and reasonable passage of public traffic and such maintenance is the responsibility of a railroad, the governing authority of the county in respect to its county road system may give written notice to the railroad of the necessity of such maintenance and order the railroad to comply with the maintenance requirements of this Code section. O.C.G.A. § 32-6-202 (a)(2)(A) provides in relevant part that if the railroad fails to comply with the County's order within 30 days after receipt of the notice and order, the County may file a request to the Department of Transportation ("DOT") to review the matter. The DOT has the authority to impose sanctions. O.C.G.A. § 32-6-202 (a)(2)(B).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County has received complaints about the condition of the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21. The County made an on-site inspection of the tracks and found that their condition impedes the necessary safe and reasonable passage of traffic.

2. In June 2007, the Road Master for CSX Railroad informed staff that temporary repairs would be done and permanent repairs would not be done until next year.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The law authorizes the County to order the Railroad to take necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21 and, should the railroad fail to comply, request that the DOT investigate and review the matter and impose penalties as appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a resolution ordering the Railroad to take necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21.

2. Do not adopt a resolution ordering the Railroad to take necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain the railroad crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners met at its regular meeting on this 10th day of August, 2007, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County is charged with the responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is responsible to ensure that the roads of Chatham County which are part of the County road system are maintained for the safe and reasonable passage to public traffic; and,

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of County officials that numerous complaints have been made by citizens as to the condition of railroad crossings over Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21 in Chatham County so as to impede the safe and reasonable passage to public traffic and avoid damage to motorized passenger vehicles traversing said crossings.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Resolution and Order is passed to place on notice the CSX Railroad as to the condition of its railroad crossings over Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21. The Commission finds that the inadequate maintenance of the crossings causes them to be in the condition that inhibits the safe and reasonable passage of traffic and that such maintenance is the responsibility of the railroad at said crossings.

The condition of the crossings at both tracks is such that the approach aprons have developed pot-holes within the asphalt pavement and show signs of fatigue cracking. The approach aprons have also developed ruts within the tire travel lanes which have caused the adjacent pavement to settle below the top rail elevation, resulting in a very rough crossing. This condition is the result of the roadway carrying moderate to oversized semi-truck traffic. Upon inspection on August 6, 2007, the Department of Engineering observed movement of the rails, suggesting subgrade failure. This movement was most pronounced at areas which are rutting.

The Department of Engineering has inspected the crossings of said location and has determined that the condition of the crossings is not suited for the reasonable passage of public traffic. The Department of Engineering recommends replacement of the crossings.

The railroad crossings for which the governing authority of Chatham County desires maintenance for the safe and reasonable passage of the public is the Gulfstream Road crossing located at Gulfstream Road adjacent to State Route 21, Chatham County, Georgia and bearing an identification number 623 471 K and containing signage which states *"CSX TRANSPORTATION - To REPORT SIGNAL MALFUNCTION CALL 1-800-232-0144, REFER TO CROSSING NUMBER 632 471 K LOCATED AT A 486.30."*

It is hereby ordered by the governing authority of Chatham County that CSX Railroad is to take all steps necessary to complete the maintenance upon said crossing and that notice of the adoption of this Resolution will be send by certified mail and/or statutory overnight delivery return receipt requested.

It is further ordered that should the railroad fail to remedy and comply with such notice and order within thirty (30) days of receipt of this order, that the County Attorney be directed to request in writing a review of this matter by the Georgia Department of Transportation accompanied with the \$500 per grade filing fee and a copy of the Order herein, and request that the matter be investigated and said Department of Transportation issue an order requiring the railroad to take those necessary steps to remedy, repair and maintain said railroad crossings and request that the Department of Transportation, should the railroad fail, to request the appropriate legal action including, but not limited to, a \$500 per day civil penalty.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution and Order has been read, considered, and unanimously passed, this ____ day of _____, 2007.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Attest: _____
Sybil Tillman, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

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[SEAL]

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 the Action Calendar now. We've got Items 1 through 14 and under 14 we have individual items for financing and those items are A through M. Do we have a motion on the floor for any items to be pulled? Is Commissioner Kicklighter, is he around? Fred [Thompson], would you find out because there were a couple of items specifically he wanted to talk about. Well, I remember some of the items. What we can do right now in the essence of time, let's — we can vote on Items 1 through 13 and the items that he was talking about is Items 3 and 4 and — Items 3 and 4 that he wanted to pull. Do we have a motion on the floor to vote on those specific items and pulling — holding off on Items 3 and 4.

Commissioner Stone said, I would make a motion to approve the balance, holding those two items. 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. Unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, there are items on Item 14 — Russ [Abolt], you had an item on the — well, Dean [Kicklighter], we have voted on the Action Calendar and I had them pull off Items 3 and 4. You want to comment on those two items so we could vote on it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis asked, do you want to put your mike —? Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. [NOTE: Refer to Items 3 and 4 for discussion reference on those items.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve Items 1 through 13, except Items 3 and 4. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were 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 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2007, AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2007, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Stone moved to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of June 21, 2007, and the regular meeting of July 20, 2007, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 12, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2007.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period July 12, 2007, through August 1, 2007, in the amount of \$10,388,994 Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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3. REQUEST FROM EMC, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, BILLY HERRIN, THAT THE COUNTY RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR BRYAN WOODS PROFESSIONAL CENTER, PHASE 1. [DISTRICT 4.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, for disclosure purposes I just want it to be known that developer Billy Herrin, asking for both of these, it's release of the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phases 1 and 2, I wanted to state for disclosure purposes that Mr. Herrin is a buyer on one of my listings that I have as a real estate — as a realtor, but it has no bearing on this. I will not recuse myself because this is standard procedure, but I just wanted for disclosure purposes to state that.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor to approve Items 3 and 4 under the Action Calendar?

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second? Commissioner Stone 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 Odell was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from EMC, engineer for the developer, Billy Herrin, that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 1. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 1.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, EMC, for the developer, Billy Herrin, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bryan Woods Professional Center is a commercial subdivision located on the southwest corner of Bryan Woods Road and Hwy 80. This phase consists of 4 lots on 15.81 acres. Water and sewer are provided by the City of Savannah. The paving and drainage are maintained by the County.
2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. Construction of the required improvements was completed more than three years ago. The engineer for the developer did not request initiation of the warranty period.
3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 1.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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4. REQUEST FROM DOWNER DAVIS, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, BILLY HERRIN, THAT THE COUNTY RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR BRYAN WOODS PROFESSIONAL CENTER, PHASE 2. [DISTRICT 4.]

[NOTE: Please refer to Item X-3 for any discussion concerning this item.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Downer Davis, engineer for the developer, Billy Herrin, that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 2. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Downer Davis, for the developer, Billy Herrin, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bryan Woods Professional Center is a commercial subdivision located on the southwest corner of Bryan Woods Road and Hwy 80. This phase consists of 7 lots on 11.78 acres. Water and sewer are provided by the City of Savannah. The paving and drainage are maintained by the County.
2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Bryan Woods Professional Center, Phase 2.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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5. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, GENESIS DESIGNER HOMES, TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 4A. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, Genesis Designer Homes, to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 4-A. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 4A.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, Genesis Designer Homes, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. This phase of Stonebridge consists of 45

lots on 18.372 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer will be maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.

2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Stonebridge, Phase 4A.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE THE COST TO WIDEN APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET OF LITTLE NECK ROAD MEASURED FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH U.S. 17. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve an agreement to share the cost to widen approximately 1,500 feet of Little Neck Road measured from its intersection with U.S. 17. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: That the Board approve an Agreement to share the cost to widen approximately 1,500 feet of Little Neck Road measured from its intersection with U.S. 17.

BACKGROUND: Henderson Property Holdings, LLC, is developing a commercial tract of land adjacent to the intersection of Little Neck Road and U.S. 17. The developer agreed to share in the cost to widen Little Neck Road by paying for the quantities of materials required to construct a dedicated left turn lane into his development.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Department of Engineering contracted with Thomas and Hutton to prepare construction drawings for the Little Neck Road widening project. Based on these construction drawings, the developer and the Department of Engineering have agreed on the quantities of materials required for construction of the left turn lane. The developer has agreed to pay for those materials. The agreement is based on quantities rather than a fixed amount of money due to the changing price of construction materials.
2. The developer has agreed to pay for the following materials:

Grading	20%
8" Aggregate Base	967 square yards
1.5" Recycled Asphalt Surface Course	96 tons
2" Recycled Asphalt Base	106 tons
Bit Tack & Prime Coats	329 gallons
Pavement Rein. Fabr., 2' Wide	900 linear feet
Arrow, Type 2	4 each
Striping, Yellow	566 square yards
Raised Markers, Type 3	35 each

3. The County will pay for the remaining quantities of materials and costs required to widen Little Neck Road.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the development agreement to share the cost to widen Little Neck Road with Henderson Property Holdings, LLC.
- 2. That the Board not approve the agreement.

FUNDING: No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District 7

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther
Civil Engineer I

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7. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES ON OLD HIGHWAY 204 IN LIEU OF REPLACING TIMBER BRIDGES. [DISTRICT 6.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the exercise of eminent domain for acquisition of properties on Old Highway 204 in lieu of replacing timber bridges. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE: To adopt a resolution authorizing the exercise of eminent domain for acquisition of properties on Old Highway 204 in lieu of replacing timber bridges.

BACKGROUND: Old Highway 204 is a County maintained road that dead ends at the Ogeechee River. As a result of a GDOT bridge inspection in 2004, the four timber bridges had to be closed and repaired. Based on Board direction on September 24, 2004, two of the bridges have since been replaced with culverts. Four parcels (three owners) remain beyond the last two bridges. The estimated cost to construct replacement bridges to the four parcels greatly exceeds the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the properties. Also by Board direction, staff proceeded with acquiring the four parcels.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. One parcel (Osteen, PIN1-1047-01-001) has been acquired. The resident is in the process of vacating the premises (by August 26).
- 2. One of the parcels (Ramsey, PIN 1-1047-05-002) does not have direct frontage on Old Highway 204. There is no dwelling and most of the parcel is actually in the Ogeechee River). There are title issues with multiple heirs and the purported owners have declined the County's offer. The County could condemn, but may not have to because it is already landlocked.
- 3. The acquisition of two parcels (Butler, PIN 1-1047-01-001 & 001Z) involves displacing the Butlers. The Butlers agreed to the County's FMV offer, but were unable to obtain a release for a Right of First Refusal from Mr. Butler's stepfather. Attached to the deed was a Right of First Refusal to repurchase the property if the Butler's moved from the property. There is also an issue involving the division of proceeds because of a security deed that was paid off in February 2007. The solution to the dispute is to file a condemnation and pay the money (FMV) into the registry of the Court. The family may then make its claim to the proceeds.
- 4. The County is granted the power of eminent domain by Article 9, Section 2, paragraph 5, Constitution to the State of Georgia of 1983. The authority has been heretofore delegated to the County Engineer and the County Attorney to acquire properties needed for road projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To adopt a resolution authorizing the exercise of eminent domain for acquisition of properties on Old Highway 204 in lieu of replacing timber bridges.

2. That the Board not adopt the resolution.

FUNDING: No funding is required at this time.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is in compliance with O. C. G. A § 32-3-1 through 32-3-19 and the procedures provided for the condemnation of property in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 22 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District 6

Prepared by A.G. Bungard

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN
FOR CHATHAM COUNTY'S SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Chatham County approved the 2003 - 2008 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121 authorizes the use of proceeds from the tax in part for road, street and bridge purposes; and

WHEREAS, a project to construct roadway and bridge improvements on Old Highway 204 is needed to provide a safer roadway; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit and completion of these improvements, it is necessary to acquire certain properties that are now owned by private parties; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such properties is for a public purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power of eminent domain granted this governing authority by Article 9, Section 2, paragraph 5, Constitution to the State of Georgia of 1983, the Chatham County's designees and the Chatham County Attorney are authorized to proceed forthwith towards the acquisition of those properties to complete this project described above.

Done this 10th day of August, 2008, by the requisite majority as prescribed by law.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Sybil Tillman, Clerk
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

R. Jonathan Hart
County Attorney

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHATHAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007**

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: FRAN ARNSDORFF, DEPUTY SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will provide \$3,960 Byrne Grant Funds to support the Superior Court Drug Court located in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Chatham County will serve as the fiscal agent for the \$36,960 being made available by CJCC.
- 2. The funding will help offset the cost of treatment for Drug Court participants in Chatham County.

FUNDING:

No additional Chatham County funds are needed.

Alternatives:

- 1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the Byrne Grant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$36,960 and to sign the contract and all related documents required by the grant.
- 2. To not have the Board of Commissioners accept the Byrne Grant Award.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In the past the Board of Commissioners has accepted funding which assisted in defraying the cost of services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To accept Alternative 1.

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHATHAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: FRAN ARNSDORFF, DEPUTY SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

BACKGROUND:

The DHR's Division of Mental Health will provide \$205,000 to support the Superior Court Drug Court located in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Chatham County will serve as the fiscal agent for the \$205,000 being made available by DHR.
- 2. The funding will help offset the cost of treatment for Drug Court participants in Chatham County.

FUNDING:

No Chatham County funds are needed.

Alternatives:

- 1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the Drug Court Treatment Grant from the Georgia Department of Human Resources in the amount of \$205,000 and to sign the contract and all related documents required by the grant.
- 2. To not have the Board of Commissioners accept the Drug Court Treatment Grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In the past the Board of Commissioners has accepted funding which assisted in defraying the cost of services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To accept Alternative 1.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE REQUEST FROM COASTAL GEORGIA WATER COMPANY FOR A 15,000 GALLON ALLOCATION FROM THE CHATHAM COUNTY WATER BANK FOR THE OGEECHEE FARMS SUBDIVISION. [DISTRICT 6.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a request from Coastal Georgia Water Company for a 15,000 gallon allocation from the Chatham County Water Bank for the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

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

Issue: Board approve request from Coastal Georgia Water Company for an 15,000 gallon allocation from the Chatham County Water Bank for the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision.

Background: On April 8, 1999, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division established a Water Bank to provide water for new and/or expanding privately owned public water systems (i.e. community water systems) to be administered by the local county government. Chatham County received a one time total allocation of 150,200 gallons. The Water Supply Management Plan, which the Board adopted, includes certain criteria that should be followed in determining allocations. On January 12, 2001, the Board approved a policy on allocation of banked water for Chatham County. Essentially, the Public Works Department shall provide administrative approval of any allocation to a single request of 9,000 gallons or less which equates to 30 connections based upon an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of 300 gallons per day. Any allocation in excess of this amount will require approval from the Board of Commissioners.

Facts and Findings:

- 1. Coastal Georgia Water Company has acquired various water systems owned by Atlantic Water Company including the Ogeechee Farms system with the intent of making improvements to these systems and bringing them in compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.
- 2. Public Works and Park Services received a request for allocation from the Water Bank from the Coastal Georgia Water Company for the Ogeechee Farms system. In May of 2004 the Board approved an allocation from the Water Bank to Coastal Georgia Water Company for 60 connections. They are requesting allocation for 50 additional connections in order to bring the system into compliance with EPD requirements. Based upon an ERU of 300 gallons/day, 50 connections equate to 15,000 gallons from the Water Bank.
- 3. Prior to this request, there is a balance of 46,600 gallons per day available in the Water Bank.

Funding: No funds are requested.

Policy Statement: The Board has established a policy for allocation of the Water Bank. In keeping with that policy, Board approval is required for any allocation in excess of 9000 gallons.

Alternatives:

1. Board approve request from Coastal Georgia Water Company for an 15,000 gallon allocation from the Chatham County Water Bank for the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision.
2. Board not approve request.

Recommendations: Board approve Alternative #1.

District 6

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11. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY SUBROGATED TO THE RIGHTS OF DENNIS K. RINGS V. CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, CIVIL ACTION NO. STCV05-03702, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,250.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a final settlement of Continental Insurance Company Subrogated to the Rights of Dennis K. Rings v. Chatham County, Georgia, Civil Action No. STCV05-03702, in the amount of \$140,250. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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3. Prior to this request, there is a balance of 46,600 gallons per day available in the Water Bank.

Funding: No funds are requested.

Policy Statement: The Board has established a policy for allocation of the Water Bank. In keeping with that policy, Board approval is required for any allocation in excess of 9000 gallons.

Alternatives:

1. Board approve request from Coastal Georgia Water Company for an 15,000 gallon allocation from the Chatham County Water Bank for the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision.
2. Board not approve request.

Recommendations: Board approve Alternative #1.

District 6

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12. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2007. PETITIONER: JAVIER JOSE BLANCO-HERRERA, D/B/A CHARLIE'S NIGHT CLUB LLC, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE 2. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the petition of Javier Jose Blanco-Herrera, d/b/a Charlie's Night Club, LLC, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, Suite 2, for a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2007. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-12
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE:
Request approval for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2007, Javier Jose Blanco-Herrera, Charlie's Night Club LLC, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, STE 2, Savannah, Ga 31405.

BACKGROUND:
Mr. Blanco-Herrera requests approval for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with a new night club.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
- 1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and separation requirements and approved.
 - 2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshall inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
 - 3. The applicant and business meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
 - 4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

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

District 7

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13. REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2007. PETITIONER: DAVID TIMOTHY WALKER, D/B/A WALKER'S GRIDIRON GRILLE, LOCATED AT 7 GATEWAY BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the petition of David Timothy Walker, d/b/a Walker's Gridiron Grille, located at 7 Gateway Boulevard, for a new liquor pouring license for 2007. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-13
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

ISSUE:

Request approval for new liquor pouring license for 2007, David Timothy Walker, for Walker's Gridiron Grille, located at 7 Gateway Boulevard.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Walker requests approval for new liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. Mr. Walker already has a current beer and wine pouring and Sunday Sales license.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual maintenance agreement for telephone communications	ICS	Integrated Network Solutions (Sole Source)	\$77,360	General Fund/M&O - Communications
B. Change Order No. 2 to the engineering services contract for the Bay Street Widening Projects for additional services	SPLOST	McGee Partners, Inc./ Ward Edwards, Inc. - a Joint Venture	\$234,880	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Bay Street Widening
C. Contract for the construction of the timber bridge at Tom Triplett Community Park	CIP	Ansley & Sutton Construction Company	\$99,899	CIP - Tom Triplett Timber Bridge
D. Contract to furnish and install one (1) new metal building and re-skin the existing metal frame at the Citizens Service Center	SPLOST	American Building Systems, Inc.	\$197,200	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
E. Annual contract with automatic renewal option for one additional year for the "as required" instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court	•Robert Campbell •Kelly Jewison •Kenneth Williams	Varies by service	Supervision fees collected by Juvenile Court
F. Change Order No. 1 to the annual agreement to provide "as needed" environmental emergency response services to recognize price changes associated with certain costs	Mosquito Control	Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC	Varies by service	Funding is not required at this time
G. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one-year terms to provide Delinquent Tax Resolution Services	Tax Commissioner	Delinquent Tax Solutions, Inc. (DTSi) (Sole Source)	N/A (fees paid by delinquent tax payer or from tax sale proceeds)	N/A
H. Seasonal price agreement for vacant lot mowing services for June through October 2007	Land Bank	L & P Enterprises	Not to Exceed \$60,000	Land Bank Authority

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
I. Change Order No. 2 to the contract for the management of the Weightlifting Center for deletions and additions to the scope of services	Weightlifting Center	Team Savannah	No additional funds required	N/A
J. Professional services task order contracts with various engineering firms to provide geotechnical, surveying and environmental services	SPLOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Thomas & Hutton •Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung •McGee Partners, Inc. •Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. •Collins Engineering •B.P. Barber & Associates •Wright Padgett Christopher •Jordan, Jones & Goulding •Wilbur Smith Associates •Spatial Engineering •Resource + Land Consultants •Kern-Coleman & Company •Yawn Land Surveys, LLC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 •NTE \$100,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST (1985-1993) •SPLOST (1998-2003) •SPLOST (2003-2008) •CIP •Land Bank Authority
K. Confirmation emergency approval for the installation of 40-ton split system heat pump	CNT	Erickson Associates	\$38,895	Reimbursable Expenses - InterGov-Sav - CNT
L. Confirmation of Design-Build contract amount for Aquatic Center	2005 DSA Series	Thomas and Hutton / TIC	FBD \$3,255,803	2005 DSA Series
M. Ratification of Performance Bond exhibit	Public Works	Myers and Son, Inc.	N/A	N/A

Chairman Liakakis said, we are under 14 now. I mean, did you have a specific item on 14 under the alphabetical? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. You allowed me in Exec Session —, excuse me — in Pre-Meeting to explain the innovative ideas Mr. Bungard has come up with on Item J. Unless you'd like amplification, that's not necessary. I believe Mr. Kicklighter had two items he wanted to pull off the purchase report for consideration separately. I believe they were Items C and L.

As to Item 14-C:

Contract for the construction of the timber bridge at Tom Triplett Community Park; CIP; Ansley & Sutton Construction Company; \$99,899; CIP - Tom Triplett Timber Bridge

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. Thank you. Item 14-C, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I'd like to commend staff for this. It's a contract for the construction of the timber bridge at Triplett Park in the amount of \$99,899. We previously, this Board budgeted \$300,000 for this. It will greatly improve safety as well as the overall appearance of the park, but mainly it will improve safety connecting both sides of the big lake there. It's — the amount is \$99,899. Previously this Board budgeted \$300,000, so I want to commend staff for the great job of finding someone to do this work at a really good price. And I would now like to make a motion to approve Item 14-C, amended as follows: "With the remainder of the balance of the budgeted amount for the bridge to go towards the field renovations at Scott Stell Park." And I put that in the form as a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, \$200,000. Say, \$200,000 in there because it might it might be a little bit more than \$200,000. County Manager Abolt said, just earmark the balance and we'll put it in there. It may be safer.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. His recommendation, just whatever the remaining balance is after the bills are paid.

County Manager Abolt said, otherwise if Mr. Drewry ran into some problems he'd have to come back to you and draw it on Stell Park.

Commissioner Thomas said, second, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission I want to thank you and the Board and the staff here for really this vote today brings West Chatham recreation, it's a great, a major step in the right direction. This should complete Phase 1 of the park renovations, the ballfield renovations to Scott Stell Park by allotting \$400,000 to bring all of those ballfields up to par and, if not, I'll restate, it's not even bringing it up to par. It is actually going to bring our bills up to a level that really is second to none, and I thank all of you. The kids in Chatham County thanks you. We will now lead the way as far as baseball and softball in Chatham County. Statesboro, we're trying to knock them off of that podium. They've done an excellent job over the years and I want to thank staff here, all of you, for your dedication coming up with this, and I appreciate the fact that you're looking to knock Statesboro out of that number one ranking and we're definitely moving in that direction. Thank all of you.

County Manager Abolt said, with your permission I would ask that the names of Robert Drewry and Al Lipsey be placed in the minutes when it requires the definition of staff.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, and Russ Abolt also, I'll put in there too, and — I was looking at Robert [Drewry], but — well, Pat Monahan. Pat Monahan has been instrumental and I appreciate everything there. Pat's met with me as well as some others about improving the parks out there. So thank all of you.

As to Items 14-A through 14-M, except 14-C and 14-L:

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, under Item 14 then we've just voted on Item C. The other items A through M. We need a motion on the floor for approval. Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval. Commissioner Kicklighter said, L is not a part of this, Mr. Chairman. L has been pulled also for individual vote. Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Okay, we go all items, A through M and we hold off on Item L. Commissioner Shay said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

As to Item 14-L:

Confirmation of Design-Build contract amount for Aquatic Center; 2005 DSA Series; Thomas and Hutton/TIC; \$3,255,803, 2005 DSA Series

Commissioner Gellatly said, I make a motion to approve L. Chairman Liakakis asked, excuse me? Commissioner Gellatly said, motion to approve L. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Gellatly and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I want to thank Misty Bethune out there and all. She's a really great pickup for the Recreation Department and thank her for her support of what's going on with these parks also.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Item 14-C, as amended to add "with the remainder of the balance of the budgeted amount for the bridge to go towards the field renovations at Scott Stell Park. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 14-A through 14-M, except Items 14-C and 14-L. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]
- c. Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve Item 14-L. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Gellatly and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of seven to one. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell 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.

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. THE PETITIONER, JIM WOODS, AGENT (FOR MACKKEY SMITH FAMILY, ET AL, MARTINS RED GATE AND LUJE DEVELOPMENT) IS REQUESTING THE REZONING OF 400

BURKHALTER ROAD FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) TO A PUD-M-6 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL-6 UNITS PER NET ACRE). THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-070302-28867-1 [DISTRICT 8.]

Chairman Liakakis asked, are there any objections on the Board or did someone want to make a motion to approve this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Jim Woods, Agent (for Mackey Smith Family, et al, Martins Red Gate and Luje Development) requesting the rezoning of 400 Burkhalter Road from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development-Multi Family Residential - 6 units per net acre). Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]



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AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~July 20, 2007~~
AGENDA ITEM: *XII-1*
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Jim Woods, Agent (for Mackey Smith Family, et al, Martins Red Gate and Luje Development) is requesting the rezoning of 400 Burkhalter Road from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development-Multi Family Residential - 6 units per net acre). The MPC recommended approval. MPC File No. Z-070302-28867-1

ISSUE:

Rezoning from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) zoning classification to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development-Residential - 6 units per net acre) classification.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** All property owners located within 200 feet of the petitioned site(s) were notified of the rezoning petition. Also, the petitioner held a public meeting with the affected residents on March 27, 2007. The petitioner advised staff that 79 invitations were mailed and the meeting was well attended. The petitioner noted that the majority of those in attendance were supportive of the proposed development.
2. **Site:** The subject property is 200 acres in size and is located on both sides of the Southwest By-Pass between Chatham Parkway and Burkhalter Road approximately 1,150 feet west of Garrard Avenue. The site is vacant and undeveloped, with the exception of two large ponds.
3. The petitioner requests that the site be rezoned to a PUD-M-6 zoning classification in order to develop a church/school campus to include the housing needs for church members and/or the general public by providing a diversity of residential units including single family detached, single family attached, multi-family, and assisted living.

The adjacent land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Chatham Parkway	R-A
	Vacant Land	R-A
	Single Family	R-A
	Red Gate Farms	PDR-SM [1]

South	Burkhalter Road	R-A
	Single Family Mobile Homes	R-A R-A
East	Single Family Vacant Land	R-A R-A
West	Red Gate Farms Vacant Land	R-A R-A

[1] Planned Development Reclamation - Surface Mining

3. **Zoning History/Existing Development Pattern:** The subject site and properties in close proximity have not been rezoned within the last 15 years with the following exceptions:

1) A site located on the west side of Garrard Avenue north of the Southwest By-Pass was rezoned from an R-1 classification to its present R-A classification on August 23, 2000 (MPC File Number Z -000620-66393-1); 2) a site located on the west side of the Southwest By-Pass between Chatham Parkway and Burkhalter Road was rezoned from an R-A classification to its present PDR-SM classification on June 24, 2005 (MPC File Number Z-050323-36479-1); 3) a site located on the west side of Garrard Avenue south of the Southwest By-Pass was rezoned from an R-1 and R-A classification to its present P-R-3-6 classification on September 23, 2005 (MPC File Number Z-050615-52793-1); and, 4) a site located on the west side of Garrard Avenue 100 feet south of the Westside By-Pass was rezoned from an R-1 classification to its present P-R-3-6 classification on June 23, 2006 (MPC File Number Z-060330-42309-1).

Until recently, the majority of the development along Burkhalter Road and Garrard Avenue was semi-rural and remained unchanged during the last 40 years with the exception of the development of Brandlewood, a single family subdivision that began in the mid 1980's. However, there have been several developments within the last five years including Mill Run, a single family subdivision, The Oaks at Brandlewood, a residential apartment complex, and The Villas at Garrard, a residential townhome development.

4. **Existing R-A Zoning Districts:**

- a. **Intent of the R-A District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the R-A district is to "protect those rural areas within the urban expansion areas of the county for future urban development, and to protect certain rural highway roadside areas against strip development which can lead to traffic congestion, traffic hazards, and roadside blight."
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-A district appear in the attached chart.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-A district appear in the attached table (Table 1).

5. **Proposed PUD-M-6 Zoning District:**

- a. **Intent of the PUD-M-6 District:** The Zoning Ordinance does not provide an intent for this district. However, the definition states that under this district, various types of residential uses shall be permitted with an overall net density not to exceed 6 units per net acre.
- b. **Allowed Uses:** Multi-family dwellings, including townhomes, apartments, condominiums, two-family dwellings, single family semi-detached dwellings, single family detached dwellings, and some institutional and business uses under certain conditions.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the PUD-M-6 district vary depending upon the type of development. For instance, single family detached residential must be developed in accordance with the R-1 (Single Family Residential) district standards. Duplexes must be developed in accordance with R-2-A (Two Family Residential) district standards.

6. **Land Use Element:** The Tricentennial Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Amenity Community and Residential-Suburban Single Family. Approval of the zoning map amendment would be consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

7. **Transportation Network:** The property is accessed from Chatham Parkway and Burkhalter Road. Chatham Parkway is a four lane road with a median. Burkhalter Road is a two lane public road. According to the Street Classification Map Number 1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4-6, Chatham Parkway is classified as a secondary arterial roadway and Burkhalter Road is classified as a collector roadway. The 2004 average daily traffic count for Burkhalter Road from Garrard Avenue to Highway 17 South (Ogeechee Road) was 300 vehicles. No traffic counts are available for Chatham Parkway between Garrard Avenue and Highway 17 South.

8. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by Metropolitan police, City fire protection and by City water and sewer. The subject site is not directly served by the Chatham Transit Authority. The nearest bus stop is located at the intersection of Highway 17 South and Chatham Parkway which is approximately 4,000 feet (three quarters of a mile) from the site.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes No

The petitioner desires to construct a church, school, and multi-need housing development on the site. It has not been determined what improvements to the existing road system will be needed, if any, to adequately accommodate vehicular traffic generated by this development.

2. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?

Yes ___ No X

3. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate a type or mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?

Yes ___ No X

4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?

Yes ___ No X

The current R-A zoning classification allows churches, schools, and residential development at a higher density than the requested PUD-M-6 zoning district.

5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?

Yes ___ No X

6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes ___ No X

7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?

Yes ___ No X

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner's request to rezone the property from an R-A classification to a PUD-M-6 classification.
5. Deny the petitioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The proposed rezoning is consistent with Chatham County's Future Land Use Plan. The proposed PUD-M-6 classification would allow the development of a church/school campus to include the housing needs for church members and/or the general public by providing a diversity of residential units including single family detached, single family attached, multi-family, and assisted living. The church village concept would be compatible with the zoning pattern in the general area and would not adversely impact properties within the general area.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend Approval to rezone the property from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multi Family - 6 units per net acre) classification.

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP, Director
Development Services

June 20, 2007

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing R-A and Proposed PUD-M-6 Zoning District		
	R-A District	PUD-M-6 District
Minimum Lot Area	(Per Dwelling Unit) One-family detached: 6,000 S.F. Two-family detached: 3,600 S.F.	(Per Dwelling Unit) One-family detached: 6,000 S.F. Two-family detached: 3,000 S.F. One-family detached and semi-attached: 1,200 S.F. Multi-family: 1,800 S.F.

Minimum Lot Width	60 Feet	One-family and Two-family detached: 60 Feet One-family detached and semi-attached: 18 Feet Multi-family: 100 Feet
Front Yard Setback	25 Feet	25 Feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback	One-family and Two-family detached: 5 Feet	One-family and Two-family detached: 5 Feet One-family detached and semi-attached: 10 Feet Multi-family: 10 Feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	25 Feet	25 Feet
Maximum Height	36 Feet	36 Feet
Maximum Building Coverage	40 Percent	40 Percent
Maximum Density	None	6 Units Per Net Acre



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DATE: JUNE 20, 2007
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
 Daniel Falligant, Petitioner
 Jim Woods, Agent
 400 Buckhalter Road
 MPC File No. Z-070302-28867-1

MPC ACTION: Approval to rezone the subject property from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multi Family – 6 units per net acre) classification

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to rezone the subject property from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification to a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multi Family 6 units per net acre) classification

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Chairman

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| Stephen R. Lufburrow, Chairman | Robert Ray, Vice-Chairman |
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VOTING FOR MOTION
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FOR APPROVAL: 10 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

/cbm

Enclosure

Daniel Falligant, Petitioner
Jim Wood, Agent
40 Buckhalter Road
MPC File No. Z-070302-28867-1

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning on a point located at the intersection of the centerline of Chatham Parkway and Veteran’s Parkway, thence proceeding easterly along the centerline of Chatham Parkway a distance of approximately 990 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction along a line parallel to the centerline of Garrard Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Burkhalter Road, thence westerly along the centerline of Burkhalter Road a distance of approximately 3154 feet to a point, thence northerly along a line North 18 degrees 03 minutes East a distance of approximately 3210 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line South 69 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of approximately 2209 feet to a point on the centerline of Veteran’s Parkway, thence northerly along the centerline of Veteran’s Parkway back to the point of beginning

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

P.I.N.: 1-0838 -01-001, 1-0839 -01-001, 1-0870 -01-001

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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 ALLOW A WEDDING CHAPEL AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE R-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION SUBJECT TO CONDITION OF APPROVAL. THE MPC RECOMMENDS DENIAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-070517-62058-1

Chairman Liakakis said, MPC representative, do you want to state the information on this?

Mr. Jim Hansen said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jim Hansen on behalf of the MPC. As you noted, there has been a petition filed for a text amendment to the ordinance which would allow a wedding chapel by right in the R-1 district subject to certain limitations. The purpose of the R-1 district is to create an environment in which one family dwellings and certain non-residential uses can be used. The petitioner’s stated request for the amendment would, as I mentioned, contain certain provisions. Those provisions include that any building or structure that would meet the requirements of this ordinance be located not less than 150 feet from any property line unless such property line is a right-of-way, that the use must abut a collector or an arterial street, that the minimum lot size for the proposed use be not less than one acre in size, that there be no on-street parking allowed, and that a minimum of eight off-street parking spaces be provided, that no more than 20 guests at any one time be allowed at any one ceremony, and finally that no receptions, no food service or alcoholic drink be permitted. Mr. Chairman, after consideration, the MPC upon a split vote of nine to four recommended that this particular amendment be denied.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We’ve had some discussions on this in the pre-meeting and what I’d like to do is call on Commissioner Stone on this item.

Commissioner Stone said, first of all, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to disclose for the record that I did meet with the residents of this — for this request and looked at the property. It would seem to me that the use that they’re asking is less than intense than a church use and churches are by right allowed in a residential area. If I understand this correctly, and I believe you did answer my phone call yesterday, Mr. Hansen, about this would be subject to the same review by the Zoning Board of Appeals that a church use would be, and therefore, I don’t see why a chapel use

should be penalized in this situation. So, I would move to approve this, stating that — and I'm correct — that this would then go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for special use permit. Is that correct?

Mr. Hansen said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Stone, yes, that is correct. As was proposed by the applicant and as we have presented to you, should you decide to approve this amendment, it would require approval by the Board of Appeals. That particular provision would, therefore, afford neighbors, residents, the community in general another avenue or another means of public participation.

Commissioner Stone said, along with all of the stipulations that you just listed, which are a lot stricter than a church use. Mr. Hansen said, absolutely. Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a second. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one question. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, would — in the — it's not about the residential zone, but in a commercial zone would a chapel prompt the same state, alcohol laws in a commercial zone that a church would? In other words, you would have to be — if someone opened a wedding chapel, would those alcohol laws, if Applebee's or whatever wanted to come in, would Applebee's have to be more than 300 feet away or whatever the law is now to be able to sell alcohol? Mr. Hansen said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Kicklighter, I don't believe that to be the case. We may wish to get the County Attorney's opinion on that, but the law to my reading specifically states schools and churches. Although as Commissioner Stone has indicated this is very similar to a church use, this is not a church use. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, is that the legal —?

Ms. Emily Garrard said, I'm not sure if I understand your question, but there are state laws about distance requirements from where alcohol can be served. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right, from a church. So my question being, is this is wedding chapel would that be considered in the government's eye as a church, thus far —. Commissioner Odell said, would not. Ms. Garrard said, I don't — I don't believe so. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. That's fine then.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Thank you.

Commissioner Odell asked, what district is this in? Commissioner Stone said, mine. Chairman Liakakis said, Helen's [Stone] district. Commissioner Odell asked, Helen's [Stone]? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Odell said, I'll withdraw my further question.

Chairman Liakakis asked, are there anybody in the audience that's opposed to this? Anybody in the audience that's opposed? All right. Let me just say this, too. I had a call from a dear friend from Michael Guido, who you know is — has been under the weather lately, and he did have a message transferred to me that he thought this particular service that's being held at this chapel and he knew the participants in that and that they are doing an excellent job and he highly recommends that the County Commission approve this chapel service at this particular location. Commissioner Odell said, a seed from the sower. Chairman Liakakis said, you've got it.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the amendment to Section 4-5.1 (Provisions Regarding Use in C Districts and R Districts) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to allow a Wedding Chapel as a Permitted Use in the R-1 zoning classification subject to condition of approval. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



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AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~July 20, 2007~~
AGENDA ITEM: **XII-2**
AGENDA DATE: **August 10, 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 allow a Wedding Chapel as a Permitted Use in the R-1 zoning

classification subject to condition of approval. The MPC recommends Denial. MPC File No. Z-070517-62058-1

ISSUE:

It is proposed that a text amendment to the use section of the Ordinance be made to permit a wedding chapel as an allowed use within the R-1 (One-Family Residential) zoning district. The petitioner has suggested several factors to be considered as conditions of approval.

BACKGROUND:

Wedding chapels are not specifically listed as a permitted use in the current Zoning Ordinance. Although somewhat akin to a church or other religious facility, the Zoning Administrator none-the-less advised the petitioners to request a text amendment to remove any uncertainty or ambiguity as to where such a use might be permitted. The petitioners have requested that a wedding chapel be allowed in the R-1 district subject to certain restrictions and development standards.

FINDINGS:

1. Typically, the use section of the Ordinance provides guidance as to where certain uses or types of uses can be located. No list can be all inclusive. It is, therefore, left to the Zoning Administrator to interpret when and if a proposed use is similar in character and activity to another use to be considered allowable. Wedding chapels are one such use that is unlisted.
2. It can be and has been argued that a wedding chapel functions similar to a church or other religious facility. With the exception of mobile home parks, a church is an allowed use in all other residential districts. However, within the R-1 zone, a church must receive use approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Accordingly, approval of a wedding chapel in an R-1 zone should also require Board of Appeals approval, thus assuring that a public review process.
3. The petitioner has suggested that several conditions of approval be made a part of any recommendation for change. These have been crafted in an attempt to eliminate or reduce potential impacts on surrounding properties. The recommended conditions include: a minimum lot size, that all parking be accommodated off-street; that no receptions be held on-site and that no food or alcohol be served; that the number of guests be limited to a maximum of 20; and that the chapel or other facility used for the ceremony be located no less than 150 feet from the property line.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner’s request to permit a wedding chapel as an allowed use within the R-1 (One-Family Residential) zoning district.
2. Approve the petitioner’s request to permit a wedding chapel as an allowed use within the R-1 (One-Family Residential) zoning district with modifications.
3. Deny the petitioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The current Ordinance is silent as to the location of where or if a wedding chapel may be permitted. Similar in nature to a church, a wedding chapel, properly sited with appropriate development standards, would not be expected to pose an imposition on neighboring properties. The proposed amendment includes such restrictions so as to limit or eliminate possible detrimental impacts.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend Denial of an Amendment to Section 4-5.1 (Provisions Regarding Use in C-Districts and R-Districts) to Allow a Wedding Chapel as a Permitted Use in the R-1 Zoning Classification Subject to Conditions of Approval.

ENACT

R-1

17a. Wedding Chapel

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Any building or structure established in connection with such use shall be set back not less than 150 feet from any property line, except where a property line is the right-of-way of a street, in which case the setback established for the particular class of street in the zoning district the building or structure is located shall apply. The Board of Appeals shall be authorized to reduce the setback requirements of this section if on the basis of evidence presented it finds that a reduction in the setback would be in keeping with the purposes of this Ordinance, and would not create conditions which would be detrimental to the adjoining properties or the neighborhood.

Such use shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground which abuts a collector or higher classified street. The Board of Appeals shall be authorized to waive this requirement, if on the basis of evidence presented, it finds that the traffic to be generated by said use can be accommodated on other streets without creating traffic congestion and traffic hazards on such streets which would be detrimental to the neighborhood served by such other streets.

Such use shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground that contains a minimum of 43,560 square feet (one acre).

No on-street parking shall be permitted. A minimum of eight (8) on-site parking spaces must be provided.

The maximum allowable number of guests at any one ceremony shall not exceed 20.

Receptions shall not be allowed to be held on-site; nor shall there be any service of food or alcoholic drink.

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP, Director
Development Services

JUNE 5, 2007

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



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DATE: JUNE 5, 2007
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance
Re: Amendment to Section 4-5 C&R Use Schedule (weddings)
MPC File No. Z-070517-62058-1

MPC ACTION:

Denial of an Amendment to Section 4-5.1 (Provisions Regarding Use in C Districts and R-Districts) to allow a wedding Chapel as a permitted use in the R-1 zoning classification subject to conditions of approval.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of an Amendment to Section 4-5.1 (Provisions Regarding Use in C Districts and R-Districts) to allow a wedding Chapel as a permitted use in the R-1 zoning classification subject to conditions of approval.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 12 + Chairman

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***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**

*Freddie Gilyard

FOR APPROVAL: 4

FOR DENIAL: 9

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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**3. AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE EMERGENCY ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR GATED COMMUNITIES. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-070523-61409-1**

Chairman Liakakis said, as we know that we have had information on this. You know, it's in our booklet, and they have been working with the gated communities and all and they have — the emergency people have all of that information. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve?

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

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, outstanding speech. We appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Motion approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an amendment to the Chatham County Code of Ordinances to create emergency access requirements for gated communities. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-3~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~July 20, 2007~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-3
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007



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

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

**Amendment to the Chatham County Code of Ordinances to Create Emergency Access Requirements for Gated Communities. The MPC recommends approval.
MPC File No. Z-070523-61409-1**

ISSUE:

At issue is a proposed amendment to the County Code of Ordinances to incorporate emergency access requirements for gated communities and to establish unified standards for access to gated communities during emergencies by emergency personnel and vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

1. Currently neither Chatham County nor the City of Savannah has unified standards for installation of equipment to access gated communities in an emergency. The Police Department and Fire Department either have no standard equipment or varied equipments to access gated communities in emergency. Response to an emergency can be hampered without immediate access to a property or a building.

2. MPC staff met with representatives from Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, City of Savannah Fire Department, Southside Fire and EMS Department, City and County Public Works Department, Chatham Emergency Management Agency and City and County Engineering Departments to discuss possible solution to the issue of regarding access to gated communities in an emergency. Representatives of gated communities and hospitals with ambulances were also invited to participate in the process.
3. Many communities across the country such as the City of Oxnard, CA, the City of Irvine, CA, the City of Atlanta, GA, the City of Pasadena, TX, and Sacramento County, CA, rules in place to regulate installation of devices to access gated communities by emergency vehicles during an emergency.

Findings:

1. There are a number of residential subdivisions with gated/controlled access in unincorporated Chatham County.
2. Emergency vehicles and personnel have difficulty promptly entering the areas closed with such gates or barriers when confronted with threats to public health, safety, and welfare.
3. There are currently no unified standards for installation of equipment to access gated communities by emergency vehicles during an emergency.
4. A delay of seconds in accessing the point of emergency in situations like medical emergency (e.g. heart attack) or fire can prove to be fatal.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the proposed text amendment
2. Do not approve the text amendment
3. Approve an alternate text amendment

Policy Analysis:

The proposed text amendment to the County Code of Ordinances addresses safety and health concerns of the citizens residing in gated communities in the unincorporated Chatham County. The proposed emergency access requirements to gated communities will provide unified standards to access gated communities to avoid delays during emergency.

Recommendation:

The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend APPROVAL of an amendment to the County Code of Ordinances to incorporate Emergency Access Requirements for Gated Communities.

**PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP, Director
Development Services**
June 5, 2007

**Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICE**



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DATE: JUNE 6, 2007
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Code of Ordinances
 Re: Amendment to County Code to Create Emergency Access Requirements for Gated Communities.
 The MPC recommends approval. MPC File No. Z-070523-61409-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of an amendment to the County Code of Ordinances to incorporate Emergency Access Requirements for Gated Communities

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an amendment to the County Code of Ordinances to incorporate Emergency Access Requirements for Gated Communities

MEMBERS PRESENT: 11 + Chairman

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VOTING AGAINST MOTION
None

***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**
*Freddie Gilyard
*Michael Brown

FOR APPROVAL: 12 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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4. ADOPT UPDATED CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, we had the information on that that has been provided to you. We've had discussions on this in the past. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance?

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to adopt an update to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-4~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~July 20, 2007~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-4
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Department

ISSUE:
Present an updated Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The County's fiscal 2008 budget was adopted on June 22, 2007. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process and recent ordinance changes.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2008 adopted budget. These changes were approved through the public hearing process at their respective second readings on June 11 and 22, 2007.
2. A complete list of changes to the ordinance is attached. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance for approval each year within 45 days of annual budget adoption.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a first reading July 20, 2007 and a second reading on August 10, 2007.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board follows Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl N. Deariso, Assistant Finance Director

Revenue Ordinance Changes for 2007

Article B - Section 3

The County-wide tax rate was changed from 10.837 mills to 10.537 and the year from 2006 to 2007.

Article F - Section 1

The O.C.G.A. reference was corrected from 48-13-51(a) 3.3 to 48-13-51(a) 3.2.

Article J - Section 5

Paragraph referencing payments to the state removed.

Article O - Section 8

Entire section added on Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Filing Fees per Commission action of June 22, 2007.

Article R - Sections 1 and 2

Adjustments to the Land Disturbing Activity Fees and Other Engineering Fees were made per Commission action of June 11, 2007.

Article T - Section 1

Adjustments to the Building Inspection Fees were made per Commission action of June 11, 2007.

Article U - Sections 1 through 6

Adjustments to the Metropolitan Planning Commission Fees were made per Commission action of June 11, 2007.

Article W - Sections 2, 3 and 4

Adjustments to the Water and Sewer Fees were made per Commission action of June 11, 2007.

Article Z - Section 1

Changed the Savannah Electric and Power Company to Georgia Power Company.

Article DD - Section 5

The effective date of ordinance was changed from "August 25, 2006" to "August 10, 2007".

Grammatical, spelling, punctuation and formatting changes were made throughout the ordinance as needed.

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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: August 10, 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>
Annual service agreement on alarm system located at the Tag Office on Eisenhower Drive	Tax Commissioner	ADT Security Services	\$4,235	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
One (1) Motorola digital radio	Juvenile Court	Motorola (State Contract)	\$2,595	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
One (1) laptop computer	Sheriff	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$2,610	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Repairs to fire alarm system	Detention Center	Brewer Technology Solutions	\$5,250	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Herbicides for the various parks	Parks and Recreation	Lesco, Inc.	\$3,938	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Purchase and installation of fencing for Tom Triplett Park	Parks and Recreation	Savannah Fence and Entry Systems	\$2,565	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
All-terrain utility vehicle	Georgia Forestry	Planet Cycle	\$4,428	General Fund/M&O - Georgia Forestry
Purchase, installation and disposal of old batteries for the generator at Citizens Service Center	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc.	\$4,964	SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Miscellaneous grinder parts	Solid Waste	The Trading Company	\$4,941	Solid Waste
Site analysis for Diversion Center	Land Bank Authority	Facility Design Group	\$9,750	Land Bank Authority
Revisions to the ownership of the Vernon River marsh areas	SPLOST	Jordan, Jones and Goulding, Inc.	\$9,766	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway
Excavation of five (5) sign footings for Abercorn at Tibet intersection improvements – additional work requested by GDOT after original work request was completed	SPLOST	Charlie's Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$4,500	GDOT Reimbursement
Reimbursement for construction materials for culvert crossing on US17 at Quacco Canal	SPLOST	Blankenship Landscape Company	\$4,846	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Quacco Canal
Laboratory materials testing service for Quacco Canal	SPLOST	Building and Earth Sciences	\$9,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Quacco Canal

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Convert GDOT plans for Riverwalk plans and specifications	SPLOST	Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung	\$2,640	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hutchinson Island Riverwalk Project
Installation of streetlights at the new Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp parking lot	SPLOST	Georgia Power	\$3,507	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

BACKGROUND: The schedules for construction are dictated by GDOT allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and the balancing of funds in the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on September 22, 2004. A new TIP (Fiscal Years 2008-2011) was approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on June 27, 2007.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Diamond Causeway Widening. Because of issues regarding the environmental impacts of changed design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) on approval of the Environmental Assessment (EA), the GDOT took over management of the project. A Draft EA was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on February 25, 2005, for advancement to public hearing. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) on the Draft was held on June 9, 2005. Discrepancies between the Draft EA and changes in the GDOT design guidelines need to be resolved before the public hearing. The GDOT met on February 13, 2007 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, to show the resource agencies the wetland impacts due to the 44-ft, 24-ft and barrier separated medians (12.5-ft). The GDOT Office of Environmental Location (OEL) is to address and revise the EA to show updated impacts and file an application for a permit.

a. Because of the environmental impacts of a second bridge and widening the causeway to four lanes, the GDOT is pursuing building ONLY a two-lane high level bridge on the north side of the bascule bridge (using a Categorical Exclusion to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) and NOT widening the causeway or the Moon River Bridge until after an EA is approved by the FHWA. A revised Concept Report is being staffed by the Department.

b. Funding: In the CUTS TIP for FY 2008 - 2011, design and right of way funding is programmed for FY 2008. Construction funds are programmed in FY 2011.

c. IN THE MEANTIME

(1) Paving of the Skidaway Narrows boat ramp access road and parking lot is complete. It can serve as a staging area for emergency crossings (e.g. by float bridge). The GDOT is requiring that the section of Diamond Causeway where the pavement was widened to be overlaid with a new layer of asphalt mix. This was beyond the scope of the original contract for the paving of the access road and parking and will be done by changer order.

(2) The emergency access ramp (gravel) on the Skidaway Island side is complete.

(3) The County designed a project to widen the roadway on the portion of Diamond Causeway that is on Skidaway Island, to include new traffic signals at State Park Road and McWhorter Drive. The County published an Invitation to Bid on a construction contract. No bids were submitted at the bid opening on June 5, 2007. The bid schedule was extended to June 28. Only one contractor submitted a bid R. B. Baker

Construction, Inc for \$5.3 million (\$2.4 million more than the estimate from the County's design consultant). On July 6, 2007, the Board authorized negotiating with the sole bidder. On July 26, 2007, staff and a representative from the consultant Thomas and Hutton met with representatives from Baker to discuss their bid. Negotiations continue.

2. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004. Preliminary design was completed in June, 2004. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on February 28, 2006. Approval of a revised Concept Report and updated EA is on hold pending resolution of the median width and tree planting opportunities. We have finally received written guidance from GDOT staff on the median layout and have been advised to proceed with the latest design with up to a 50 foot median and 6 canopy trees in the median. The Concept Report has been revised and is pending GDOT approval.

3. Truman Parkway

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

b. Phase 4. Punch list items remain. Acceptance by GDOT from R.B. Baker is pending.

c. Phase 5. Right of way (ROW) plans were approved by the GDOT on June 30, 2005. Property acquisitions are underway and will take until April 2008 to complete (26 parcels acquired by early acquisition; 65 parcels to acquire, closed on 12). Final design continues.

d. Wetlands mitigation. A major part of the wetlands mitigation work required under the terms of the USACE permit for Phases 3, 4 and 5 was recently accomplished at the 22 acre site at the intersection of Truman Parkway and Eisenhower Drive. Planting of wetland seedlings will be done in the dormant season 2007-2008. Additional mitigation is required at a 20 acre site (already acquired) adjacent to the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal (Bush Road). The balance of 20 credits were deducted from the County Wetlands Mitigation Bank to satisfy the mitigation credit purchase requirement for the permit. Creation of marsh habitat adjacent to the Vernon River marshes is required in conjunction with Phase 5 construction.

4. US 17, Ogeechee River to SR 204. Substantially complete.

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

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

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

8. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/US 80 Interchange. Seven alternatives developed for the interchange layout were presented at a PIOH in Bloomingdale on April 26, 2007. The Draft Concept Report is complete. The Concept Team Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2007. Depending on the scope of comments, the consultant anticipates having a Concept Report approved by the GDOT in September 2007.

9. Stephenson Avenue. Substantially complete as of April 1, 2005. Liquidated damages totaling \$54,450 were assessed from December 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. GDOT, County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the joint final inspection on June 14, 2005. A punch list was compiled (129 items) and given to APAC on June 21, 2005. Some punch list items remain uncorrected. Staff started the process to find them in default. In the meantime, APAC filed a law suit against the County.

10. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A PIOH was held on August 12, 2004. The Need and Purpose Statement was revised to essentially create a 3-lane section from Willow Road to Cedar Grove (near entrance to Country Day School) and to improve the two lanes (i.e. widen pavement to 12 feet wide travel lanes) from Cedar Grove to Rose Dhu Road. It was submitted to GDOT January 19, 2006. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side. GDOT has transferred management of the project from Atlanta to the Jesup District Office. The revised Need and Purpose Statement was approved by GDOT on June 26, 2006. On April 27, 2007, FHWA comments were received. Per FHWA comments the consultant is updating the traffic information.

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

12. Abercorn Widening from Truman Parkway to U.S. 17. The GDOT is managing a project for Abercorn Street from Truman Parkway (Phase 5) to U.S. 17. PIOHs were held on November 14 and 15, 2006. After the GDOT and consultants evaluated comments and alternatives, a second round of PIOHs were held at AASU on June 19 and 20, 2007. The next step is to prepare the Concept Report with a preferred alternative for approval by the GDOT.

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

14. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. LPA Group (consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report. A PIOH was held on May 26, 2005, presenting three alternatives to construct high span bridges. The last utility relocation estimate was received and the consultant submitted the Concept Report on August 8, 2006, to GDOT. A Concept Team Meeting was held April 26, 2007. Seven alternatives have been developed for a four lane bridge. GDOT has asked for a 3-lane alternative.

15. Abercorn Intersection Improvements (DeRenne Avenue, Mall Boulevard, Apache Drive, Tibet Avenue). The County has certified the ROW for all four projects to the GDOT. In April the GDOT solicited bids for the DeRenne, Mall Boulevard and Apache intersections. No bids were received. Tibet Avenue was to be added to the group, but there is now a problem with a Georgia Power line relocation which will delay the Tibet project. GDOT will re-bid the other three projects in September.

16. Local Roads.

a. Fountain Road. Substantially complete.

b. Mobley Street, Yucca Place, Perkins Place. All are substantially complete.

c. Heather Street, Shore Road. Both roads are substantially complete. A final inspection and punch list of corrections remain to be done. During construction, however, a drainage problem was identified which will require acquiring a drainage and driveway easement to solve the problem.

d. Palm Drive. On May 11, 2007, the Board approved award of a construction contract to Bryco, Inc. in the amount of \$135,172. Notice to proceed was issued on June 25. Estimated completion is December 2, 2007.

e. Old Pine Barren Road. On June 22, 2007, the Board approved award of a construction contract for \$380,456 to Griffin Contracting. Construction is expected to begin around September 1 allowing 150 days for construction.

f. Old Highway 204 Bridges. The project to replace two failing timber bridges with concrete culverts is substantially complete. Property acquisitions for the four parcels affected by the two remaining timber bridges is in progress (closed on one parcel).

g. Dulany Road. Several alternative layouts and cross-sections are being considered. The project is on hold because of environmental impacts and right of way issues with a property owner affected by the project.

h. Stone Street. Final construction plans are near completion. Acquisition of a permanent drainage easement remains to be completed.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS

August 2007

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Phase 5	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete April 2008 Nov 2007	County County/GDOT County/GDOT GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisitions underway. CST FY 2010
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	May 2008	GDOT	Change order with APAC signed May 31, 2006.
Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI approved 2/13/04. Delayed - median/tree issues.. ROW funded FY2006/07 CST FY 2009

Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges (Skidaway Narrows and Moon River)	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	GDOT GDOT GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 05. ROW FY 2008 CST FY 2011
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Mar 2006	County County County GDOT	Final EA approved by FHWA. CST LR
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, US 80 Interchange	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Sep 2007	County County County GDOT	Concept Report approval. CST LR
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12/30/04. New contract 10/20/06. CST FY 2012
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Nov 2007	County County County GDOT	Draft EA approved 10/20/06. CST LR
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	CST FY 2013
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental Construction		County	Concept Report approved 6/22/04. CST FY 2013
NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2008-2011 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal
 - a. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Increase channel size and provide maintenance access. The permit application documents have been submitted to the USACE for approval. The Consultant and staff are working to address preliminary comments. New information discovered concerning existing drainage rights of way west of S.R. 307 will significantly reduce acquisition costs but will require drawings to be revised. Staff requested a proposal from the design consultant to accomplish the necessary changes.
 - b. Kahn Mitigation Site. This site was to provide the necessary wetland mitigation for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement projects. Staff has not been successful in achieving an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding special provisions regarding the mitigation site's potential impacts to air traffic safety. At its meeting of June 22, 2007, the Board approved declaring the mitigation site to be surplus property. Staff is working to secure an alternate way to mitigate wetland impacts that will be caused by the Pipemakers Canal project.
 - c. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove an existing bridge that restricts drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Drawings and specifications for demolition of the existing bridge have been reviewed and approved by staff. Arrangements are being made with Georgia Ports Authority for additional area necessary to perform the work.
2. Hardin Canal
 - a. Phase 1 (SR307 bridges). Widen channel and replace canal crossings. The USACE has issued a permit. Preliminary construction and right of way drawings have been reviewed by staff and corrections have been incorporated by the consultant. Plans have been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for approval.
 - b. Phase 1 (Southbridge bridges). Replace bridge crossings. The owners of the Southbridge Golf Course offered to cooperate in a project to replace two bridges

- with wider structures. Right of way acquisition is underway. Design work will commence after the right of way is secured.
- c. Phase 2 (From 307 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date. Staff is working to acquire canal rights of way for the future improvements on property owned by the Georgia Ports Authority.
3. Westlake/Springfield Canal CSX railroad undercrossing. Final Design is complete. Staff acquired the temporary access easement onto Hunter Army Airfield property. As a result of delays related to HAAF, changes to the drawings will be made to bring the project into compliance with current regulatory requirements. The Board approved the additional costs associated with making these changes to the drawings at its meeting on March 23, 2007.
 4. Diggs Avenue Drainage Improve drainage at the east end of Diggs Avenue. A project to provide access for maintenance along the outfall canal was finished in July and completes all planned improvements on this project.
 5. Conaway Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal) Widen channel with road crossing improvements and a maintenance road from north of Main Street to the Pipemakers Canal.
 - a. Phase 1A extends from Pipemakers Canal to Conaway Road. Right of way acquisition is underway. Staff expects the need to utilize eminent domain to secure the last of the necessary right of way, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998.
 - b. Phase 1B extends from Conaway Road to Main Street. There is no target date for completion.
 - c. Phase 1C includes the area west of Maple Street. Construction costs are to be funded by the City of Bloomingdale. Recommended improvements have been provided to the City of Bloomingdale.
 6. Little Hurst Canal Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR 21. A project to acquire rights of way and easements, and to acquire the required permits is underway. The preliminary engineering report was reviewed by staff and returned to the consultant to address comments.
 7. Wilmington Park Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road. The USACE permit expired on September 30, 2005. The scope of the project has been reduced to avoid costs associated with relocating City owned water and sewer utilities. Staff is working with the Wilmington Homeowners Association to secure an easement to the outfall. This will facilitate the County's maintenance of this section of the canal.
 8. Kings Way Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and enlarge culverts from Kings Way Court to the Truman Parkway. Preliminary design and easement plans have been reviewed and returned to the consultant for revisions. Acquisition of right of way is underway. Final drawings are under review by staff.
 9. Romney Place Drainage Phase 2 Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Final design drawings are complete. Permitting is complete and ROW acquisition is underway. The project will connect to the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvement Project. Staff expects minor cost saving changes to the design might be feasible as a result of the Skidaway Road project. Staff is waiting on completion of the Skidaway Road Shoulder project in order to make this determination.
 10. Village Green Canal, Phase 2 Improve the outfall and provide access for canal maintenance. Design work and right of way acquisition work is underway concurrently in an effort to expedite the project. Field survey work is complete. Preparation of preliminary design drawings and easement plats is underway.
 11. Port Industrial Park Improve the channel downstream from S.R. 307 to Pipemakers Canal. Design of the project is complete. Staff is working with Garden City staff and the property owner to coordinate plans for future development with the needs of the drainage improvement project.
 12. Louis Mills Canal Widen channel from Veterans Parkway downstream to outfall at Westlake Canal and improve crossing under Marshall Avenue. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements and ROW is complete for the section downstream of Garrard Ave. Acquisition of remaining easements will require the use of eminent domain, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998. The downstream portion of the project, where easements have been acquired, will be combined with the Westlake-CSX railroad culvert project for construction.
 13. Redgate/Rahn Dairy Provide larger undercrossings at several roads, widen the canal and provide for maintenance access. This project will reduce storm water flows in the Louis Mills system, as well as improve the drainage in the Rahn Dairy canal. Acquisition of easements is underway and will require the use of eminent domain, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998, to complete.

14. Ogeechee Farms Phase 2 Improve road crossings at various locations. The permit from the USACE has been received. Mitigation requirements have been met. A fee proposal from the Consultant for design of drainage improvements in additional areas identified by Public Works has been reviewed by Staff and returned to the consultant for clarification. Staff has requested a fee proposal from the design consultant for replacement of a culvert under the runway at Hodges Airpark.
15. Fawcett Canal Phase 2 Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Acquisition of the remaining easements is underway.
16. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. A construction contract was awarded on February 9, 2007. Estimated date of completion is March 14, 2008. A no-cost change order was approved by the Board on May 11, 2007. Construction work is underway with the installation of sediment and erosion control devices
17. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The County Attorney has been asked to provide a legal opinion regarding relocating utilities located within road right of way. Staff has directed the consultant to proceed with final design based on the understanding that the cost of utility relocations will be borne by the utility companies. The County Attorney's opinion is sought to confirm this understanding before final design is completed.
18. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction is approximately 95 percent complete. Staff has directed the design consultant to prepare necessary plans to incorporate improvements to address poor drainage in vicinity of Halcyon Drive and Lavon Avenue. The work will be added to the construction contract by change order if approved by the Board.
19. Golden Isles Subdivision Phase 2 Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Approval by Health Department to proceed with the project has been obtained. Right of way acquisition is complete. This project is currently on hold.
20. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. Construction is underway. The project is complete except for final restoration of the project area.
21. Henderson Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
 - a. Brown Thrush Canal (a.k.a. Channel 1): Crossing and channel improvements on the canal parallel to Brown Thrush Road, from Al Henderson Blvd. to Little Neck Road. Design work and preparation of easement plats is underway.
 - b. Little Neck Crossing: Replacement of the undersized culvert. The preliminary design report has been review by staff and approved by Staff. Design work is underway.
 - c. Henderson Canal: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. No target construction date.
22. Walthour Canal at Off Shore A project to improve the undersized culverts under the entrance road to the Off Shore Subdivision. Final construction documents have been received. Efforts continue to secure the necessary permits for construction of the project. Staff anticipates that changes to the project design will be required in order for the work to be in compliance with new environmental regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4
AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Provide Board a status update on RAP

BACKGROUND:

At the Board's request, staff has developed a Recreational Action Plan (RAP) that best utilizes the additional funds allocated to Parks and Recreation for FY 07. It is staff's overall commitment to improve the visibility of the recreation facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of this community.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To provide the Board with data on RAP
2. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:
 - In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms
 - Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park
 - Hired nine Maintenance Workers
 - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
 - Purchased three new vehicles
 - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
 - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
 - Contracts were awarded to replace the roof on the large pavilion at Lake Mayer, and reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts
3. With remaining funds allocated for FY 07, staff has proceeded with renovation of tennis courts as follows:
 - All eight courts at Lake Mayer are completed.
 - Courts at L. Scott Stell are still under construction.
4. Status of CIP project recently approved by the Board:
 - Turners Creek Boat Ramp parking lot paving - Engineering is currently working with a consultant for design.
 - Tom Triplett Park Bridge - Board expected to award a contract at August 10 meeting.
 - Fence at Memorial Stadium - specs yet to be prepared
 - Lake Mayer - Roofs for Restroom, Boathouse, Administration Building - specs yet to be prepared
 - Westlake Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment & enlarge pavilion - specs yet to be prepared
 - Lamarville Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment & enlarge pavilion - specs yet to be prepared
 - Kings Ferry Park - New Restrooms & Pavilions Roofs
 - Salt Creek Complex - Playground Equipment & new Pavilion Roof
5. RAP improvements identified in Park Services operating budget for FY 08.
 - Ambuc Sports Lighting
 - Lake Mayer Restroom, Boat House and Administration Building roofs replacement
 - Jim Golden Complex backstop replacement
 - Replacement of light wiring for tennis courts at Lake Mayer
 - Change water source at the Soccer Complex

FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Information Only

[All Districts]

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Kicklighter and unanimously approved, the board recessed at 1:38 p.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

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

 SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION